



Ministry and Group Listings at St. John Vianney Church

This Directory of Ministry and Group Listings is compiled to assist members of St. John's to become involved in the various facets of our community life. Some of the areas are ministerial within the parish, others are ways that we act on the Gospel and reach out to the broader community, while others are social opportunities. It is our hope that you will take advantage of this listing and become involved in an area that suits your abilities and personality.

St. John Vianney parish is ministered to by the Conventual Franciscan Friars. The Friars are followers of St. Francis of Assisi and are called by God to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a vowed commitment to fraternal life and to service in the Church. Our pastor Friar Carl Zdancewicz lives here at St. John Vianney. The Friars were invited into the Atlanta Archdiocese by the Archbishop to help with the various ministries and to add a different type of charism to the life of the faithful. They are happy to be here to serve you in your church.

Pastoral Staff

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open from 8:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Office of Religious Education is closed on Thursday.

The Friars are at prayer from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. It would be appreciated if calls are not made at these times unless they are emergencies.

Liturgical Ministries

ALTAR SERVERS

Contact Person: Herb Blanchard 678-945-7585
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Men, women and children above fourth grade level are invited to serve at the Lord's altar. We especially encourage families to join this ministry.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Contact Person: Ginny Stevens 770-439-5781
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Anyone interested in serving in this ministry is asked to contact Ginny. The Archdiocese has certain restrictions concerning participation in this ministry. Training will be provided.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

Registration Process

Contact Person: Sharon Loiselle

Hospitality ministers carry out the monthly registration process of new parishioners.

Coffee and Donuts

Contact Person: Ann Hanson 770-949-7831
xrayy22@bellsouth.net

Hospitality ministers serve coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses.

LECTORS

Contact Person: Fr. Carl

Anyone above the age of sixteen who is willing to prepare the readings ahead of time and proclaim them at Sunday liturgy is invited to attend a training session to serve as a lector.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Director of Music Ministry, Cantors & organist
Contemporary Group (9 a.m.)
Traditional Choir Director

Contact Person: Joe Cirou 404-508-9128

Contact Person: Amelia Kuhlken 770-380-6084

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kuhlkenmusic@yahoo.com

Anyone wishing to be a cantor, instrumentalist or member of either the contemporary group or the choir is invited. The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and the contemporary group rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m.

USHERS

Contact Person: Fr. Carl 770-941-2807

Anyone above the age of sixteen who is willing to arrive early to seat members of the community, organize the collections, assist with the offertory by asking members to bring up the Gifts and to be prepared for any emergencies, is invited to join this ministry.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Contact Person: Fr. Jose Guadalupe Matus

Latinos from surrounding areas are welcome at St. John Vianney Church. Mass in Spanish is celebrated Sunday at 1:30 p.m and Wednesday evening 7:00PM.. Hispanic children and teens are a vital part of our Religious Education program and are included in our regular education classes. Please contact the Religious Education office (770-941-2807) for class schedule.

A core group of Hispanic parishioners come together and plan events and Masses for our Spanish-speaking parishioners. This group, under the direction of Fr. Jose Guadalupe, is pleased to have volunteers join the group.

Catechetical Ministries

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Contact Person: Sharon Loiselle 770-941-2807

We employ the Lectionary Based Catechesis (LBC) in which the children have the current Sunday Gospels presented to them on their level. This occurs on every Sunday of the school year at the 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. liturgies. The grade divisions begin with the 4-year-olds through first grade level. Grades 2 through 5 meet on Wednesday or Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:15 p.m.

CATECHISTS

Contact Person: Sharon Loiselle 770-941-2807

Individuals seeking to enrich their own spirituality are invited to share the Gospel message with our young people. Commitment level varies from grade to grade, and training is provided.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Contact Person: Sharon Loiselle 770-941-2807

In the summer we have a week-long program for children who are in pre-school through fifth grade. Teachers, aides, craft coordinators, kitchen help, music, nursery volunteers, etc., are needed to make this offering possible.

