

# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, August 7, 2022– Feast of Saint John Vianney

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## Mission Statement

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church is committed to proclaiming our belief in the Message and Mission of Jesus Christ. Also, the members are committed to sharing our time, talent, and treasure through Sacramental, Educational and Pastoral ministry, Service to those in need and working for Social Justice

## Sacraments

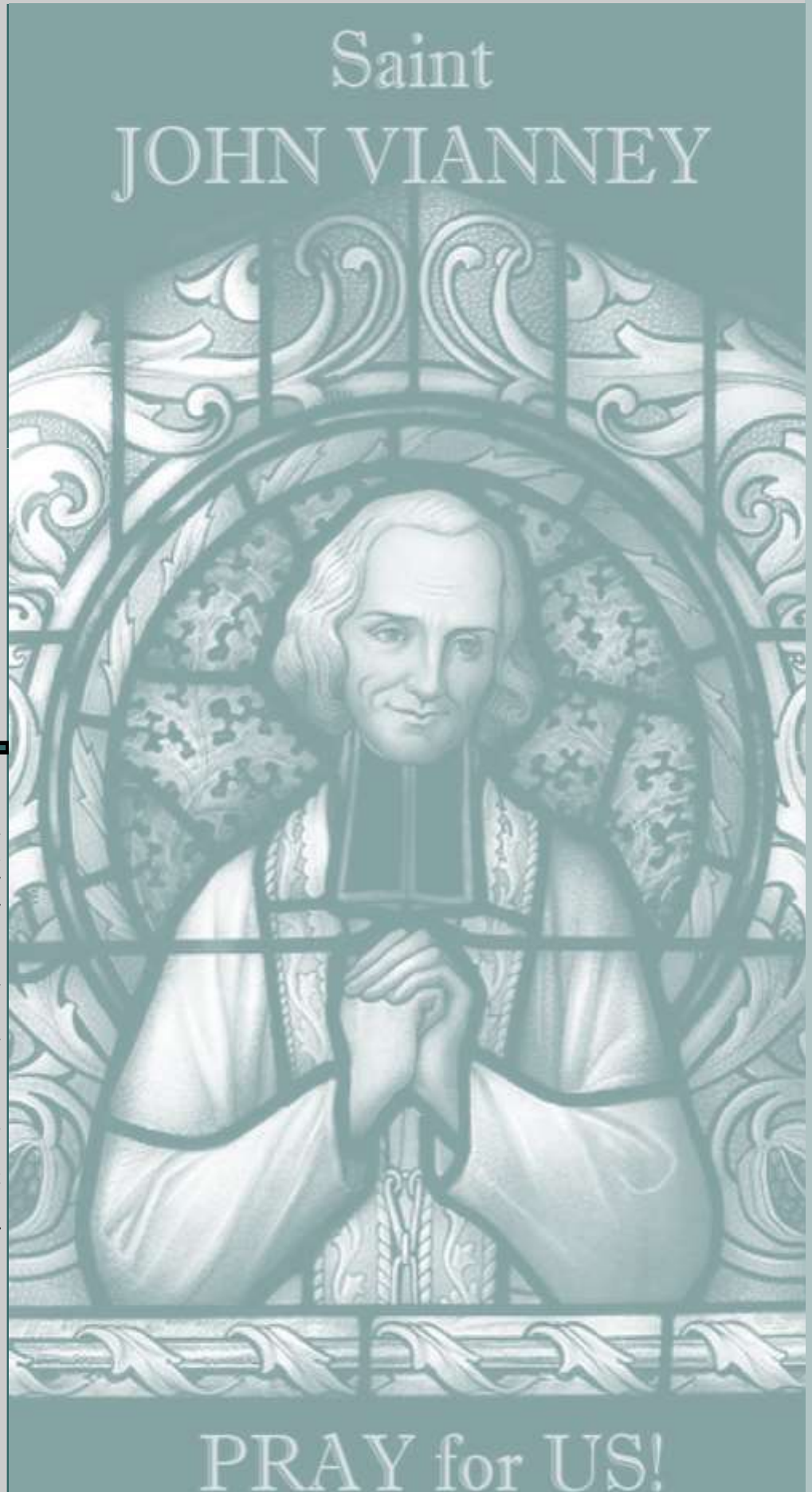
**Baptism:** Parents desiring Baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the Rectory to arrange for the required preparation class for parents and Godparents

**Funeral:** Please contact the Rectory for Funeral Arrangements. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you or a family member is Sick or Shut-in, please inform the Rectory so that we may arrange to bring the Sacraments to your home, hospital or nursing home.

**Marriage:** For Marriage Arrangements, please contact the Rectory at least 6 months before intended marriage date.

**Confessions:** 30 minutes before weekend Masses or by appointment.



# Sunday, August 7, 2022

## Feast of Saint John Vianney

### The Lord Knocks at Your Door - Will You Answer?

*Luke 12:32-48*

#### ***The Lord knocks at our door - will we answer him?***

What is the meaning of the parable of the master who returns from a wedding feast to his home in the middle of the night? The door to one's house in the ancient world was usually bolted from the inside, especially at night to keep out thieves and troublemakers. It was not possible to enter from the outside without help from someone inside. Household attendants who knew their master's voice were expected to be always vigilant and prepared to unbolt the door and let him in without a moment's delay. This required an attentive watchfulness and listening ear for any sign of the master's approach.

