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

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm Closed from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for lunch



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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***Emergency due to death or serious illness, press 9.

TRAINING

The opposite of Jesus' message today is probably the advice that Homer Simpson gave to his son Bart. When Bart was struggling to learn the guitar, Homer kindly told him "If something is hard to do, then it's not worth doing. You just stick that guitar in the closet next to your shortwave radio, your karate outfit and your unicycle, and we'll go inside and watch TV."

Sometimes, like Bart and Homer, we think we should be good at everything right away. When we find something that is hard to do, we often tell ourselves that we have no natural talent for it, and we quit. Eventually reality sets in, and we realize that practice or training is necessary for all skills. Then we finally put in our time learning how to play sports and musical instruments, how to cook and make household repairs, and how to do all those hobbies that we later come to enjoy.

But many people never train for the most important skill in life. Many people think they should be good at it right away, or they assume they have a natural talent for it. Many people never even realize that they could be better at it. This most important skill is being in relationships, especially with one's family and with God.

Too often, we assume that we will have good relationships without any practice or training. Hopefully reality sets in one day. The reality is that the majority of people in our culture are terrible at relationships! This is the reason why most marriages end in divorce—because spouses never train themselves in the skills they need. This is the reason why so many families drift apartthey never practice because having relationship. This is the reason why fewer and fewer people each year go to church, pray, or even believe in God—because they never put in the time learning how to have a relationship with God. Our motto so often is "If something is hard to do, then it's not worth doing."

Jesus warned the crowds about this today. He saw that many of them were not training themselves for a relationship with God. Very starkly, he told them the demands of discipleship. The two parables he gives about building the tower and preparing the army concentrate on the necessity of reflection before

action. Those who want to follow Jesus on the way must weigh the costs, and they must not recoil before any sacrifice required of them in order to follow him through to the end, even if this means the sacrifice of all their possessions.

Discipleship is difficult, but training ourselves in this skill need not be. We simply need to spend time every day talking to God, listening to God, and learning about God. If we are struggling, we need to take the same action we do with any skill: we need to learn from a master and practice new methods. In our relationship with God, our masters are the saints and experienced fellow Christians. They will help us grow closer to God and stronger in our faith.

Marriage and family life are difficult too. Like Christian discipleship, they require total commitment and many sacrifices. But again, training ourselves in the skills of marriage and family need not be difficult. Just like with the Lord, we need to spend time regularly talking, listening, and learning in our relationships. We need masters to teach us and new methods to practice. Married couples especially need other seasoned couples to guide them. The Vatican has called time and time again for the formation of groups of married couples and families to support each other. At the very least, we need to make time for family so we can grow together.

Relationships are difficult. Like Homer and Bart, we would rather "go inside and watch TV." But instead, let us listen to Jesus, whose motto was not "If something is hard to do, then it's not worth doing," but rather "carry your cross and come after me."



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are many great opportunities to serve within our parish community. We invite

parishioners to become involved in the Mass which not only enables the ministries of the church to function, but it also promotes spiritual growth within yourself. If you are interested in volunteering as an Usher, Reader, Altar Server, or Communion Minister, please fill out the yellow card which is available in the vestibule and a coordinator will contact you. No experience is required. All training will be provided.



Sunday September 4th 9:30 am † Antonio & Parents Requested by: Marianne Strong

9:30 am † Hue Thi Dong & Nguyen Thi Chin

Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Family

11:30 am † Ann Johnston Requested by: Mary Johnston 11:30 am † Mario Chilelli Requested by: Mary Romeo

Tuesday 9:30 am † Angelo & Lucia DePiro
September 6th Requested by: Ida Lenarduzzi

Thursday 9:30 am For the special intentions of

September 8th Darlene D'Souza

Requested by: D & J. D'Souza

Friday 9:30 am **† Frank Lebouthiller**September 9th Requested by: Samantha Mugford

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



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:

We invite new and former Altar Servers who are interested in serving at Mass to attend a training

September 7th or Thursday September 15th at 7:00 p.m. No experience is necessary. Boys and girls in Grade 4 and higher grades who have already received their First Communion are welcome to join. Application forms can be found on the table in the vestibule

There will be no WELCOME WEDNESDAY meeting this week

(Wednesday September 7th) but will resume on Wednesday September 14 at 10:00 am

BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Baptism is the first sacrament that the church celebrates and leads to all other sacraments. If your child has entered school and is not yet baptized or is baptized in another faith (Lutheran, Anglican, etc.) and you would like your child to be a member of the Catholic church, please call the parish office to make an appointment with Fr. Biju (705) 726-8007 Ext. 201



CWL 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please come help us celebrate. All parishioners are invited to attend the

65th Anniversary Celebration for the St. John Vianney Catholic Women's League, Sunday, October 23rd, 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.



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

And for those who have died recently:

🕈 Tom Hogenbirk.

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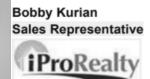
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