RCIC

Contact Person: Sharon Loiselle 770-941-2807

This special group assists children above the age of seven who have not been baptized. Catechists and sponsors are needed.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Contact Person: Sharon Loiselle 770-941-2807

Students in Grades 6 through 8 meet on Sunday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL/YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Person: Lucy Marroquin 678-689-8319
sjvlifteen@bellsouth.net

These sessions meet on Sunday evenings concurrent with the school year.

HIGH SCHOOL CATECHISTS

Contact Person: Lucy Marroquin 678-689-8319

Individuals who are willing to work with this age group are needed in a variety of ways to teach and volunteer to supervise activities and drive students to events.

YOUTH RETREATS

Contact Person: Lucy Marroquin 678-689-8319

We need cooks, transportation people, music and individuals associated with the catechetical program to assist in directing the retreats.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Contact Person: Lucy Marroquin 678-689-8319

People willing to help plan, transport, assist with Fund Raisers, or chaperon social outings and Lock-Ins for our youth.

BIBLE STUDY

Contact Persons: Frank Przybylek 770-222-1199
frankp51@att.net

Leaders and participants are needed for either daytime or evening study sessions of the treasures of the scriptures.

ADULT EDUCATION**Contact Person: Fr. Martin 770-941-2807**

From time to time specific areas of the Catholic teachings and traditions are presented to the community.

RCIA**Contact Person: Sylvia Carter– 770-499-7996****Spanish: Frances and Felix Rentas 770-456-9845** This is a process

designed for non-Catholic adults interested in either learning more about the Catholic faith or actually becoming Catholic. Sponsors are needed to journey along with those seeking entrance into our faith community.

OTHER GROUPS AT ST. JOHN'S**ARAMATHEANS****Contact Person: Peggy Lynch 770-941-5204**

These are parish members who, following the funeral liturgy of a parishioner or family member (celebrated at St. John Vianney Parish) organize and host a meal of fellowship and support.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS**Contact Person: Duane Harings 770-943-6962**

This dedicated group of volunteers cares for the maintenance of the parish buildings and grounds. New members and new talents (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, etc.) are always needed.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP (English)**Contact Person: Ann Conway 770-948-6575**

This group meets on the first Thursday & third Thursday of the month beginning with the 7:00 p.m. liturgy. Afterwards the members meet for prayer, praise and song seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

CURSILLO**Contact Person: Steve Havasy 770-943-4196**

This is a group designed to assist an individual on his or her faith journey. It begins with a three-day retreat and then entails weekly groupings (with five or six other people) and a monthly meeting (Ultreya) of everyone in the parish who is involved in this movement. During the follow-up meetings, participants discuss personal prayer life, religious study and apostolic action.

FINANCE COUNCIL**Contact Person: Fr. Martin Breski 770-941-2807**

This is a group parishioners appointed by the Pastor to advise him regarding the budget and other fiscal considerations of the parish. If you are interested in serving on this Council, contact the Pastor.

FLOWER ARRANGING**Contact Person: Colleen Klinker 770-944-3906**

Anyone with the talent to arrange flowers is welcome to become part of this group that rotates months to arrange the flowers in the sanctuary, lobby and day Chapel.

LAWN CUTTING CREW**Contact Person: Mark McCune 770-941-4620**

In the spring, parishioners are asked to volunteer their time to cut the parish lawn and to care for the grounds and flower beds. Teams are formed and scheduled through the Fall.

LITURGY COMMITTEE**Contact Person: Fr. Carl 770-941-2807**

Individuals interested in learning about the proper and appropriate celebration of the Roman Catholic liturgy, and are interested in working to plan and enhance the liturgical seasons and celebrations of the parish make up this committee which meets monthly.

