

# 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 Narrow Door**

Someone once said to Paderewski, the great pianist, "Sir, you are a genius." He replied, "Madam, before I was a genius, I was a drudge." He continued: "If I missed practice one day, I noticed it; if I missed practice two days, the critics noticed it; if I missed three days, my family noticed it; if I missed four days and my audience noticed it. It is reported that after one of Fritz Kreisler's concerts a young woman said to him, "I would give my life to be able to play like that." He replied, "That's what I gave."

The door is narrow. Why should we think we can "drift" into the Kingdom of God? The Christian life is a constant striving to do the will of God as Jesus revealed it. We need to strive because there are forces of evil within us and around us, trying to pull us down.

Many years ago, an editorial in the magazine, 'War Cry' put it like this: "A loose wire gives out no musical note; but fasten the ends, and the piano, the harp or the violin is born. Free steam drives no machine. But hamper and confine it with piston and turbine and you have the great world of machinery made possible. The unhampered river drives no dynamos, but dam it up and we get power sufficient to light a great city. So, our lives must be disciplined if we are to be of any real service in this world." If you are going to walk with Jesus, there are some things you will need to leave behind.

In today's gospel, Jesus clearly explains that anyone who follows him through the narrow gate of sacrificial service and sharing love will be saved. Jesus also admonishes his followers to concentrate on their own salvation by self-discipline rather than to worry about other peoples' salvation.

We need to make wise decisions and choose the narrow gate. Always choosing God's way asks of us a consistent denial of self, active cooperation with God's grace, and the steady relinquishing of sinful pleasures,

pursuits, and interests. The "narrow road" or "narrow gate" concerns our everyday living—our relationships with God and with each other. It involves our doing of good deeds for the right reasons. It involves our actively seeking the kingdom and God's justice instead of fame and fortune. It involves our repentance, obedience, humility, righteousness, truth, and discipleship. Hence, we are to strive to enter through the "narrow gate" by prayer and supplication, diligently asking deliverance from those things which would bar our passage and acquiring those things which would facilitate our entry into Heaven.

The parable of the locked door warns us that the time is short. Each day sees endings and opportunities missed. Let us remember the proverb, "Opportunity will not knock twice at your door." Let us examine our conscience every night, asking the following questions: "How conscious was I this day of God's numerous gifts? How well did I respond to the opportunities to bear witness and serve in Jesus' name: to forgive, feed, clothe, and love those who entered my life? How much did I strive today to enter through the narrow gate of sacrificial love in action?"

We might conclude this self-examination with a short prayer: "Grant me Jesus forgiveness for my sins. Give me your Holy Spirit to direct me and to strengthen me."



### **ORGAN UPDATE**

Thank you to those who have so generously donated to the New Organ campaign. Our goal was to raise \$70,000.00 and as of today's date, we have raised \$68,211.07!

The campaign will wrap up by August 31, 2022, and we are only \$1,788.93 short of reaching our goal!

We have been advised by Phoenix Organs that the new organ is expected to be ready by the week of September 12<sup>th</sup>. They are currently experiencing a labor shortage which is the reason for the delay.

**Mass for the Intentions Week**



Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm † **Maria Da Gloria Lopes**  
Requested by: Chante & Jess

5:00 pm † **Peter Wijesinghe**  
Requested by: Christopher & Erica Wijesinghe

5:00 pm † **Robert McCahery**  
Requested by: Barb McCahery

Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 am † **Dave O'Donnell**  
Requested by: Family

9:30 am † **Alfred Spaziani & Denise Burgess**  
Requested by: Jo-Ann

9:30 am † **William Hughes**  
Requested by: Foglia Family

11:30 am † **Maureen Mathews**  
Requested by: Ursula Dempsey

Tuesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 am † **Joaquim Goncalves de Amorim**  
Requested by: Biehl Family

Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † **Frank Prior**  
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † **Phyl Taylor**  
Requested by: The Taylor Family

9:30 am † **Mary Kearns Wade**  
Requested by: The Dempsey Family

**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!

**ST. MARYS CHURCH – BARRIE**  
**FALL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**  
St. Mary's Church is holding a Bereavement Support Program for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The program runs from Sept. 7 – Oct. 26. Please check the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule for more info.

**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.



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.

**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PALLIATIVE CARE?**

We invite you to participate in learning sessions on Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care. Please check the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule for further details.



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

**And for those who have died recently:**  
† Muriel Culshaw



**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 this weekend.

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