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St. John Vianney Catholic Church

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



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SJV Newsletter

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Praise God who is so kind to reveal Himself to us that we may love Him more! This Sunday we celebrated the Most Holy Trinity, one God and three persons. I recall these words from St. Gregory of Nazianzus, *"Above all guard for me this great deposit of faith for which I live and fight, which I want to take with me as a companion, and which makes me bear all evils and despise all pleasures: I mean the profession of faith in the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. I entrust it to you today. By it I am soon going to plunge you into water and raise you up from it. I give it to you as the companion and patron of your whole life"*. This faith we received we take as our companion in our daily lives and is not something we ignore in the present. This demands our attention and our focus for the whole of life that we might not turn away from the joys prepared for us in eternal life.

This past Saturday, June 6, I am able to have scheduled confessions. This coming week, there are many more opportunities to partake of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's merciful forgiveness. Please note that during this time, the sacrament of reconciliation will be anonymous (not face to face) with you behind the screen. You are currently asked to stand during the sacrament so that many people aren't handling the same furniture. However, there is a chair available if you need to sit. The additional times for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this upcoming week are:

- Tuesday, June 9: 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Thursday, June 11: 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Friday, June 12: 12:00pm-4:00pm
- Saturday, June 13: 8:00am-11:00am

This day I am also pleased to announce to you that Bishop Doherty has updated his Decree on June 4. You can read his updated decree here <https://dol-in.org/covid-19-updates>. Some key points from this decree are listed here:

- A reminder that everyone is dispensed from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until August 15.
- Phase C begins June 13, 2020 of the re-opening of parishes.
- The Saturday, 4:30pm Mass is designated for the vulnerable. Thus, face masks are still required for this Mass. This Mass will be live streamed online via youtube.com at the St. John Vianney Catholic Church youtube channel.
- At the Sunday 8:00am and 10:30am Masses, the wearing of face masks will be optional.
- Holy Communion will still be distributed after Mass. This is anticipated to continue until July 4.
- Daily Mass will be offered beginning Monday, June 15 at 6:00pm and returning to our regularly scheduled daily Masses.
- We will be able to have eucharistic adoration!

- This coming Sunday is Corpus Christi. Thus, we will have adoration on Sunday, June 14 from 11:30am-3:00pm.
- The daily adoration schedule will continue as before beginning on Monday, June 15 at 4:30pm.

Thank you to those who are assisting with the disinfecting of the church after Masses on the weekend! We are still disinfecting after the Masses and you can assist with this care for your fellow neighbor by signing up using the following link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CADAA2CA2F49-help>.

Thanks also for all your continued prayers and I keep you in my prayers as we seek to continue to grow in holiness and be faithful to the end. Seeking to hear those blessed words, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matthew 25:34b).

In Christ,

Fr. Tony Rowland