



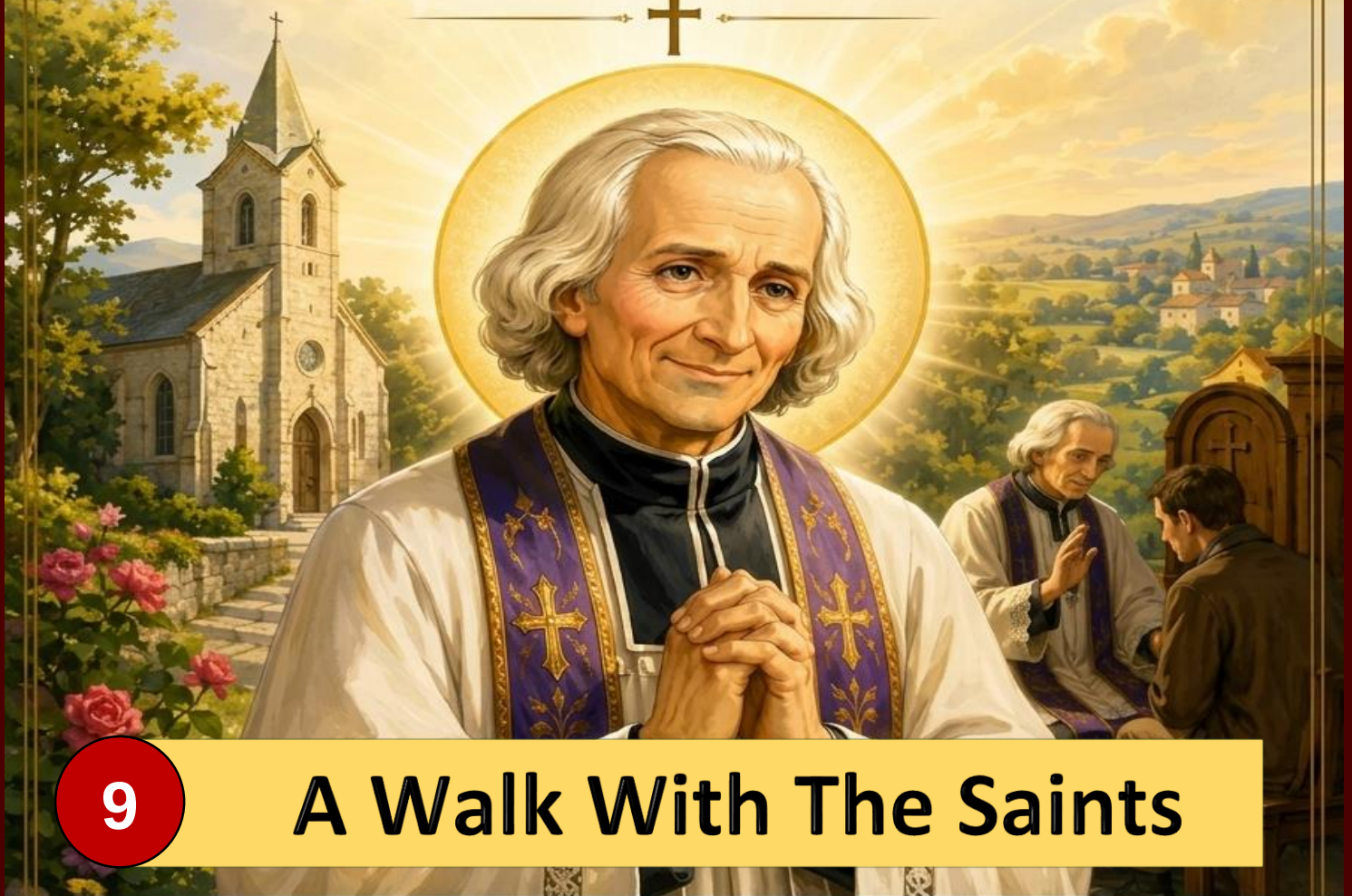
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LIFE STORY OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

