



St. John Vianney Church

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 Rectory Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm



*The
 Epiphany
 of the
 Lord*



When they
 saw the star,
 they rejoiced
 exceedingly
 with great joy.

–Matthew 2:10



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Mission Statement

In the spirit of St. John Vianney's zeal and concern for people, we are a community proclaiming the Gospel in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. The community of St. John Vianney strives to utilize the gifts and talents of each parishioner to create a vibrant welcoming parish. Through our liturgies, ministries, and organizations, we encounter Christ and are empowered to bring Him to the world.

Parish Staff

Parish Administrative Assistant	Stephanie Noto
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Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday	7am – 8:30am
Saturday	8am - 5pm
Sunday	8am - 10am - 12pm

Holy Days will be announced at the beginning of mass and in the bulletin.

Sacramental Schedule

Confessions: Saturdays 11am-12pm, 4:15-4:45pm
Anytime in the rectory – call ahead

Baptism: most Sundays at 1:30pm.
Babies should be Baptized as soon as possible. Please call the Parish office to make arrangements. We will be happy to help you schedule your baby's Baptism.

Last Rites/Anointing of the Sick: anyone who is ill and or would like to receive Communion is asked to call the rectory.

Marriage: Couples should call the Parish office as soon as possible to schedule a wedding. Our priests and deacons will help you through the preparation process.

Parish Membership

All new families who live within our boundaries are welcome to the parish. They are requested to register at the rectory.

Parish Gift Shop

Please note that the Parish Gift Shop is now open! The gift shop hours of operation are before and after the 8:00am, 10:00am and 12pm Mass on Sunday's each weekend.

Mass Intentions – The Epiphany of the Lord**SATURDAY, January 6, 2024**

8:00 AM Aida & Mario Guinote, r/o Denise Guinote
5:00 PM Art Jr. & Art Sr. Horning, r/o Family

SUNDAY, January 7, 2024

8:00 AM Roman Drop, r/o Miriam Drop
10:00 AM For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased
12:00 PM Enza Pagano, r/o Children & Grandchildren

MONDAY, January 8, 2024 – *The Baptism of the Lord*

7:00 AM Charles Goll, r/o Richard & Maybelle Cavanaugh
8:30 AM Gearity Family, r/o Gertrude Karabin

TUESDAY, January 9, 2024

7:00 AM Ian Szymanowski, r/o Mary & George Napiorkowski
8:30 AM William Dacey, r/o Maureen & Egger Lugo

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2024

7:00 AM Sam, r/o Bill King
8:30 AM Nickolas Rahoche, r/o Elena & Joe Bexiga

THURSDAY, January 11, 2024

7:00 AM Vasilios Kales, r/o Elena & Joe Alves
8:30 AM Robert Evangelista, r/o Renzi Family

FRIDAY, January 12, 2024

7:00 AM In Celebration of Gianna Palomino's Birthday, r/o RoseMarie DeStefano
8:30 AM Tony Santos, r/o Joe & Elena Bexiga

SATURDAY, January 13, 2024 – *St. Hilary*

8:00 AM Lucia Cruz, r/o Ana Paz
5:00 PM Carole Merlo, r/o Jerry & Suzanne MacIntyre

SUNDAY, January 14, 2024

8:00 AM Dorothy McCartin, r/o Suzanne
10:00 AM Sandy LaPenta, r/o Benes Family
12:00 PM For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased

**The Sanctuary Light
has been offered
in loving memory of
William Baker
from the Polt Family.**



**The Bread & Wine
have been offered
in loving memory of
Elizabeth Blasco
from Family.**

**Advent Food Drive Update**

This year was the inaugural year for "The Advent Project". Each family was asked to place 24 items in a box during the 24 days of Advent. The response of the parishioners was quite amazing. So far more than 2,000 lbs. of food have been delivered to the local food pantries. Thank you for your amazing response.

The Prayer Corner

"There is a season and a time for every purpose..."

