

# 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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## **LOOK WHO'S COMING TO DINNER**

If someone were to ask you to describe your relationship with your spouse, your best friend, or one of your parents, what would you say? A marriage counselor once posed this question to a couple's group and was disturbed to hear one husband describe his wife only in terms of what she did for him- namely, keep the house neat and him well fed. Hoping to get this man to reconsider his definition, the counselor asked the other husbands to share how they understood their wives. To his shock, they all said pretty much the same thing, describing their wives in reference to themselves and what their wives did for them. It's no wonder, the counselor concluded, that they all had troubled marriages.

To understand other people only in terms of what they can do for us is certainly selfish, to say the least. But more than that, it puts us on a proverbial "slippery slope." Because when we think this way, then those people who can't do anything for us are, in our mind, worthless and valueless. And when something- or someone- has no value, what's the point of keeping it around? It's easier just to get rid of it.

Katie Hopkins a controversial star from England said she'd like "euthanasia vans" rolled out across the world because there are "far too many old people". She added: "It's ridiculous to be living in a country where we can put dogs to sleep but not people." Asked for her solution, she said: "Easy. Euthanasia vans - just like ice-cream vans - that would come to your home."

We see this mindset in political policies that ignore the needs of the poorest, weakest, and most vulnerable in our world. We see it in those institutions that don't make the effort to be accessible to persons with disabilities. And we see it in the real fear that DNA screening may one day be used to deny employment or insurance to those who have a predisposition to certain illness, as such people are understood to present an unacceptable financial risk.

Jesus challenges this mindset in today's gospel. The well to do of his day- in this case, the scribes and the Pharisees- would extend dinner invitations to others with the full expectation that they would later be repaid. In effect, they created their guest lists by asking: "What's in it for me?"

That's how they maintained their social status. If a person accepted a dinner invitation, he or she had to return the favor. Not to do so was a disgrace, a dishonor. Therefore, no one ever considered inviting the poor, the crippled, the lame, or the blind to their banquets. Because they couldn't reciprocate or repay, they were considered to be dishonorable, and worthless.

Yet these are exactly the people Jesus says should be invited to dinner, precisely because they aren't able to return the favor. In effect, Jesus is saying that in God's eyes they are honorable people worthy of respect and love. In other words, those whom God considers to be worthy and valuable are not always the same people the world considers to be worthy and valuable. God values people not because of what they can do, how much they have, what they look like, or their physical or mental health. Instead, God values all people because of who they are. When God looks upon you or me or any other person, he sees something that other people often miss in each one of us, God sees a reflection of himself, because we are made in his image and likeness, and everything God makes is good.

Today, Jesus invites each one of us to see his Father's face and discern his very presence in those people whom our society frequently de-values or neglects, and who are so often dismissed, patronized, or ignored: The poor and the homeless; the frail, lonely elderly; prisoners in jail; immigrants and refugees; the physically handicapped; the mentally challenged; and those of races, cultures, and religions different from our own. All of them, Jesus tells us, are worthy of our love and respect; all of them, he assures us, have a right to life; and all of them, we learn from the cross, are of immense value, because Jesus bought them with a price. The truth is, God created every person for a purpose; every person has a role to play in the unfolding of God's plan; and every Christian has a unique and indispensable membership in the one Body of Christ.

It's as the great Christian writer C.S. Lewis once wrote: "It is with awe that we should conduct all our dealings with one another... There are no *ordinary* people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Next to the Blessed Sacrament, the human being is the most precious thing that God presents to our senses."

## Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm † **Maria Da Gloria Lopes**  
Requested by: Mira & Walter

5:00 pm For the special intentions of **Tendayi Kandengwa**  
Requested by: Tsungayi Chigwamba

Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † **Ed Henderson**  
Requested by: Colette Henderson

9:30 am † **Julian LaCasse**  
Requested by: Linda LaCasse

9:30 am † **Paul Kokelj**  
Requested by: Emma & Andrew Kokelj

9:30 am for the special intentions of **Paulose Joseph**  
Requested by: Amala & Jomal

Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 am † **Marina & Frank Prior**  
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION FOR 2022/2023 SEASON



#### FIRST COMMUNION

Parents, if your child will be in Gr. 2 in the fall, mark your calendar for the opportunity to welcome your child to the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Registration packages will be sent home to all Grade 2 students in all 6 of our feeder schools the third week in September. If your child attends a different school, registration forms may also be picked up in the vestibule of our Church, or you may print it from the parish website. (Registration will require a copy of your child's baptismal certificate even if your child was baptized at St. John Vianney.)

Registration and the first class will take place at the church on the following dates:

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 21 AT 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

OR

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 22 AT 1:00 pm– 2:30 PM**

#### CONFIRMATION

Parents, if your son or daughter will be in Gr. 7 in the fall, mark your calendars now!

Registration packages will be sent home to all Grade 7 students in all 6 of our feeder schools this coming September. If your child attends a different school, registration forms may also be picked up in the vestibule of our Church, or you may print it from the parish website. (Registration will require a copy of your child's baptismal certificate even if your child was baptized at St. John Vianney.)

Registration and the first class will take place at the church on the following dates:

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 28, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

OR

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

### **FIRST FRIDAY**

September 2<sup>nd</sup> is the first Friday of the month. First Fridays have traditionally been associated with devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament. To appropriately observe First Fridays there will be Eucharistic adoration following the 9:30 am Mass until 11:00 am when Benediction will be given.



### **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.



### **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 this weekend.



### **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!

**Please pray for those who are sick:**

Maureen McDonald,  
Elsie Walsh, Sandy Shetlor, Mary Jane White, Doug Woolway, Isabel Crickard, and Tom Hogenbirk.





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