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## St. John Vianney Catholic Church

*"I will show you the way to heaven."  
– St. John Vianney*



April 29, 2020

### SJV Newsletter

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*"...the soul is then in God, and God in the soul, as the fish is in the sea, and the sea in the fish"* (St. Catherine of Siena). Today we celebrate the memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church. She was born in Italy in the 14th century during the outbreak of a plague and she had a twin sister that did not survive infancy. She suffered, and I personally find consolation in the above quote from her. This quote of hers comes from *The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena*. Through all the distancing we may feel, God is closer than you likely realize. A fish will pull oxygen out of water in order to breathe. God is even closer to us! He is our breath, sustaining us. He knows us better than we know ourselves, creating us both body and soul, and making us a new creation. God is so close and intimate that without looking, you may not see who has always been within! You are God's temple.

Bishop Doherty's latest letter, **dated April 27**, is the most recent communication from the diocese which can be read at <https://www.dol-in.org/covid-19-updates>. A couple of scheduled items have changed due to the restrictions we have experienced.

- Ordinations are postponed until Saturday, August 1st.
- The reassignment of priests in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana has been postponed from June 29, 2020 until August 19, 2020.

Just a reminder that Bishop Doherty has mandated the suspension of all public celebrations of the Mass, other liturgical services and gatherings of the faithful effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020 until further notice. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass from March 13, 2020 continues until further notice. It is not a permanent dispensation.

This coming **Friday, May 1st, at 3:00pm EDT**, a prayer of renewal of the consecration of the United States to the care of the Blessed Mother Mary will be offered on behalf of the entire country by the Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This event will be livestreamed via the USCCB's at <http://www.usccb.org/consecration>. You can also watch via the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' at <https://lacatholics.org/consecration>.

Please be aware that the renewal of consecration planned in this country for May 1 does not change the designation of Mary as the Patroness of the United States under the title of the Immaculate Conception. Rather, this prayer reaffirms and renews previous Marian entrustments, and unites us in solidarity with our Holy Father, who recently established the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, as a source of protection and strength.

Please know that I continue to pray for you! Mary our Mother, bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. John Vianney...pray for us!

In Christ,

Fr. Tony Rowland