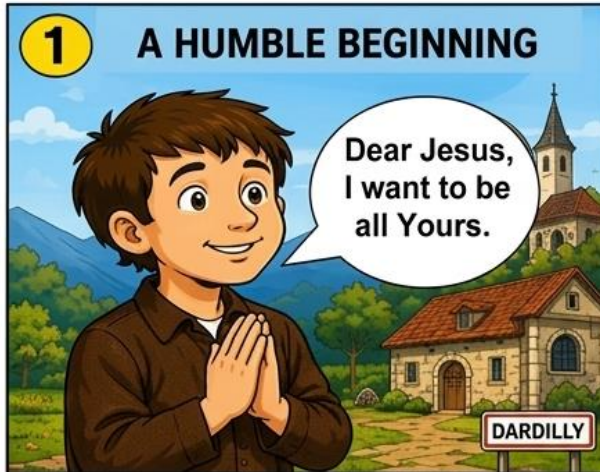


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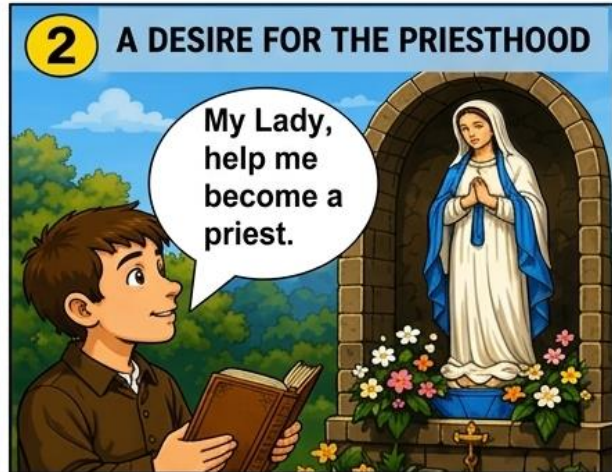
A Walk With The Saints

*“The priesthood is the love of
the Heart of Jesus.”*

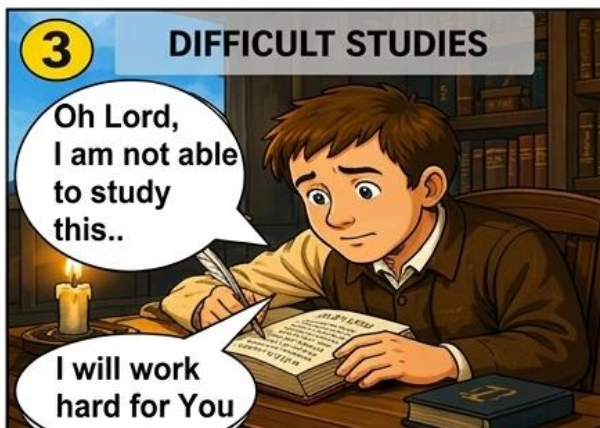




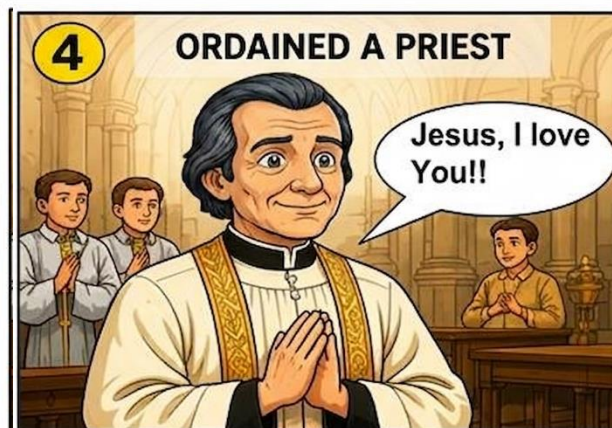
John Vianney was born on May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France, into a poor but a faithful family.



