

# 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

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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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## **THE KINDLED FIRE OF LOVE**

The central theme of today's readings is that we should have the courage of our Christian convictions to uphold Christian principles in our lives as Jeremiah and Jesus did, even if it results in our martyrdom and turns society upside down. If no one is ever offended by the quality of our commitment to Christ, that commitment is not authentic and if our individual and communal living of the good news casts no fire and causes no division, then perhaps we are practicing "inoffensive Christianity."

Jeremiah, in our First Reading, is presented as experiencing the consequences of the burning word of God within him. Jeremiah's preaching divided the city and incited such opposition that people sought his death. He showed the courage of his prophetic conviction by telling the king that he had to surrender to the mighty army of Babylonian empire to save Israel. The result was that Jeremiah was thrown into a deep, muddy cistern to die for treason.

Standing in this prophetic tradition, Jesus, too, in today's gospel, preaches a word which, now as then, divides families, a word which led ultimately to his death. The fire Jesus came to bring is the fire of love and the fire of hope. The disruption, division and revolution Jesus and his true followers cause by the fire of sacrificial love and fire of justice in the society is necessary to re-set what's fractured, put right what's dislocated, cleanse what's infected. In other words, the curative pain caused by Jesus' ideas and ideals is necessary for the establishment of real *shalom* of God. Even though Jesus brings a sword and causes division, he is the bringer of true and lasting peace. In pursuing his mission, Jesus brings division because some follow him and others oppose him. We must make a decision to follow him

or not, to share his baptism or not. This choice results in division, even within families.

On the day of our baptism, we received the light of Christ and were instructed to keep that torch burning brightly until the return of Christ Jesus. Besides, the Holy Spirit was sent into our hearts at confirmation to help set us on fire. Our Lord Jesus continues to cast fire on the earth, the fire of the Spirit, through the ministry of Word and sacraments. As Christians, we should have fire to inflame people to care, to serve, and to bless one another with all the gifts of faith. We should work with that fire to burn off the impurities in us and to bring out the purity of the gold and silver within us. We need divine fire to inflame our hearts with the love of God and love for His children. We Christians should blaze with the same fire Jesus wished to set his disciples on: "I came to cast fire upon earth and would that it were already kindled". Hence let us remember the old saying, "He who is on fire cannot sit on a chair" and let us carry the fire of the Holy Spirit wherever we go. The scientist-cum-theologian Teilhard de Chardin said: "Someday, after we have mastered the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity we shall harness the energies of love. Then for the second time in the history of the world man will have discovered fire."



### **ANNUAL MASS FOR FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

The Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on

**Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> 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.**

# Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm † **Maria Da Gloria Lopes**  
Requested by: Paul & Suzanne De Freitas

5:00 pm † **Phyl Taylor**  
Requested by: Taylor Family

5:00 pm † **Clifford Allum**  
Requested by: Teresa Allum

Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † **Gino Zanchetta**  
Requested by: Family

9:30 am † **Ed Henderson**  
Requested by: Colette Henderson

9:30 am For the special intentions of **Marco & Patrick**  
Requested by: Krystyna

9:30 am For living & deceased members of the **CWL**

11:30 am † **Roseanne Brown**  
Requested by: May Boehnke

11:30 am † **Elio Zorrato**  
Requested by: Alice Zorrato

11:30 am For the living & deceased relatives of **Pauline Goulash**  
Requested by: Shelia Wright

11:30 am For the special intentions of **Madelin & Eugene Muldoon**  
(On their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)  
Requested by: May Boehnke

Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed – St. Mary’s Cemetery  
**NO MORNING MASS**

Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † **Frank Prior**  
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

## WELCOME WEDNESDAYS (new time)



Please join us on Wednesdays in the parish hall from **10:00 am – 1:00 pm** for an

intergenerational social get-together. Everyone is welcome. 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 10 for those who are interested, and lunch will occur around noon. We’d be pleased to see you there!



## CWL 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please come help us celebrate. All parishioners are invited to attend the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for the St.

John Vianney Catholic Women’s League, Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at 1:00 pm at the Traditions Sheba Shrine Upper Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and will be available after all Masses starting August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA

This weekend is the annual collection for Canadian Missions. Catholic Missions in Canada and the selected dioceses in Northern Canada will benefit from your generosity to sustain and extend the Catholic faith to isolated, poor and hard-to reach mission areas in our country. Thank you for your support of this important work! Envelopes are available at the back of the church.



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.



**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.



## ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT

We are currently recruiting new and former altar servers who are interested in serving at Mass. No experience is necessary. Training will be provided. We invite boys and girls in Grade 4 and higher grades who have already received their First Communion.

Parents are invited to encourage their children to participate in this very important Ministry where they will develop a deeper appreciation of both the Eucharist and service to our Christian Community.

If you are interested, please fill out an application form available on the table in the vestibule before you enter the church and put in the offertory basket or give it to Fr. Biju.

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