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Joseph Teagan Kotowski

TO WED

TO HEAL

Barbara Monaco, Florence Peragallo, Patricia LaBruto, Mary & Anthony Virrazzi, Claire Jazikoff, John Farawell, Cezary Olszewski, Agnes Chisvetti, Eileen O'Donnell Ammon, Michael Baron, Alicia Deborgia, Bill Houston, Carol Oberdick, Frances Alencewicz, Robert Kilsby, Stanley Koberski, Justin Chiera, Bruce Horning, Caroline Stauffer, Mariola Warzyniak, Msgr. O'Neill, Henry & Joanne Sokoloski, Robert Jardines, Kathy Leary, Margaret Anne Kerr, Douglas Castner, Maureen Horning, Trevor Horning, Bill Riley, Theresa Szablowski, Cody Brown, Dolores DiGangi, Harold Carney, Sue Zafian, Leslie Johnson, Rita Weissenburger, Alberta Clark, Therese Clark, Angelo Gallo, Heidi Egan, Carol Kolator, Rita Scarpone, Macario and Linda Yap, Michelle Gargiulo, Sonia Stefan, Maria Famiglietti, Connor Feeney, Doug Christie, Donna Sandklev, John & Maryanne Delutis, Joshua & Amelia Ford, Marie Novak, Jo Ann West, Denise Stanislawczyk, Catherine Buettel, Rose Campanelli, Kyle Brown, Collin Sciahetano, Giovanni Caccamo, Mark & Victoria, Nancy Genna, Sherry Canavale, Domenic Canavale, Michael Canavale, Rose Currie, Nina Laico, Tommy Birkner, Ronald Harvey, Artie Schapiro, Tina Deliaquila, Robert Feeney, Debi Leiter, Jane Fitzgerald, Wayne Bartlett, Julia Skrya, Mary Charniga, Brenda & Dolores Tourtellot, Mary Jantas, Kathleen Baumann, Giuliana DeAngelias, Dennis Costante, Gene Moore, Joel Leiter, Jerry Hill, Susan Sepedy, Geri Lazarowitz, Aymee Iannacone, Jean Nych, Gregory Kolaranda, Johanna Esposito, Nikoloz, Clare Weber, Vincent Dellaquila, Joe Vitello, Arlon Roth, Edward O'Brien, June Laub, Nick Troiano, Carl Walker, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Christine Camping, Catherine Donahue, Marie Negri, Christiano Bianco.

FOR THOSE WHO RECENTLY DIED

Gladys Schmidt, Frank Vidolin, Geraldine Davis, Josefina Figer, Barbara Kornecki, Mary Caruso & Paul Meyler

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

S. Sgt. Keith D. Lee (Air National Guard), Major Brian McCartin (Army), John Bridges (Navy), 2nd Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccone Jr. (Marines), Bryan Alexander Perez (Army), Brandon Haynes (Army), Jared Endler (National Guard), LTJG Liam Keenan (Navy), Mas. Sgt. Michael Primavera (Air Force), John O'Donnell (Marines).

Weekend Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

"They fell down and worshipped Him. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." – MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. They then presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share.

A Prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany

I wonder sometimes
If one of the stars that lit Abraham's night
Was the one that led the Magi to Jesus.
A dark canvas speckled by the most generous
brush—
What an improbable promise to an old man.
But our God has never been daunted by the
unlikely, the impossible.
What a sight for the Magi, too,
A baby resting on hay, his cries mingled with
braying and bleating.
I like to think they heard in those everyday sounds
a holy chorus,
Saw in that noisy tableau a Creator serenaded by
His creation,
All of it embodied, enfleshed—
All of it good.
And when we've left our gifts for this implausible
King,
May we, like the Magi, go home by another way—
Having encountered the holy,
May we protect it, guard it,
Trail its light behind us wherever we go.
A sacred arc transposed from heaven to earth,
May we ourselves become the star,
Leading the way to Emmanuel.
Amen.

— Cameron Bellm

Weekend Mass Schedule

January 13 TH	5:00pm	Fr. John
January 14 TH	8:00am	Fr. Greg
	10:00am	Fr. Jay
	12:00pm	Fr. Bob



Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! As we enter into 2024, I have a few updates to share with you about our youth group. As you know, I will start two separate youth groups in the beginning of January. One is for Middle School (ages 11–13) and one is for High School (ages 14–17). Furthermore, I'm pleased to announce that the Middle School Youth Group decided to choose a name for themselves. They are going to be called "Voices of Hope." I hope and pray that the High School Youth Group will thrive in the same wonderful way that our Middle School Youth Group flourished. Both youth groups are going to have their meetings on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 (instead of Sunday afternoons). Therefore, the two groups will alternate each week, such that both groups will meet twice a month. The meetings will be held in both the church and rectory, depending on the activity and gathering for that particular night. There are many upcoming Youth Group events in 2024. Please follow the parish website, the weekly Sunday bulletin, and our Youth Group's Facebook page for more information, updates, and details regarding these events.