MEN'S CLUB**Contact Person: Wayne Hanson 770-949-7831**

The men of the parish meet on the first Friday of every month beginning at 7:30 p.m.. There is a business meeting followed by refreshments and socializing. **NURSERY**

Contact**Person: Erin Ebdon 770-947-3301**

A nursery is provided every Sunday morning during the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. liturgies for children age three and under. Volunteers provide this service to our parish. Parents with small babies are welcome to sit on the chairs in the gathering area during Mass.

Every parent who uses the Nursery is asked to volunteer one Sunday each year as a nursery helper.

PASTORAL COUNCIL**Contact Person: Fr. Carl 770-941-2807**

This council, in the spirit of consensus decision making, aids the Pastor in the administration of spiritual and material matters of the Parish. The members evaluate the effectiveness and impact of each Parish organization and activity. They recommend and set priorities and policies for the Parish. Their function is also to be the chief unifying structure of the Parish, constantly drawing forth the talents, energies and insights of all parishioners, thus channeling this "variety of gifts" toward the building up of the body of Christ. This group consists of 12 members selected after completing a two-part discernment process. Members serve a three-year term.

The Pastoral Council also coordinates welcoming receptions for our newcomers on a quarterly basis.

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE**Contact Persons: Scott & Misty Evans 678-838-6847**

This group is active in keeping the parish informed about various Pro-Life issues.

SACRISTANS**Contact Person: Olga Caubo 770-941-9317**

These women are responsible for cleaning the sanctuary as well as caring for the linens and sacred vessels. This is done on a weekly basis.

SJV COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**Contact Person: Rosa Marroquin 770-367-7137
riimr2@yahoo.com**

The purpose of the Council is to further the spiritual welfare of its members; to help meet the needs of the parish community; and to encourage and promote a spirit of goodwill and friendship among the members. The Council meets on the fourth Monday of every month, beginning with the 7:00 p.m. liturgy. The organization sponsors different events throughout the year.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**Contact Person: Bruce Suilmann 770-439-0572**

This dedicated and concerned society provides financial and other help for the poor and needy who come to our doors seeking assistance. They also stock a food pantry which is used to care for the hungry. When the pantry supply is low, parishioners are asked to take home a grocery bag and bring in the items listed on it.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**Contact Person: Damon Clemons
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The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic men. The St. John Vianney Council meets every 2nd Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the social hall. The organization is based on the values of Faith, Family and Fraternity. It is connected to our parish by doing spiritual and corporal works of mercy for people in need.

*Outreach in the Larger Community***ST. FRANCIS TABLE****Contact Person: Sharon Loiselle 770-941-2807**

On the third Saturday of the month a group from our parish prepares a hot meal for the homeless at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (downtown across from Underground Atlanta). We leave St. John's at 7:00 a.m.

and normally return around 12:30 p.m.. We have several teams that rotate this responsibility.

Sweetwater Valley C.A.M.P. (Sweetwater Valley Community Action Mission Program)

Contact Person: Pat Bourque 770-942-8041

This is an ecumenical group that actively serves the needs of the poor in our area. Volunteers are needed to assist in the Food Pantry and Clothing Closet. Our Parish works Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Donations of food or clothing items can be made directly to C.A.M.P. on Monday through Saturday at the same hours. C.A.M.P. is located at 6289 Veterans Memorial Highway, Bldg. 12, in the Atlanta West Industrial Park in Austell.

Other Areas of Parish Life

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Contact Person: Herb Blanchard 678-945-7585

Our parish celebrates Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of each month, from 8:30 a.m. until Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

BLESSING OF HOMES

The Friars are available for the blessing of homes any time during the year.

COMMUNION CALLS

Each week the Friars and/or Eucharistic ministers take Communion to those who are homebound due to illness or age and to those in the local nursing homes.

CHURCH MEMORIALS/WILLS

Many people have felt a powerful support by the Church during their life. By remembering St. John's in your will you help to continue that same ministry to others. Over 70% of all adults neglect to make out a will. Please consider remembering St. John's in your will.

FRANCISCAN EDUCATION BURSE

Individuals may wish to make a contribution towards the education of the Franciscan seminarians. Your support in preparing the Friars for ministry is deeply appreciated.

