



**St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston**  
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**From The Pastor's Desk**

**St. John Marie Vianney The Patron Of Parish priest**



Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, known as John in English, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France and was baptized the same day. He was the fourth of six children born to Matthieu and Marie Vianney. John was raised in a Catholic home and the family often helped the poor and housed St. Benedict Joseph Labre when he made his pilgrimage to Rome. In 1790, when the anticlerical Terror phase of the French Revolution forced priests to work in secrecy or face execution, young Vianney believed

and drank on Sundays or worked in their fields.

Fr. Vianney spent much time in confession and often delivered homilies against blasphemy and dancing. Finally, if parishioners did not give up dancing, he refused them absolution. He spent 11 to twelve hours each day working to reconcile people with God. In the summer months, he often worked 16-hour days and refused to retire.

His fame spread until people began to travel to him in 1827. Within thirty years, it is said he received up to 20,000 pilgrims each year. He was deeply devoted to St. Philomena and erected a chapel and shrine in her honor. When he later became deathly ill but miraculously recovered, he attributed his health to St. Philomena's intercession.

By 1853, Fr. Vianney had attempted to run away from Ars four times, each attempt with the intention of becoming a monk but decided after the final time that it was not to be. Six years later, he passed away and left behind a legacy of faith and was viewed as the champion of the poor.

On October 3, 1873, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Fr. Vianney as "venerable" and on January 8, 1905, Pope Pius X beatified him. St. John Vianney was canonized on May 31, 1925. His feast day was declared August 9 but it was changed twice before it fell to August 4.

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."

Let us all pray for the parish priests.

**May God Bless you all**  
**Fr. Suni Padinjarekkara**

the priests were heroes.

He continued to believe in the bravery of priests and received his First Communion catechism instructions in private by two nuns who lost their convents to the Revolution. At 13-years-old, John made his first communion and prepared for his confirmation in secrecy. When he was 20-years-old, John was allowed to leave the family farm to learn at a "presbytery-school" in Écully. There he learned math, history, geography and Latin.

As his education had been disrupted by the French Revolution, he struggled in his studies, particularly with Latin, but worked hard to learn. In 1802, the Catholic Church was reestablished in France and religious freedom and peace spread throughout the country. Unfortunately, in 1809, John was drafted into Napoleon Bonaparte's armies. He had been studying as an ecclesiastical student, which was a protected title and would normally have exempted him from military services, but Napoleon had withdrawn the exemption in some dioceses as he required more soldiers.

Two days into his service, John fell ill and required hospitalization. As his troops continued, he stopped in at a church where he prayed. There he met a young man who volunteered to return him to his group, but instead led him deep into the mountains where military deserters met. He used the name Jerome Vincent and opened a school for the nearby village of Les Noes' children.

John remained in Les Noes and hid when gendarmes came in search of deserters until 1810, when deserters were granted amnesty. Now free, John returned to Écully and resumed his ecclesiastical studies. He attended a minor seminary, Abbe Balley, in 1812 and was eventually ordained a deacon in June 1815.

He joined his heroes as a priest August 12, 1815 in the Couvent des Minimes de Grenoble. His first Mass was celebrated the next day and he was appointed assistant to Balley in Écully. Three years later, when Balley passed away, Fr. John Vianney was appointed parish priest of the Ars parish. With help from Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lerdet, La Providence, a home for girls, was established in Ars.

When he began his priestly duties, Fr. Vianney realized many were either ignorant or indifferent to religion as a result of the French Revolution. Many danced

**HOLY MASS, NIGHT VIGIL & NOVENA TIMINGS**

**Holy Mass:**

Monday – Friday - 7 PM. | **Saturday** - 9:30 AM.

**Sunday | 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM**

**Night Vigil:**

First **Off Weekend Friday** of the Month | 8 PM. to Midnight

**Adoration**

Every Friday | 9 AM -7 PM.

Monday – Friday | 6-7 PM. Saturday | 8:30 - 9:30 AM.

