
St. John Vianney Catholic Church and School

Parish Ministries

**God's Work
Our Hands**



Serving Where God Wants You

Welcome to St. John Vianney Catholic Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This booklet is intended to help familiarize you with some of the ministries and groups that are a part of the life of our parish. In all that we do in our parish, we attempt “To Know Jesus and To Make Him Known.” Our parish’s ministries are an excellent opportunity for us to live out this mission statement.

I encourage all of our parishioners to get involved in at least one ministry in our parish. Our living of our Catholic faith begins with our celebration of the Eucharist each weekend. There we are fed by Jesus and strengthened to go forth to live and share our faith through both our words and our actions. Through our baptism, we are each called to help build the Kingdom of God in this world. Our parish offers many opportunities for us to give back to God and our parish from the many gifts and blessings we have received. We hope you will take advantage of the opportunities that exist within our parish to participate with us in the mission of Jesus.

May God bless you abundantly now and always!

Fr. Paul Ybarra, CSC
Pastor



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History of St. John Vianney Catholic Parish

The history of St. John Vianney Parish began in 1946, when Fr. Joseph Gamm, C.M.F., started celebrating Mass in the auditorium of Avondale School No. 1 (presently Michael Anderson Elementary School (on Western Avenue). Fr. Gamm was succeeded several years later by Fr. Francis J. Murphy. Fr. Murphy is regarded as the founding pastor of St. John Vianney Parish. Fr. Murphy began serving the Catholic population of this area in 1954, also celebrating Mass at the Avondale school auditorium. On April 28, 1956, Bishop Daniel J. Gercke of the Diocese of Tucson formally established St. John Vianney Parish. Construction on what is currently known as the "Grand Hall" began in 1958 and was completed the following year. It served as the first church building on this property. The building immediately west of the Grand Hall, which now serves as the parish office, was constructed in 1962 and originally was intended as a convent. Indeed, it was here that the Franciscan Sisters of Rock Island, Illinois, resided, serving the parish from 1962 - 1974.

St. John Vianney Parish was initially served by priests of the Diocese of Tucson and later by priests of the Diocese of Phoenix (established by Pope Paul VI in 1969). In 1981, pastoral responsibility for St. John Vianney Parish was entrusted to the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross – a religious community of priests and brothers from Indiana. The first Holy Cross pastor to serve St. John Vianney Parish was Fr. Thomas K. Zurcher, C.S.C. Under his leadership, the parish completed the construction of the current church building, which was dedicated on November 4, 1990, exactly one year after construction began.

In sum, the history of St. John Vianney Parish has been marked by loving devotion and self-sacrifice for God's greater glory and the faithful's spiritual welfare. All that is here is a monument of the faith of our parishioners and their love of God. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us into the future!

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MASS SERVICES

Monday – Saturday 8:00 a.m. English

Saturday 5:00 p.m. English

Sunday 7:00 a.m. English

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Español

Sunday 11:00 a.m. English

Sunday 1:00 p.m. Español

Sunday *5:00 p.m. English

Sunday *7:00 p.m. Spanish

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Tuesday *4:00-5:00 p.m. in the church

Saturday 8:30 a.m. in the church

*Note times change during the summer (June, July, and August)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Jesus will spend all of eternity thanking you and loving you in Heaven for your faithful commitment on Earth of spending one hour each week with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Each moment you spend in His Eucharistic presence will increase His divine life within you. You are invited to sign up, commit, and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, praying or just visiting one-on-one with Him.



Annulment Support Ministry

An annulment is an official declaration of the Catholic Church that one or more of the conditions necessary for a valid, sacramental marriage were never met. Divorce is a kind of death experience, with the grieving that normally accompanies life's end. The annulment process can ultimately help heal wounds and bring about closure. The petitioner is enabled to let go of hurts or doubts and move on to a new, more productive, and more peaceful life. The Annulment Support Ministry provides information about the annulment process and supports those desiring to petition for the nullification of a previous marriage.

Altar Linen Care

The purpose of the Altar Linens ministry is to serve the community of St. John Vianney with deep love and reverence for the Holy Eucharist by collecting, washing, ironing, and returning the linens used during Mass. The linens are laundered in a manner respectful of the body and blood of Christ that lingers upon these linens. Team members participate in a simple weekly rotation.



Altar Servers

Altar servers assist the St. John Vianney community in its prayer and worship of God at Mass. St. John Vianney Parish is looking for responsible, prayerful, and professional young people who have received their sacrament of First Communion, attend Mass regularly, and are currently between 9 and 18 years of age. For more information, contact the Parish Office. Please help serve our community and our God in this wonderful way!

