

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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ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

God wants to give us good things. And God wants to give those we love good things as well. This is the good news that's at the heart of today's gospel reading. God loves us so much- as one friend loves another, as a parent loves a child- that he wants to give us all those things that will make us holy, and provide us with that which will make us truly happy. All we need to do is ask. "Ask, and you will receive;" said Jesus, "seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened unto you." Couldn't be easier, right? Not necessarily. Sometimes we don't bother to ask. And sometimes we're afraid to ask.

So then, why don't we ask, if God is so ready and willing to give? Well, it could be that we think it's just a waste of time. We figure that God is going to do whatever he wants to do anyway, and he's probably far too busy to bother with us in the first place. And besides, since God sees everything, praying to him isn't going to tell him anything he doesn't already know. So what's the point in asking? There's no use pestering him or trying to change his mind.

There are many of us who have thought along these lines, at one time or another. But you know what? To think that way is to forget that God loves us. And because he loves us, he wants us to share with him everything that is near and dear to our hearts, just like we might share them with a trusted friend. So then, when we ask God for something in prayer, we're not telling him something he doesn't already know. Instead, what we are telling him is that there is something- an individual, a situation, a personal need- that is very important to us. God wants to hear these things! And God wants to give us the things we need. As St. Theresa of Avila once said, "God never gets tired of giving. So let us never get tired of asking!"

God *does* answer our prayers. And when he answers our prayers, he does things that he would not have done if we had not asked in the first place. As one old bumper sticker slogan puts it, "Prayer changes things." Prayer does change

things! And if you think about it, the implications of this are staggering! It means that our world can become a better place through prayer. It means that we can become better people through prayer. And it means that you and I can have a role in shaping human history. This is remarkable privilege and a wonderful freedom that God has given us. It's also a tremendous responsibility, and a duty that we need to take very seriously.

Unfortunately, this can frighten us sometimes. We can get intimidated about asking God for certain things. We secretly worry that God might actually give us what we ask for. Sometimes we know we need something, but we're afraid what God might do in order to meet our need; we're afraid he'll ask us to step out of our comfort zones. When the great St. Augustine was a young man, he once prayed, "O God make me chaste...but not yet." He knew that God wanted him to be chaste, and deep down he really wanted to be chaste, but he was afraid of making the effort and enduring the pain that comes when we try to change our life and break our addictions.

Another problem we sometimes face when praying is that, there are so many situations in life when God's will isn't so clear, and it's this mystery- this "grey area"- that can keep us from asking. But it shouldn't. We can be assured that God will answer each and every one of our prayers. We just need to remember that we don't always know what his answer will be. Sometimes God says "Yes!" Sometimes God says "Not yet." And sometimes God says "No." And that's a good thing. As C.S. Lewis once said, we'll spend eternity thanking God for the requests he didn't grant!

Another way of looking at it, is that when God says "No," it's because he has something better in mind for us. This might be hard to appreciate at the time of our asking, especially if we're suffering, and it seems so obvious to us that a loving God would only want to take away our pain. But that's when faith is needed. Faith that God always knows best. And faith that with wisdom and hindsight, we might see that God's plan was ultimately better than ours.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday July 23 rd	5:00 pm † Anita Das Requested by: Karin Family
	5:00 pm † Omar Syed Requested by: Wife, Children & Family
	5:00 pm † Murray Ball Requested by: Jackie Ball & Family
Sunday July 24 th	9:30 am † Pauline Querin Requested by: Denise Foster & Family
	9:30 am † Murray Ball Requested by: Jackie Ball & Family
	9:30 am † Ed Henderson Requested by: The Collingbourne Family
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Frank Spizzirri Requested by: Linda LaCasse
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Ana & Paul Kokelj Requested by: Emma & Andrew Kokelj
	11:30 am † Mario Dominato Requested by: Dominato Family
Tuesday July 26 th	9:30 am For World Peace Requested by: Ida Lenarduzzi
	9:30 am † Marg Nixon Requested by: The Nixon Family
Friday July 29 th	9:30 am For the special intentions of Tyler Mahoney Requested by: Tsungayi Chigwamba



ANNUAL MASS FOR FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families

within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on

Wednesday August 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

In Barrie the Mass will be celebrated at **St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery** 208 Sunnysdale Road Barrie, ON **Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau** will be the celebrant.

In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated at **St. Mary's Church, Barrie**



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like some help stocking our food cupboard in preparation for the new school year. We will be accepting donations every Thursday between 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm from July 21st to August 25th and will continue every Thursday until the end of August. School snacks, peanut butter, cereal, coffee, tea, sugar, and toiletries are always in high demand. Thank you so much for all you do to support and help us fulfill our Mission.



Baptismal Preparation Packages (Registration Forms) are available on

our parish website at <https://stjohnvianneyba.archtoronto.org> or at the table in the church vestibule. Baptisms take place the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday of the month. Attendance at a baptism preparation class via zoom is a prerequisite before baptism takes place. Please fill in the applicable form(s) and submit them to the parish office or call (705) 726-8007 Ext. 201

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless. ~ Mother Teresa

Please pray for those who are sick:

Elsie Walsh, 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: † Marywillo Phillips & † Mario Dominato



Are you hoping to have your child baptized in the near future? Are you looking to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage? Perhaps you, or someone you know is considering becoming a Roman Catholic? For details on preparation for any of the Sacraments, please call the Parish Office at 705-726-8007.



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