FRANCISCAN MISSION ASSOCIATION

For those who wish to support the Missions, a loved one (living or deceased) may be enrolled in the prayers and Masses of the Friars. A donation is usually \$15.

GIFT BEARERS

At all our weekend liturgies people are needed to present the gifts (prayer intention book, bread and wine). You may be asked to do so by one of our ushers. If you wish, you may volunteer to be a gift-bearer simply by seeing one of the ushers.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Friars visit sick parishioners at Cobb Hospital to pray, bring Communion or to anoint with the Sacrament of the Sick. To ensure that the sick are visited, we ask that family members contact the parish office immediately. If someone is seriously ill call the Friars as soon as possible. Once a person has been anointed, he/she does not need to be anointed again during the same hospital stay.

MASS CARDS

Masses may be requested for the intentions of the living and for the deceased. The offering is \$10. Mass intentions are published in the Parish Bulletin. Masses can be scheduled by calling the parish Office.

COUNSELING/PSYCHOTHERAPY Fr. Carl – LCSW – 770-941-2807

Individuals, families and couples often times need counseling services. Fr. Carl is a Licensed Master Social Worker affiliated with the Atlanta Archdiocese Catholic Social Services.

NOVENAS

For Mother's and Father's Day, All Soul's Day and Christmas, a special Novena of Masses is celebrated for those loved ones whose names are submitted.

PARISH LIBRARY

We have a library of spiritual books and videos available to those who desire to enrich their faith life. Please contact the Director of Religious Education for further info.

RECYCLING

We have permanent containers in the church parking lot for both aluminum cans and newspapers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent at 7:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Monthly packets of envelopes are mailed to every registered parishioner. All parishioners are expected to support the Church by regular use of envelopes. This enables the parish to operate with a well-planned financial budget. Confidential records are kept and statements are mailed for income tax purposes upon request. Use of the envelopes helps the staff in knowing who is an active parishioner, especially when one requests a certificate to be a sponsor for a sacrament.



Dear New Parishioner:

Welcome to St. John Vianney Faith Community. The Gospel message invited us, as Christians, to follow a different path – a road less traveled. As Christians, the road less traveled is a continuing spiritual journey. That journey includes living as Christian Stewards.

Stewardship can be defined as “...a spiritual consciousness or lifestyle based in both the Old and New Testament.” All gifts and possessions come from God’s manifold grace. As a people of faith, we are called to share, serve others and be part of a worshipping community called parish.

The concept of Christian Stewardship suggests that we are given three gifts which can be symbolic of the three gifts presented by the Magi at Christ’s birth.

First gift: The gift of our TIME

Service to one’s Church and community consists of offering one’s Time to serve the poor, volunteer at school or religious education, be a lector, Eucharistic Minister, bring Holy Communion to those less ambulatory, but most importantly the gift of Time is allowance for prayer.

Second gift: The gift of our unique TALENTS

Through the offering of our unique God given talents we can serve God through service to the parish and one another. Wonderful opportunities are available to volunteer that unique talent. On a practical level, the parish can benefit substantially with many volunteer projects that save financial resources for the parish.

Third gift: The gift of TREASURE

The gift of our treasure is probably the most challenging to each of us as well as being a test of our faith. Through Christian Stewardship of our financial gifts, we offer at Mass the first fruits of our week’s labor. A truly “Sacrificial Gift” comes from our substance, not from our surplus or what is left over. These sacrificial Gifts represent our support for others by sharing our gifts and allowing the parish to serve others in need. Sacrificial Giving is really a response to the generosity God has shown us. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving 5% of your income to help support our parish.

Please consider the ministries of St. John Vianney Parish and be committed to at least one of them in sharing your gifts of Time and Talent. Please financially support our parish on a regular sacrificial giving basis. Thank you and welcome to St. John Vianney.

Welcome and we are eager to serve with you in the Lord.

Rev. Carl Zdancwicz, OFM Conv.
Pastor