Baptismal Preparation

We offer baptismal preparation each month in both English and Spanish for parents and Godparents who would like to have their children baptized in the Church. The children must be under the age of 7. All children 7 years and older must participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children to be baptized (RCIC) through Religious Education. Volunteers help prepare parents and godparents for their child's baptism by emphasizing their role in the child's spiritual development and the nature of the Sacrament of Baptism. Training will be provided.



Bereavement Ministry

This ministry offers support and consolation within our faith community by making Jesus' love known when a loved one's life on earth has ended. We will be present for the family during their time of loss and will provide help for those facing the pain of separation and the many changes that loss creates. Our ministry consists of two teams, Consolers and Hospitality. The Consolers are a group of volunteers who provide follow-up support and attend the services. The Hospitality group provides dessert for the family following the funeral. We are looking for passionate people who are committed to the services provided by our ministry.

Cursillo

The Cursillo experience renews one's faith and gives a deeper understanding of our Christian commitment as Catholics. The Cursillo integrates our faith and beliefs into our daily environment. This experience starts with a weekend retreat that is part study, education, celebration, and part discovery. While the Cursillo lasts just one weekend, it provides the tools to persevere for the rest of one's life. We have regular reunions known as "Ultreyas" for community growth and strength in Christ. Want to renew your faith, call the parish office for more information.



Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women (FWWC)

All women are welcome to be part of the ministry

Morning Group

Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women meet to deepen, understand, and strengthen their spiritual faith. Our ministry provides an environment that is; supportive, trusting, loving, and caring. We grow together in faith to set an example for ourselves, our families, and others in our community.

Evening Group

Our mission is to connect all women in sisterhood, helping them grow in Christ through His radiance. As we grow close to God, we encourage women who seek the harmony, fulfillment, and peace of the Holy Spirit to love in Christ's name and never lose sight of what is so important; God's love and His word.

Guadalupanas

Our ministry is to ask our Mother of Guadalupe to help all those in need who suffer through her intercession. We come together to pray, read scripture, pray the Rosary, help in suffering and depression and do more for our community. Our ministry is for men and women looking for a new opportunity to strengthen their relationship with the Lord and make life shine brighter with the light of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This Group is primarily Spanish, but all are welcome.



Knights of Columbus

We are an international men's Catholic, family, fraternal, and service organization. We are involved with the church, community, council, family, and youth activities. All Catholic men 18 years and older are encouraged to join this ministry.

Marriage Preparation

We invite married couples (1 year or older) who want to share their life stories and accompany engaged couples seeking a sacramental marriage. Our mission is to provide a faith-based marriage, strengthening communication, intimacy, and conflict resolution skills in engaged couples. Married couples will be trained.



Men's Fellowship Group

All men are welcome to this ministry

The Men's Fellowship Group at St. John Vianney Parish create an environment where men can come together to pray, love and support one another as they grow in their faith journey and strive to be more like Jesus. As each man is called to use his gifts, talents, and uniqueness to be sacrificial leaders within their family as a domestic church; they are also called on to be that same model of the sacrificial love of our Lord on the Cross. We strive to extend that encounter with Jesus to all, which the Holy Spirit places in front of each man. We desire to establish communication with all ministries, to pray, listen and connect so that all can experience the power of the Holy Spirit through the Body of Christ.

Ministers of Care

The Ministry of Care is about the Ministry of Holy Communion to Abrazo West Hospital in Avondale/Goodyear; to the Cancer Treatment Center of America in Goodyear; to some local Rehabilitation & Care Centers in the area; and the Homebound Persons in their own homes in the SJV Parish Boundaries.

The ministry is for those who have participated in the Parish Training to be Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and have completed the Diocesan Safe Environment Training.



Ministers of Holy Communion

The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) performs a great service by assisting in the distribution of Holy Communion to God's people present at Mass. Baptized and Confirmed Catholics, fifteen years of age or older, are eligible for this ministry. They should be persons who sincerely try to live the Gospel message in their communal and individual lives.

Ministers of Hospitality

The Ministry of Hospitality, which includes ushers and greeters, is essential in conveying a warm welcome and united in love, to all who enter our church doors for Mass. In addition to greeting the faithful, they also help with seating at Mass. As well as taking up the collection, the presentation of the gifts, directing communion lines, monitoring the exits, distributing bulletins, tidying up after Mass, and securing the doors. Special liturgies may require additional duties.



Ministers of the Word

Ministers of the Word or Lector are laity – members of the Assembly - who are called to proclaim the Word of God at Mass or other worship services. If you have a great love for the Scriptures, you may be called to this ministry. You must be a baptized, confirmed Catholic in good standing. The Word of God is proclaimed rather than just read. Ministers of the word need to have the skills required for reading aloud in public. Which includes a strong voice that can be projected clearly, and the ability to use speech techniques such as pace, pause and pitch to give vitality and variety to their reading.

