Sunday Bulletin

St. John Vianney Church

OUR MISSION

As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in his mission of justice and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm Closed from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for lunch



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST Tuesday - Friday @ 9:30am Saturday @ 5:00pm Sunday @ 9:30am & 11:30am



CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday @ 4:00pm - 4:45pm Sunday @ 10:45am - 11:15am



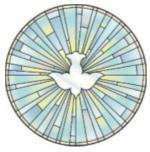
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GENDER OF GOD



Once, an angry little boy told his sister that boys are better than girls because God made Adam before he made Eve. Throughout history, many men have thought that boys are better than girls.

As St. John Paul II put it in his 1995 *Letter to Women*: "Women's dignity has often been unacknowledged and their prerogatives misrepresented; they have often been relegated to the margins of society and even reduced to servitude."

This was not God's plan for women, however. God created both man and woman in his own image. God, however, is neither a man nor a woman, because God is spirit. Sometimes we use male imagery when we speak of God; like Jesus did, it's normative to refer to God as "Father" when we pray. But occasionally feminine imagery is used for God, too, like in today's first reading. As God said through the words of the prophet, "As a *mother* comforts her child, so shall I comfort you."

Both men and women reflect something of who God is, but neither, on their own, offers a complete picture. Both of them are necessary, and that's the way God intended it to be. God created man and woman as equal partners. He designed them to live in harmony and help each other as loving servants. In other words, while God created men and women to be equal, he did not make them the same. Instead, in God's design, men and women are *equal* and *complimentary*.

Because of sin, however, we don't experience the harmony and unity that God intended between men and women. Sin is why women in our world today are discriminated against, exploited, abused, treated as inferior, and denied basic human rights. In certain nations, women cannot vote, may not own property, and do not enjoy equal protection under the law. Domestic violence is a very real threat to women around the world, regardless of their age, race, or economic status. Nevertheless, "glass ceilings" persist in some professions, and working women in general still don't receive equal pay for equal labor. And it has to be said that Christians are no exception when it comes to poor treatment of women. "For this," apologized Pope John Paul II, "I am truly sorry."

None of this, of course, is God's will. God created men and women to help each other, not hurt each other. He intended them to live in harmony, not hostility. He wants women to enjoy their rights, not have they denied. That's why he sent Jesus his Son to restore the right relationship between men and women. During his ministry, the respect and role Jesus gave to women was truly counter-cultural. His death and resurrection was a victory over the sin which disfigures the relations between the sexes, and it established a "new creation," as St. Paul described it in today's second reading, from Galatians. In this new creation, Pope John Paul 2 explains, "the mutual opposition of man and woman is overcome.

In our gospel for today, Jesus sent 72 people ahead of him to help spread the good news. Were there women among them? It's possible, as women did accompany Jesus on his missionary journeys. In any event, Jesus calls all of us today to share and witness to God's plan for harmony, unity, and equality between men and women.

There are many ways we can do this. We can first of all examine our attitudes and repent of any unhealthy attitudes we may have toward the opposite sex. We can help support and heal women who have been victims of discrimination or violence. We can celebrate the great service that women are increasingly giving in the Church today. And above all, we can pray.

In the Closing Message of the Second Vatican Council, our Church stated: "The hour is coming, in fact has come, when the vocation of women is being acknowledged in its fullness, the hour in which women acquire in the world an influence, an effect and a power never hitherto achieved." May this vision be realized! And may God's will be done.

Mass for the Intentions Week

| Saturday July 2 nd | 5:00 pm † Rose Trowbridge Requested by: Evelyn Herbert |
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| | 5:00 pm † Pasquale Cozza Requested by: Salvatore Pisani & Family |
| Sunday July 3 rd | 9:30 am † Ed Henderson Requested by: Collette Henderson |
| | 9:30 am † Huynh Thi Dung & † Tran Chi Lau Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families |
| | 9:30 am For deceased members of the Knights of Columbus |
| | 11:30 am For the special intentions of Doug Woolway Requested by: Carole Woolway |
| | 11:30 am † Heather, Shae Lynne & Craig Blenkinsop Requested by: Alma & Hunter |
| Wednesday July 6 th | 9:30 am † Frank Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior |

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have you or someone you know ever considered becoming a Catholic? If so, the RCIA process

is for you. This process begins each fall and runs with weekly meetings up to and including the Easter season. For those who are not baptized and for those of other Christian denominations who are already baptized, the RCIA/RCIC (children ages 7 and up) process are a wonderful response to the Lord's call to His disciples to "Come and See". If you are interested in joining the RCIA/RCIC process for the fall of 2022 please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Fr. Biju. (705) 726-8007



office

Couples wishing to be married must contact the pastor at least six months in advance. Please call the parish at (705) 726-8007 to book an

appointment.



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION FOR 2022/2023 SEASON

First Communion

Parents, if your child will be in Gr. 2 in the fall, mark your calendar for the opportunity to welcome your child to the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and of Confession. Registration packages will be sent home to all Grade 2 students in all 6 of our feeder schools this coming September.

<u>Registration and the first class</u> will take place at the church on the following dates:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21 AT 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM OR

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22 AT 1:00 pm- 2:30 PM Confirmation

Parents, if your son or daughter will be in Gr. 7 in the fall, mark your calendars now!

Registration packages will be sent home to all Grade 7 students in all 6 of our feeder schools this coming September.

<u>Registration and the first class</u> will take place at the church on the following dates:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM OR

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM



Thank you to those parishioners who have signed up for the Pre-Authorized Giving. In the summer months our attendance drops but our expenses remain. It's easy to enroll,

just fill out a yellow registration form (available at the back of the church), attach a void cheque and drop it in the offertory basket. Thank you for your support. ③.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please contact the parish office with your new address and phone number. Thanks for helping to keep our parish records current!



Please pray for those who are sick: Mary Jane White, Carole Aimola, Doug Woolway, Muriel Culshaw, Silvana Commito, Ornella Sorensen, Isabel Crickard, Lillian Pottage, and Tom Hogenbirk.

And for those who have died recently:

ቅ Allen Ellis