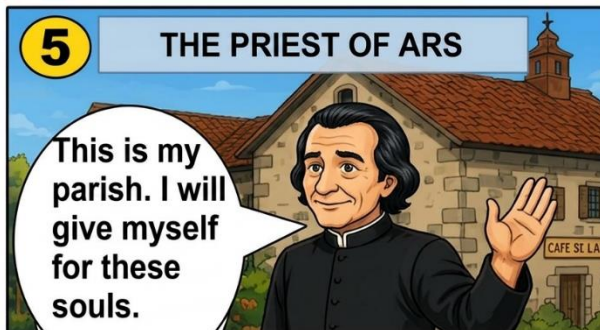
From a young age, he felt a strong desire to serve God as a priest.



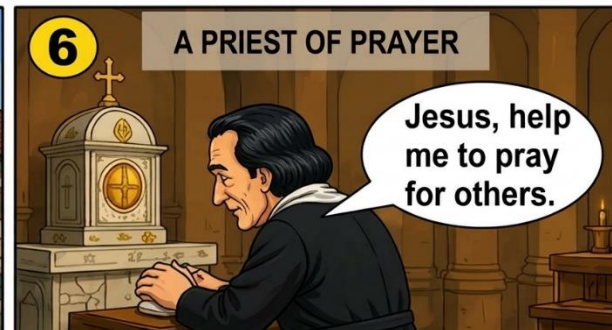
He struggled with his studies, but he persevered through prayer and hard work and never gave up.



He was ordained a priest on June 13, 1815, when he was 29 years old.

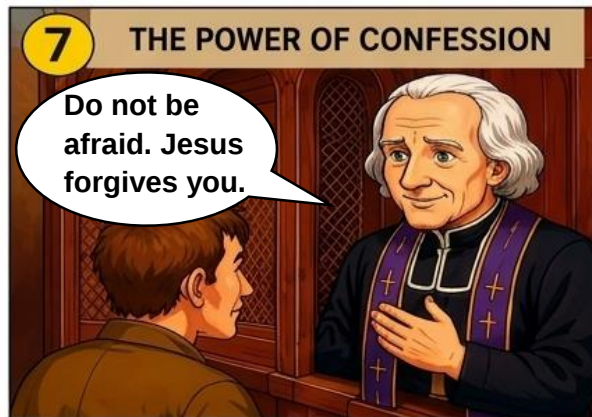


In 1818, he became the parish priest of Ars, a small village with very few practicing Catholics.



He spent hours in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

7 THE POWER OF CONFESSION



Do not be afraid. Jesus forgives you.

He heard confessions for 10 to 16 hours a day. Many people came from far away for his gentle words and wise advice.

8 MIRACLE: THE HEART OF CONVERSION

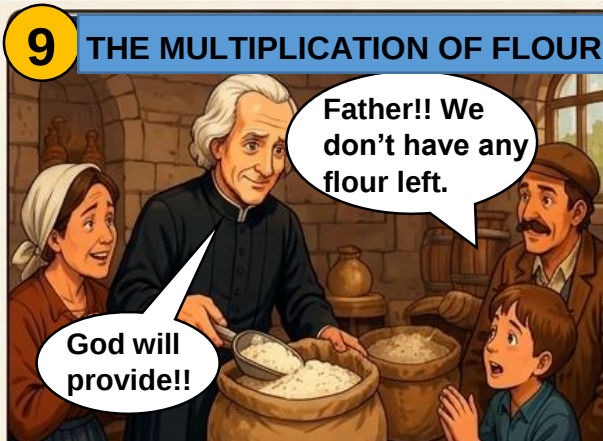


I have lived a sinful life.

God's mercy is greater than your sins.

A hardened sinner came to confession. After confessing, he wept and said, "I am a new man!" He changed his life completely.