Ministers of Music / Choirs

By encouraging active participation of the assembled; the Music Ministry brings richness to the Mass by nourishing and strengthening the interior commitment of faith through song and response. Music, a joyful form of prayer, gives glory to God and assists the parishioners in experiencing the Holy Spirit through the power of sacred song. We warmly welcome and invite children, women and men of all ages, backgrounds and talents to become members of our music ministry.



RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the journey through which all adults who are not fully initiated into the Catholic Church receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion. This includes unbaptized adults, members of another Christian community who want to become Catholic, and baptized Catholics who were never catechized and never received their Confirmation and First Communion. We also welcome fully initiated Catholics to join each year and serve as sponsors for those receiving their Sacraments. More information is available by contacting the parish office.

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Refugee Ministry - BRAZOS ABIERTOS

Brazos Abiertos is the newly formed refugee and migrant ministry here at St. John Vianney. The ministry aims to follow Jesus' command to "welcome the stranger" in our midst. (MT 25:35) Working with Catholic Charities, members of Brazos Abiertos will seek to adopt newly settled refugee families on an ongoing basis, providing them with practical help, companionship, and love as they begin their new lives in the United States. In addition, in partnership with the Catholic Kino Border Initiative, Brazos Abiertos will work to assist with the human needs of our brothers and sisters at the Mexican border in Nogales. This work will center mainly on organizing parish drives to provide for the material needs of migrants. Allowing them to deeply feel the love of God and neighbor at a very difficult time in their lives. For more information, please contact parishioner Bob Solis at 602-920-9958 or at bob@openarmshome.com. Please consider joining this beautiful new ministry!



Respect Life Ministry

In response to the Gospel of Life, we, the Respect Life Ministry of St John Vianney Catholic Church members, commit ourselves to prayer, education, and action in defense of life. Our mission is to foster in our parish community an awareness of the dignity and sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death. We are dedicated to observing and promoting the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church on all life issues, including abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, assisted suicide, and stem cell research. We welcome anyone to join the battle to uphold the dignity and sacredness of life from conception to natural death.

Religious Education: Kinder – 8th Grade & High School

The program offers Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation to all who are interested in educating their children according to the Catholic faith. The program starts in September and continues until May of the following year. We need many catechetical ministers to give a weekly commitment to help in the classroom. We will offer all of the training needed and assist all our ministers throughout the year.



Sacred Heart Healing Ministry

The Sacred Heart Healing Ministry is a **HOLY SPIRIT**-driven ministry that offers hope, healing and the grace of Christ by listening and praying for all who seek the healing of our Lord. **This ministry is open to all who are interested in praying for others.**

As a healing ministry, we encourage those who come for prayer to seek healing in the sacraments (Reconciliation and Communion). We know Jesus as a healer and divine physician, and we desire to share that with others so they may come to know Jesus more deeply.

SJV Pantry

This ministry strives to serve the needy of our community. Aside from receiving calls for help with food and financial aid, we offer comfort and hope for a brighter future through prayer and encouragement. Help is always needed to answer those calls, obtain food donations and stock pantry shelves, and assist with fundraising events from time to time. We welcome and rely on volunteers like you to provide to those who experience difficult times. It is a very rewarding experience.



St. John Vianney Catholic School

The parish school was founded by Holy Cross priest Fr. Joe V. Corpora, C.S.C., in 1992. The school serves children from preschool to eighth grade and is the fruit of Fr. Joe's dream to provide a Catholic education to this area's children, especially the underprivileged. Contact the school office to learn more about ways of helping our school.

That Life

Are you between the ages of 18 to 35? Are you looking for something to do with other people with other like-minded people your age to grow in friendship and faith ... and have fun doing it? We are the group for you! Whether you go to Mass daily or if this is your first time in the Church since your First Communion, we want you to join us. Our group is for all young adults – single or married, a parent or not, members of SJV or not – who want to form friendships and grow in their faith simultaneously. So bring your friends along too! We have three events each month: a social one, one which is a talk on faith geared to young adults our age which we call "Spiritual Servings"; and one faith and fun night where we mix the two, gathering to grow in our faith and to do something social.



Youth Ministry

The purpose of our youth and young adult ministries is to bring the youth and young adults to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. We strive to educate our youth and young adults about what being a true disciple of Jesus Christ really is. We have a high school youth ministry program that helps and supports teenagers in making decisions in their life that reflect their faith values. The young adult ministry comes together to share their experiences and open up the word of God. The Youth Ministry program also offers Bible study and continued education for those teens that have received all their sacraments.



Blessed Mother Mary,
Pray for me as I discern which ministry
the Lord is calling me to join.

Follow Your Calling!



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