**Novenas : St. Antony Tuesday** | After 7 PM. Mass

**St. Jude Thursday** | After 7 PM. Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**

**Saturday** | After 9:30 AM. Mass



**Holy Mass Timings**

**Sunday Readings & Altar Decoration: August 2019**

**August 4**

**ST. XAVIER'S KOODARAYOGAM**

**August 11**

7:30 AM	<b>First Reading:</b>	Isaiah 4:2-6		7:30 AM	<b>First Reading:</b>	Isaiah 5:1-7
9:00 AM	<b>Second Reading:</b>	2 Cor 3:4-12		9:00 AM	<b>Second Reading:</b>	2 Cor 7:1-11
10:00 AM	<b>Holy Gospel:</b>	Lk 15:11-32		10:00 AM	<b>Holy Gospel:</b>	Jn 9:1-13,35-38



**BIBLE QUIZ # 23**

1. Where was disciples of Jesus Christ called Christians first?

ശിഷ്യന്മാർ ആദ്യമായി ക്രിസ്ത്യാനികൾ എന്ന് വിളിക്കപ്പെട്ടത് എവിടെ വച്ചാണ്?

2. From whom Jesus cast out 7 demons ?

ആരിൽ നിന്നാണ് യേശു 7 പിശാചുക്കളെ പുറത്താക്കിയത് ?

3. "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs" Who said this ?

ഞാനൊരു പ്രവാചകനല്ല പ്രവാചക പുത്രനുമല്ല ഞാൻ ആട്ടിയനാണ് സിക്കമൂർ വെട്ടി ഒരുക്കുകയായിരുന്നു എന്റെ ജോലി ആരാണ്?

4. What swallowed Jonah in the Bible?

യോനായെ വിഴുങ്ങാൻ കാർത്താവ് നിയോഗിച്ചത് ആരെ ?

5. What is real Knowledge according to Book of Micah ?

എന്താണ് യഥാർത്ഥ ജ്ഞാനം എന്ന് മിക്കായുടെ പുസ്തകത്തിൽ പറയുന്നത് ?

Name of the contestant

Family Name

Phone #

**Quiz # 22**

**Selected winner: Tessa Siby Mecheril**

**Other Winners**

- |                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Elsy Neettukattu                 | Lucy Sabu Karukaparambil   |
| Elsy Athimattathil               | Divya Stany Cheruthanniyil |
| Aleena Cheruvil                  | Flora Kudakasseril         |
| Simon Thomas Karickal            | Elsamma Puzhakkarottu      |
| Ancin & Alphonse Thannichuvattil |                            |

6. God Said "On that day I will make you like my signet ring" Who? അന്ന് ഞാൻ നിന്നെ എന്റെ മുദ്രമോതിരം പൊലെയാക്കും ആരെ ?

7. No matter near or far ----- is our aim ? അടുത്തായാലും അകലെയായാലും \_\_\_\_\_ ഞങ്ങളുടെ ലക്ഷ്യം?

8. Since we belong to the day what should we put on ? പകലിന്റെ മക്കളായ നമുക്ക് എന്തിന്റെ കവചമാണ് ധരിക്കേണ്ടത്?

9. "You of little faith, why did you doubt ? who said to whom ? അല്പവിശ്വാസി നീ സംശയിച്ചതെന്ന് ആരാണ് ആരോട് പറഞ്ഞത് ?

10. Who is our great and ascended High Priest?

സ്വർഗ്ഗത്തിലേക്ക് കടന്നുപോയ ശ്രേഷ്ഠനായ പ്രധാന പുരോഹിതൻ ആരാണ്?

**Bible Quiz # 22**

**Correct Answers.**

1. Faith
2. The Disciples on the road to Emmaus
3. From His Fullness
4. Locusts
5. (a.) Forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, (b.) Created broken cisterns that can hold no water
6. "Not-my-people"
7. Joppa
8. Mosses
9. A wife of noble charector
10. Fear of God

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>** Class for CCD teachers 7 pm - to 10 pm by Fr. **George Danavelil**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** **ARKANSAS BIBLE STAGE SHOWS**

**August 18<sup>th</sup>** St Joseph's Koodarayogam at the residence of **Kunjumon Kambakalunkal** at 7 pm

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