9 THE MULTIPLICATION OF FLOUR

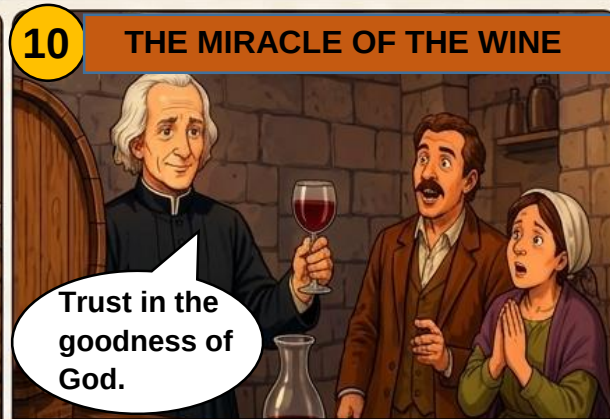


Father!! We don't have any flour left.

God will provide!!

He prayed and blessed the flour, and it was multiplied to feed all the poor.

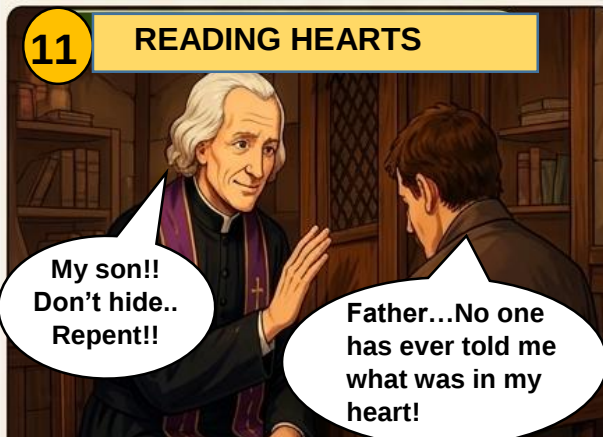
10 THE MIRACLE OF THE WINE



Trust in the goodness of God.

Once during parish celebration, when the wine ran out, he prayed—and the empty barrel was filled again.

11 READING HEARTS



My son!! Don't hide.. Repent!!

Father...No one has ever told me what was in my heart!

He could read souls like an open book. Many repented and confessed their sins.

12 DEMONIC WARFARE



BANG!

CRASH!

WISSSS!

For years, he endured violent attacks, physical torments, and loud noises from the devil. He endured everything with courage and prayer.

13 LOVE FOR THE POOR



Please take this sister.

He shared everything with the poor and cared for the sick, the lonely, and the needy.

14 HUMBLE AND SIMPLE



A priest must be simple and humble like His God.

He never sought honor or comfort. "Pride is the root of all sin," he often said.

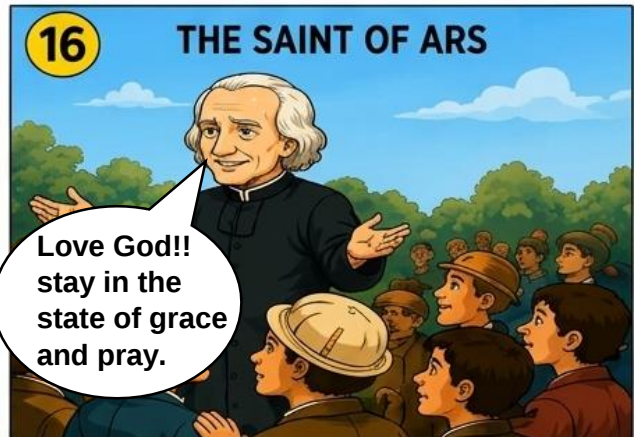
15 SUFFERING FOR SOULS



Oh my Jesus!! I suffer for the love of souls.

He offered his sufferings, fasts, and sleepless nights for the conversion of sinners.

16 THE SAINT OF ARS



Love God!! stay in the state of grace and pray.

