

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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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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***Emergency due to death or serious illness, press 9.

"Good Samaritans"

In popular parlance, a "Good Samaritan" is a generous, kind-hearted, selfless person who is always willing to lend a helping hand to a neighbor. A "Good Samaritan," according to Jesus' definition, is one who genuinely loves his or her neighbor. At first, this may sound rather unexceptional, since the people in our neighborhoods- those who live nearby us- often come from backgrounds similar to ours, and we feel comfortable with them. However, Jesus' understanding of neighbor is far more expansive and inclusive. It's only when we come to appreciate this that we begin to grasp the magnitude of what the Good Samaritan did on the road to Jericho.

First, our neighbor might be an enemy. This was certainly true of Jews and Samaritans, who in Jesus' day had lived in a state of mutual acrimony for some six hundred years. To put it in more contemporary terms, what the Good Samaritan did for the beaten Jewish traveler was the equivalent of a Croat aiding a Serb, a Hutu helping a Tutsi, an Indian Hindu assisting a Pakistani Muslim, a Crip loving a Blood, an Irish Catholic reaching out to an Orangeman, a Jew embracing a Nazi.

Our neighbors also include those of different races. This would have shocked Jesus' Jewish audience, who understood "neighbor" as referring to one's fellow Jew. Yet this teaching challenges us as well, because racism, assuming a variety of forms ranging from indifference to overt hostility, continues to plague our society. Perhaps the biggest problem is the denial that it doesn't exist. As a priest once remarked, "Never in twenty years of priesthood have I heard the sin of racism admitted in the confessional."

Our neighbors also include those we may be tempted to think don't deserve our help. The Good Samaritan may have thought this of the man he took care of. The road they walked was notoriously dangerous, and a solitary traveler would have been ready prey

for robbers and thugs. To journey alone was to invite trouble, and it would have been easy to conclude that a victim of violence simply got what he or she deserved. Some people today draw similar conclusions about those with AIDS. Others presume to make distinctions between what they call the "deserving" and "undeserving" poor. We must always remember that God lavishes his grace on us, not because we deserve it- because we don't- but because we need it. That's true love, and it should characterize how we respond to the needs of others.

There was a woman whose husband was an alcoholic with a violent streak, subjected her to extreme emotional abuse during their more than two decades of married life. To end this bondage, she finally found the courage and strength to leave him. Yet because they share responsibility for their school age children, they by necessity continue to communicate on a regular basis. It would be easy for her to consider him an enemy, and many people wouldn't fault her if she bad-mouthed him to their children. In terms of strict justice, he certainly doesn't merit any kindnesses from her. But yet this woman of great faith has come to understand her "ex" not as an adversary to be attacked, but as a person in great need of healing and understanding. And so she prays for him, fasts for him, actively desires his good, seeks to strengthen his bonds with their children, and even improve the relationship between them. She, who takes emotional risks and truly gives of herself for one who most people would not consider a neighbor, is truly a "Good Samaritan" in every sense of the word.

Her indiscriminate love is an inspiration to all of us. These concluding words from St. Francis of Assisi, describe her, and indeed every Good Samaritan, very well: "Being the servant of all, I am bound to serve all, and to administer the balm-bearing words of my Lord."

Mass for the Intentions **Week**

Saturday July 9 th	5:00 pm For the special intentions of Richard Scott Sr. Requested by: Janine Bissonette
Sunday July 10 th	9:30 am † Jim Newton Requested by: Mary Newton
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Sandy Shetlor Requested by: Marlaine Ramsbottom
	11:30 am † Dennis Devitt Requested by: The Family
	11:30 am † Maria & Henrique Albernaz and Antonia Hilario Requested by: Charlene
Tuesday July 12 th	9:30 am † Emily Fazari Requested by: Silvano Fazari
Wednesday July 13 th	9:30 am † Frank Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Thursday July 14 th	9:30 am For the special intentions of Ruvimbo Chigwamba & Kuda Rugara Requested by: Tsungayi Cigwamba
Friday July 15 th	9:30 am † Ed Henderson Requested by: Collette Henderson



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



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the CWL for their recent donations totaling \$4721.79. These generous donations are a result of their successful Bake Sale and Tea!



Lay Pastoral Associate

A Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA) is a parish role being promoted by the Archdiocese of Toronto. An LPA is not ordained but assists the pastor in the non-sacramental functions of shepherding a parish. The LPA may be called on to assist Parish groups such as Lectors or Altar Servers, organize and deliver faith education such as RCIA, First Communion, or Confirmation, and to offer a first line of communication for the questions and concerns of parishioners.

As St. John Vianney Parish and our society adjust to the effects of Covid, plus economic and political challenges, our Roman Catholic faith has hope and strength to offer. Over two years of reduced parish activity, Fr. Biju has served alone to provide sacraments, spiritual care, and financial stability. To convert the current challenges into new opportunities, more staff are now required. Paul LaPlume has been hired to assist.

Paul and Loretta have raised their family in the parish for over thirty years. We have seen him volunteering as a Parish Catechist in various programs over time such as First Communion, RCIA, and Baptism Preparation. He has been a Lector and M.C. at many events, and behind the scenes assisted Fr. Biju and other C.M.I. priests with special projects over the last decade.

Paul's passion for faith education grew from a faith-filled family in Midland where his father served as a school board trustee and chairperson of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic Board. Paul attended Catholic Schools and the University of St. Michael's College. He obtained a teaching degree at Queen's University and retired from thirty-two years of teaching at Catholic elementary, secondary, and adult education levels. Paul especially intends to continue supporting faith education here and to be able to spend more time supporting our Pastor and in serving St. John Vianney Parish.

Please join us as we pray for Paul and ask God to bless him as he endeavors to fulfill this new role in our parish.



Please pray for those who are sick: Sandy Shetlor, Mary Jane White, Doug Woolway, Muriel Culshaw, Silvana Commito, Ornella Sorensen, Isabel Crickard, and Tom Hogenbirk. **And for those who have died recently:** † Carole Aimola

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