If the Lord Jesus knocked on your door today would you be ready and eager to receive him? He wants us to be prepared for his coming - today, tomorrow, at the hour of our departure from this life, and when he comes again at the end of this present world to judge all the living and the dead. The Lord Jesus knocks on the door of our heart each and every day. Do you listen to his word and receive it with trust and joy. The Lord calls to each one of us and he says, "Listen! I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will feast together." Do you hunger for the Lord and for the treasure of his kingdom?

#### ***The Lord comes to reward his faithful servants***

Jesus' parable adds an unexpected reward for those who have faithfully served and watched for the master's return. When the master finally arrived home from the wedding feast at a late hour of the night, he did the unthinkable for his servants who were present to welcome and let him in. He then puts on a servant's apron and tells his servants to be seated at his own banquet table. Once they are all seated the master then personally waits on them and serves them with his own rich food and drink. Jesus' parable turns the world's way of thinking upside-down. The master rewards his faithful servants by serving them himself with the best he has to offer - a royal feast fit for a king and his loyal subjects. Are you prepared to feast with the Lord at his banquet table?

Just as Jesus was faithful and ready to obey his Father in everything - even to the point of laying down his life on the cross for us, we too are called to be faithful and obedient to the Lord's will for our lives. How can we grow in faithfulness and obedience to the Lord? The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit who frees us from pride and fear, so we can hear the Lord and embrace his way of love and faithfulness. If we fail, the Lord will not fail us. He gives strength to the weak and to those who turn to him with trust in his mercy and help. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit and with a holy desire to seek the Lord and his kingdom first above all else.

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***Lord Jesus, you alone are my treasure and the joy of my heart. May there be nothing in this world that holds me back from giving you my all - you are my all, my life and joy now and forever. – Amen***

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## St. John Vianney

St. John Vianney would often say:

"Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: If you set it on fire, it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that."

### Prayer of St. John Vianney

I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life.

I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You.

I love You, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally...

My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.

## Daily Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Wisdom 18:6-9  
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19  
Luke 12:132-48

**Monday:** Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c  
Matthew 17: 22-27

**Tuesday:** Ezekiel 2:8—3:4  
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday:** II Corinthians 9:6-10  
John 12:24-26

**Thursday:** Ezekiel 12:1-12  
Matthew 18:21—19:1

**Friday:** Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63  
Matthew 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32  
Matthew 19:13-15

## Prayers for Sick Shut-In

Joycelyn Bayles, Lenora Bolling, Yolanda Collins, Rosa Lell Craig, Arthur Delemus, Belva Harris, Elizabeth Harris, Ronald Greene, Theresa Nalls, Vascaus Saunders, Billy Shepherd, Robert Tankersley

**\*\*If you know of anyone who is very ill and confined (at home, in a nursing home or in the hospital), please contact Father Stan at the Rectory or one of these members who serve with the Pastoral Care to the Sick Ministry: Bettye Kelly, 205-942-2576, Lela Flood. 205-798-6355, or Elizabeth Harris, 205-8338412**

## Stewardship Update



**GIVE,  
AND  
IT  
WILL  
BE  
GIVEN  
TO  
YOU**

Luke 6:38

Please Remember To Give

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



August  
BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Anderson 8/9  
Jocelyn Bayles 8/20  
Keith Boykin 8/26  
Aletha Brathwaite 8/20  
Carolyn Brown 8/8  
Melvin Brown 8/10  
Lewis Burks 8/30  
Brandon Thurston Rollins-Cole 8/21  
Brandon Cleveland 8/8  
Jared Danks 8/30 Katherine Danks 8/6  
Charles Dorsey 8/19 Travaris Ephraim 8/23  
Susan Ford 8/9 Velda Gilyot 8/8  
Shelia Glover 8/2 Shakir Hasan 8/26  
Olivia Hill 8/30 Liam Hilson 8/22  
Cassandra Hunter 8/24 Lanettia Johnson 8/25  
Constance Jones 8/12 Joseph Juzang 8/4  
Amarielle Mason 8/13 Melanie McNary 8/10  
DeAndrea Minard 8/13 Theta Rollins 8/23  
Craig Samuel, Jr. 8/28 John Simpson 8/3  
Deborah Stennett 8/25 Debra Collins-Woods 8/31



August  
ANNIVERSARIES

*Bennie & Valencia Andrews married August 13th*  
*Michael and Gwendolyn Bell married August 20th*  
*Michael & Denise Bell married on August 24th*  
*Norm & Carnetta Davis married on August 19th*  
*Wilbur & Dolores Johnson married on August 31st*  
*Willie & Carmen McCall married on August 25th*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Willie Shepherd married on August 11th*  
*Darrell & Sybil Sims married on August 2nd*

**\*Birthday, and anniversary greetings are extended to all parishioners who are celebrating this month. (Dates are generated from the parish registration forms)**

# Weekly Announcements, FYI & More



Parish School of Religion will begin classes on August 21, 2022. For additional information and all questions, please contact Veronica Boykin 205-222-4439

*Congratulations!*

Jaci Webb

*daughter of Juanita Webb for winning Bama Female Breakout Artist at the 8th Annual Alabama Music Awards 2022*



Parish Council  
*Meeting*

Tuesday August 16, 2022  
6:00 P.m. Parrish Hall

The Titusville Community Presents  
**TITUSVILLE DAY**  
AUGUST 20, 2022  
10AM-4PM  
@MEMORIAL PARK  
524 6TH AVENUE SOUTH  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35205  
**FOOD MUSIC VENDORS AND MORE**  
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
205-960-6131 (JASON FREEMAN)



*Congratulations to Pauline Vaughn-Murphy*  
Top 4 in the Ms. Senior Alabama Pageant.  
Held at the Marriott Resort and Spa  
July 23, 2022 ~~~Florence, AL

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