People came from all over France—and beyond—to see him, to hear him, and to be healed in body and soul.

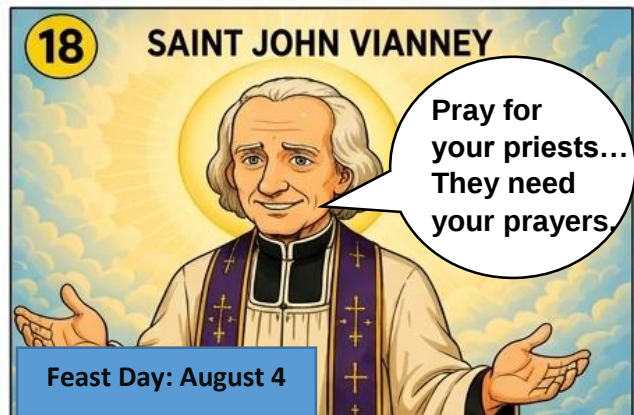
17 HIS LAST DAYS



Jesus.... Mary... I am coming...

He fell ill in 1859. He died on August 4, 1859, in Ars, when he was 73 years old.

18 SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



Pray for your priests... They need your prayers.

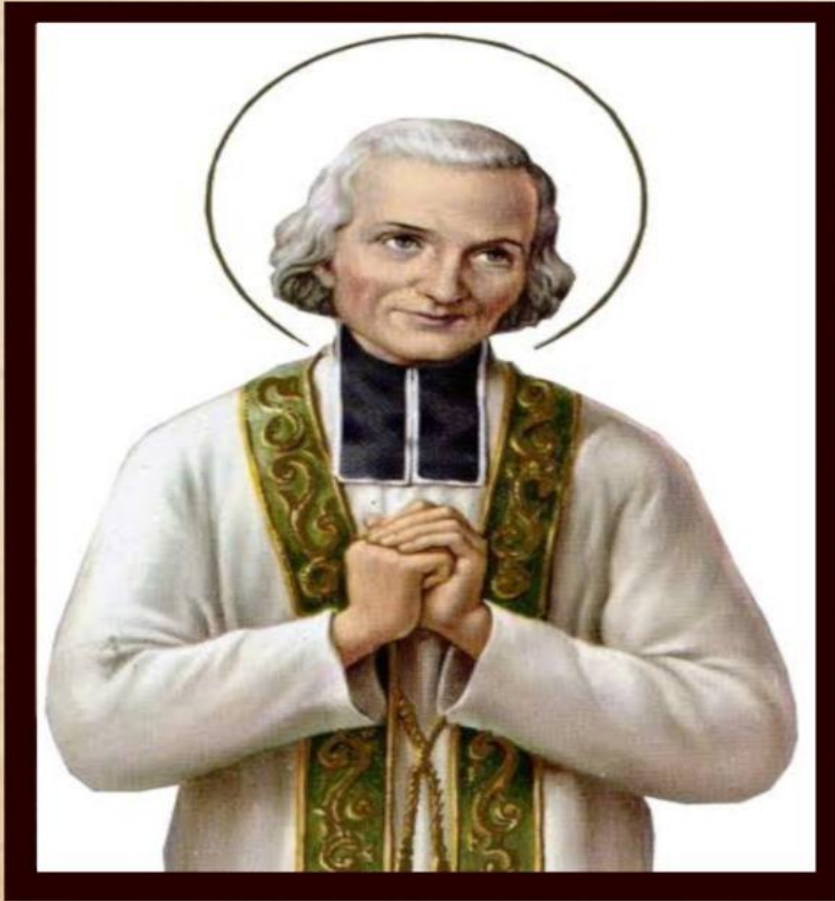
Feast Day: August 4

He was canonized on May 31, 1925. He is the Patron Saint of Parish Priests. Saint John Vianney, pray for us!

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St. John Vianney



"You should not complain about your cross, for it is the very one which takes you to Heaven."

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