Please share our Youth Group information with your family, friends, and neighbors and also encourage our parish Youth to join us. Youth Group sign-up sheets are available in the Parish Office. Moreover, feel free to contact me, Sr. Luciana D'Cruze, MPF, with any questions, comments, or concerns. My phone number is 732-574-0150 and my email is srluciana@sjvs.net.

Lastly, let us pray together to God that He always keeps us close together. As a parish community, we help each other become one loving family in Christ Jesus. I am thrilled and looking forward to spending a great new year with all of you at Saint John Vianney.

God Bless,

Sr. Luciana D'Cruze, MPF
Youth Minister

PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACTS

Organization	Contact	Phone/Email
Altar Rosary Society	Jane Bianco	732-382-1512
Altar Servers	Deacon Vinny	vbrigande@sjvs.net
Basketball	Tim Miller	athletics@sjvs.net
Bible Study	Deacon Joe & Rose Ragucci	732-548-3880
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St. Vincent de Paul	Jim Leathem	732-388-5512
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Ushers	Ray Morgan	732-815-1037
Youth Minister	Sr. Luciana D'Cruze	srluciana@sjvs.net

Saint of the Week: St. Hilary

St. Hilary grew up in Gaul, which is part of modern-day France. He was a convert to Christianity as an adult and wound up eventually becoming bishop of Poitiers, France. Throughout his time as bishop, he went to great lengths to

defend Christianity against Arianism. He fought against this until his death. St. Hilary was exiled by the Arians, but wound up being sent back home, and was welcomed by his people. May we look to St. Hilary as an example of someone who always stayed true to their faith and fought for what he believed in, even in the face of adversity.

DECEMBER 31, 2023 OFFERTORY:

Collection info. not yet available due to Holiday bulletin printing deadline

Thank you for your generosity from the 2023 Christmas, Solemnity of Mary, and regular collection! The totals will be shared in the bulletin shortly.



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No cash or check? No problem! Our parish offers a convenient, safe, and automatic way to contribute to our parish directly from your bank or using a credit card. Online Giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. You will still receive offering envelopes to present during offertory at Mass to indicate "I've given online". Online Giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge. If you haven't already signed up, then go to our parish website at "sjvianney.com" and select Online Giving. It's easy and safe!

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

The food supply for the St. James and St. Cecelia's Food pantries has fallen to critical levels. At one time the pantries had approximately one month's supply of food, now they have less than one week's supply. Rising food prices and demand for necessary food have caused this problem. Please donate one extra food item each week and the pantries can get some relief.

Needed items are: tuna, cereal, canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter, coffee, tea, all canned vegetables and all personal hygiene products. Remember if you need it they need it. Thank you.

The SVdP Society would like to thank you for your generosity to the local food pantries. The need continues for increased food donations.

**Have You Heard?**

WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



eucharisticrevival.org

Adult Faith Formation

In this year of the Eucharistic Revival, St. John Vianney Parish will offer a seven-part series "Jesus and the Eucharist." It is comprised of videos and group discussion to enhance our love and appreciation of this most important sacrament. Join Father Zannetti and the Legion of Mary on seven consecutive Sundays at 6:30 to 8:00 pm starting January 21, 2024 in the upper room. To attend please register with Steve LaBruto by text, 732-713-4844 or email slabruto@yahoo.com.

Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Vianney

We are looking for people to commit to spending a scheduled hour a week in the Blessed Sacrament at Adoration. Come adore the Lord for one hour or more in Eucharistic Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be on the altar of St. John Vianney Church each Saturday from 8:30am – 9:30am. We must have at least two people present during each hour as the Most Blessed Sacrament may not be left alone while exposed. Please prayerfully consider giving Jesus an hour of your week in Adoration. If you are interested, please call Jo Ann Worosila at 908-420-5083 or Joanne Streck at 732-382-4147.

Eucharistic Adoration is a silent mediation in the presence of the exposed Host. One hour a week with Jesus, to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope and charity, thanksgiving, reparation, pray a rosary or do whatever prayerful devotion that suits you before Our Lord. You can just sit and say nothing simply keeping Him company, just as you would with a dear friend.



