

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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"EXPECT DELAYS: BE PATIENT"

You and I live today in a society that is incredibly fast paced. Thanks to modern technology, things which might have once taken hours, days, weeks, and even months can now be done almost instantaneously. With the Internet, old-fashioned letters are disparaged as "snail mail." Vast information is placed at our fingertips, eliminating trips to the library. Banking and shopping can be done online. For news, we don't need to wait for the morning paper, because it's broadcast continuously on cable television. Microwaves heat our prepared meals in a matter of minutes. We're literally surrounded by time-saving technology! And for the most part, it's wonderfully beneficial. The downside, however, is that it can make us impatient, because we so seldom have to wait for anything anymore.

Today's gospel is intended for impatient people. It was initially addressed to those early Christians who were impatient about the second coming of Christ. Jesus' parable reminded them that no one knows when he will come again. Perhaps it will be tomorrow. Or maybe it won't happen for thousands of years. We just don't know! But the bottom line is, those early Christians needed to learn to wait, and to watch, with patience. Jesus' words speak to our need for patience too. They can serve to remind us that we need to be patient with God, with ourselves, and with others.

First, we need to have patience with God. It's easy for us get frustrated with God, especially in prayer. Sometimes we'll pray and pray for something, but it seems like all our prayers go unanswered. At times like this, it's helpful to consider what Blessed Padre Pio once said: "God has promised us that he will answer every prayer, but he has not told us how or when." And remember, God sees things from the perspective of eternity, and we don't.

You and I also need to be patient with ourselves. In our faith life, we often want to be saints overnight. This is a noble aspiration, but it can get us in trouble. We might find ourselves confessing the same old sins that have plagued us for years. It might seem as if we're not making any

headway at all, or that we're even sliding backward. We can be tempted to give up and think that we're never going to get any better. But we need to remember three things. First, although we might want to give up on ourselves, God never gives up on us. Second, God never wants us to get discouraged because he never wants us to lose hope. And life without hope is hell on earth! And third, God is more patient with us than we are with ourselves. God often stretches us very slowly because he doesn't want us to snap and break.

Finally, we also need to be patient with others. If we aren't patient with God or ourselves, we're certainly not going to be patient with anyone else. But this type of patience is so critical, yet so often in short supply. Just try driving on the 401 sometime!

Some people are impatient with others because they're insecure. They don't like certain things about themselves, and when they see those qualities in other people, it drives them nuts. Others are impatient because they're "know-it-alls;" it's "their way or the highway." Still others are "Fit-It" type folks. They try to improve other people and get frustrated when the expected results don't come about. Finally, lots of people are just plain stressed out by life's burdens. They end up with a short fuse and take it out on others.

If you fit into any of these categories consider this: First, no one is perfect, and the devil likes to exploit other people's imperfections in our eyes so he can drive a wedge between us and them. Second, only God can truly heal or "fix" other people. We can help, but it's God who is the chief physician, and he heals in his own time and in his own way. Third, try a little tenderness. Gentle persuasion, built upon another's love and trust, is often far more effective than threats, coercion, or shooting from the hip. As St. Teresa of Avila once said, "For there is nothing annoying that that is not suffered easily by those who love one another." Fourth, that taking a deep breath and counting to ten thing? It works! But it works even better if you pray instead of count. And fifth: Practice, practice, practice! Patience is a virtue, which means it's both a gift we should pray for, and a habit we need to develop.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday August 6 th	5:00 pm † Maria Da Gloria Lopes Requested by: Monica, Johnny & The Girls
Sunday August 7 th	9:30 am † Jim Newton Requested by: The Collingbourne Family
	9:30 am † Albino & Isabel Miguel Requested by: Marianne Strong
	9:30 am † Nhon Thi Nguyen & † Yonne Ngoc Tran Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
	11:30 am For the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
Tuesday August 9 th	9:30 am For the special intentions of Tom Hogenbirk Requested by: Larry & Mary Jane White
	9:30 am For All the Souls in Purgatory Requested by: Ida Lenarduzzi
Wednesday August 10 th	9:30 am † Dominic D'Souza Requested by: D. & J. D'Souza
Friday August 12 th	9:30 am † Paul Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior



Introducing ...

WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

St. John Vianney Parish will begin offering an intergenerational social event every Wednesday. Everyone is welcome to enjoy conversation in the Parish Hall from 11 am to 2 p.m. Drop in anytime to meet friends, chat, play cards or games, or try a craft. Bring a lunch and we'll always have desserts, tea, coffee, and cold drinks available. Depending on interest, some weeks we may be able to offer more! The video series "The Chosen" will be shown at 11 for those who are interested, and lunch will occur around noon. We'd be pleased to see you there!



ANNUAL MASS FOR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on **Wednesday August 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, 208 Sunnydale Road Barrie, ON.

Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau will be the celebrant.

There will be no morning Mass at St. John Vianney Church on this day.

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 is 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



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** 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.



If you have not had the opportunity to visit our website, please do so at:

<https://stjohnvianneyba.archtoronto.org/> Take some time to bookmark and browse. You will find the latest parish news, helpful links, registration forms and you can download our most recent parish bulletin.



Please pray for those who are sick:
Maureen McDonald, Elsie Walsh, Sandy Shetlor, Mary Jane White, Doug Woolway, Muriel Culshaw, Isabel Crickard, and Tom Hogenbirk.

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