This Week At A Glance

1/8 – 1/14

Monday	Basketball – GYM 4:30-9pm SVdP – LBR 6pm CCD 6:15pm CCD Parent Meeting – CAF 6:15pm
Tuesday	Cheer – GYM 4:30-7:30pm CubScouts – CAF 6:30-8pm Al-Anon – 7pm Classroom BoyScouts – GYM 7:30-9:30pm
Wednesday	Basketball – GYM 4:30-9pm High School Youth Group – REC. 7pm Pastoral Council Meeting – UBR 7pm
Thursday	Concert Choir – Music Room 2:30-4pm Basketball – GYM 3:30-4:30pm Cheer – GYM 4:30-7:30pm Class 101 College Application Seminar – CAF 7-9pm Legion of Mary – UBR 7-8pm Basketball – GYM 8-9pm
Friday	Basketball – GYM 5-9pm Youth Group Holy Hour – CH 7pm
Saturday	Basketball – GYM 8am-4pm
Sunday	RCIA – UBR 11:15-11:45am Franciscans – UBR 1-3pm

Upcoming Second Collections

January 7th	Together in Charity
January 21st	Catholic Education



CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025

TUITION ASSISTANCE

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmtgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2024. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

The Pro-Life Corner

If you are a man or woman affected by abortion, please check this website for information that may help you:
<http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/>



Unplanned Pregnancy?

Find help at one of these centers:

Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen, NJ

Phone: 732-516-911

First Choice Women & Resource Center,

New Brunswick, NJ

Phone: 908-561-0079

Life Choices Inc., Phillipsburg, NJ

Phone: 908-454-2066

Inspire Women's Resource Center, Warren, NJ

Phone: 908-615-9008

Bridge Women's Center, Old Bridge

Phone: 732-588-0999

Or go to optionline.org (Pregnancy help online) to search for a location near you.

Please refer to this link from the Diocese of Metuchen: <https://diometuchen.org/pregnancy-help>

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St. John Vianney School News

732-388-1662 <https://school.sjvianney.com/>

We hope you all had a restful winter break! We have many exciting events coming up in the new year including our 18+ Pop Culture & Sports Trivia Night Fundraiser on Saturday, January 20th. Please see the school website for more details!

So many great ideas and suggestions have come in! Continue to email us at sjvhsa@sjvs.net and someone will respond to your email within 24-48 hours. Don't forget to visit our school website and follow us on Facebook!

Beyond the Myths: Navigating the Reality of College Admissions

**January 11, 2024 at 7pm in the
St. John Vianney School Cafeteria
(420 Inman Ave. Colonia, NJ 07067)**

Event hosted by:

Laura Ciccone (Owner & College Advisor)

Jessica Hicks (College Advisor)

Join us for an enlightening seminar where we'll debunk common misconceptions about the college application process. This event is a must-attend for parents and students seeking to gain admission to and secure scholarships at their preferred colleges.

What to expect

Gain valuable insights into the college admission process. Students are encouraged to attend with parents. Light refreshments and drinks will be available. Raffle of two \$100 Amazon Gift Cards.

Please RSVP if interested at :

www.class101.com/monmouthcountynj/events/beyond-the-myths-navigating-the-reality-of-college-admissions/

(732) 835-5110 @class101monmouthcounty

Ready to fully live your Catholic Faith? Join the Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will be meeting in the upper room of the Church every Thursday at 7 pm. To Jesus through Mary. For information call Joan Wilson at (732) 548-3359 or email at jhoynes.wilson@yahoo.com.



Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, January 15th. The bus will be leaving the SJV parking lot at 10am and will return at 6:30pm. Cost is \$45 and get back \$35. For more information and to sign up please call Mary Lou at 732-710-3201.

This Week on FORMED : *the link for FORMED is on the parish website*

What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

Arianism & Apollinarianism | Heresies | Episode 4

Is Jesus truly God? Learn about the fourth-century heresy, Arianism, and the derivative heresy of Apollinarianism.

Who Are the Magi?

In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospel accounts and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture.

Basketball Free Throw Championship

Knights of Columbus Pope John Paul I Council #6571 will sponsor a Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Kids compete within their own gender and age, and progress from local level to district, regional and state/province competition. This is a free event. The championship will occur on January 17, 2024, at the St. John Vianney School gym at 6 pm. Registration will run from 5:30pm to 6 pm. Contact andrewcianfano@gmail.com for more information.

Pastor's Column January 6 – 7, 2024

Today we celebrate the Solemn Feast of Epiphany. The word epiphany means 'to reveal or make know something that was hidden.' The star revealed to the Magi that the child in the manger – who looked like any ordinary baby – was the King of Kings and Savior of the World. That's why we call today 'Epiphany.'

For centuries Epiphany was the end of the Christmas Season, but the reforms following the Second Vatican Council in the 1960's extended it to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. While usually celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany, the Lord's Baptism will be celebrated this year on Monday, January 8th, bringing the joyful Christmas Season to a close.

Personally, I hate to see the Christmas Season end. It is my favorite of all the Church's seasons. It's not too long and has a very joyful tenor to it. I enjoy the Gospel stories surrounding Christ's birth and childhood, the colorful decorations in the Church, and the upbeat spirit of the Christmas season – and will look forward to next year's as soon as this year's ends!

I was so happy to see so many people at Church for Christmas and Christmas Eve. Seeing so many of you at Mass twice – for both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and for Christmas – was truly inspiring! Coming to Mass twice in a few days is a great witness to your faith. I commend each and every one of you who did so.

I want to make special mention of the people who attended the Holy Hour on New Year's Eve from 11 PM to midnight. A few dozen people – which is a lot more than last year – came to pray and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as the old year ended and the new one began. It was a great way to begin what I pray will be a new year of grace and blessing our parish and each one of us.

Remember that we are still observing the Year of Eucharistic Revival. We have been asked by both our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and the bishops of our country to make a special effort to celebrate, learn about, and deepen our faith in Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist this year. A good way to do this is the upcoming seven-part series Jesus and the Eucharist. More information can be found in the bulletin, near the Eucharistic Revival spot.

Another good way to grow in appreciation of the Real Presence is Eucharistic Adoration. We have this every Saturday morning from 8:30 – 9:30 AM. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for prayer and adoration at that time. Come and adore Jesus – and allow Him to build up your faith in His Real Presence.

Saint John Vianney – the patron saint of our parish – had a very intense faith in Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist. In his homilies, he would often point to the Tabernacle, where the Eucharist consecrated at previous Masses is kept, and say "it's Him, it's Him, it's Him." St. John wanted to make sure that all of his parishioners knew that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist, even though it appears as bread and wine. May we, the people of this parish entrusted to his patronage and prayers, always be mindful of that Truth!

Please pray for me – at least one Hail Mary a day. Prayer is one of the greatest things we can do for each other – and I appreciate that so many of you do it for me. You are all in my daily prayers.

Have a great week!
Fr. John

P. S. Be sure to check the bulletin for some great things going on in our parish over the next few weeks – including the trip to the March for Life in Washington DC on January 19th and the pilgrimage to the Padre Pio Shrine in Pennsylvania on February 22nd.



Please JOIN US March For LIFE 2024

Washington, DC

Friday, January 19

Join the 1,000's at the
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Gospel Today

The Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2:1-12

The 3 are called **wise men**, **kings**, or **magi** - they saw and understood that the baby Jesus was truly God. They took a different route home and did not go back to Herod.

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The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's revealing Himself to us in the baby Jesus.

CELEBRATE WITH A KING CAKE!



King Cake season goes from the Feast of the Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday (*Mardi Gras*). This round "crown" cake, represents the journey of the 3 kings, and is decorated in purple (*justice*), green (*faith*) and gold (*power*) icing or sugar. Some cakes have a hidden bean or tiny plastic baby hidden inside and the one who finds it is "crowned", or responsible for the next cake.

Ingredients

1 cup milk (*scalded*)
1/3 cup butter
(*melted in milk*)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water
1 package yeast
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup sugar
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit
about 15 minutes, add
to flour - mix well

4 cups flour

large bowl

Directions

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil and place in covered oiled bowl in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Roll flat into rectangle and brush on oil or melted butter, sprinkle with sugar cinnamon. Roll into log starting on long edge. Form into ring (crown), pinch edges together and let rise on baking tray. Bake 350° for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden brown.

SWEET as HONEY



Buy a king cake
online, at a local
store/bakery or
make your own.

Colored sugar: In a jar add 1/2 cup sugar, 1-2 drops food color... green or yellow or red/blue (*purple*) and shake well. Decorate with green, purple & yellow (*gold*) cake icing and colored sugar. *This cake does not include a bean or baby, as in some traditions, due to choking hazard.*

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