

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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KNOW YOUR ROLE

The chapter 15 from St. Luke's gospel is often considered the heart of the Gospel message. In three parables, Jesus sums up what his new Way of life is about. He demonstrates how we should relate to each other and to God. Jesus places the people in the world in four roles. Everybody has a role, but not all the roles are good. Jesus wants us all to be on the same team and to take those roles that help people in trouble.

In the first role are the lost. The sheep, the coin, and the younger son were lost. The lost are those who are caught up in a life of sin. St. Paul tells us that he was in this role in the past, when he persecuted Christians. To the lost Jesus says "return." No sin or past is so awful that Jesus will not forgive it and invite the sinner into membership in his Church.

In the second role are the seekers. The shepherd, the woman, and the father were seekers. They went after the lost ones, the sinners, to convert them and bring them back. The father does not go to the distant country seeking his younger son, but the thought of his father is what brings the son back. This reminds us that God is always seeking sinners and speaking to their conscience. God wants others to take this role of seeker too.

In the third role are the intercessors. Intercessors are those who go directly before God in prayer asking that he return the lost. Intercessors are often in the background. Moses took this role in the first reading when he asked God to spare the Israelites. The friends and neighbors of the shepherd and of the woman, and the servants of the father likely had this role. They rejoiced when the lost was found. Intercessors are necessary prayer warriors who support seekers in the background.

In the fourth and final role are the haters. This modern slang is the perfect description for these people. A hater is someone who can never be happy for another—who always must find a flaw or shortcoming to exploit. The older son in the parable and the

Scribes and Pharisees in real life were haters. They did not want the lost to be found unless these sinners came to them personally and begged for forgiveness. They could not stand the father's mercy toward sinners and expected better treatment for themselves, since they had never been lost.

Everybody in the world is in one of these four roles. We may switch roles at times, and we may have more than one role. Jesus wants us to be on the same team and to help those people who are in trouble.

Are you in the role of the lost? Jesus does not want you to keep this role. He does not want you to stay mired in a life of sin. He wants you back. Receive his mercy in Confession, and accept the help of his other followers so that you can avoid sin and grow in holiness.

Are you in the role of a hater? Jesus does not want you to keep this role. He does not want you to focus on the sins of others or to think you are better than they. He wants you to help sinners and to say along with St. Paul: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost."

Are you in the role of a seeker? Jesus wants you to continue inviting sinners to conversion. This is the role that Jesus himself took. This is the reason that "Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to" him. Encourage and invite people to get to know Jesus and to return to the sacraments. Remember also to ask for prayers from others to keep you strong.

Are you in the role of an intercessor? Jesus wants you to persevere in prayer. Conversion happens at the level of the heart—at the invisible level of the soul. This is where prayer works. Keep praying for sinners. Know that your prayers are affecting their hearts, like the heart of the younger son was moved to return to his father. Remember also to pray for seekers and to encourage them.

Take up the roles Jesus presents to us, seeking and interceding for sinners. Turn away from the roles of sinner and hater. Jesus offers us exciting roles in his plan of salvation. Let us play for his team.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday
September 10th 5:00pm † **Bridie McCormack**
Requested by: McCormack Family

Sunday
September 11th 9:30 am † **Ed Henderson**
Requested by: Colette Henderson

9:30 am † **David & Chris Collingbourne**
Requested by: The Collingbourne Family

9:30 am † **Shirley Richard**
Requested by: Bob Richard

11:30 am † **Patricia Cronin Kearns**
Requested by: The Dempsey Family

11:30 am † **William Sullivan**
Requested by: Wally Plagenz

Tuesday
September 13th 9:30 am † **Ethel Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Wednesday
September 14th 9:30 am For the special intentions of
Mary Jane White
Requested by: Larry White

Thursday
September 15th 9:30 am † **Tom Hogenbirk**
Requested by: Larry & Mary Jane White

Friday
September 16th 9:30 am † **Tom Hogenbirk**
Requested by: Les & Mary Watts



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 session in the church

on **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



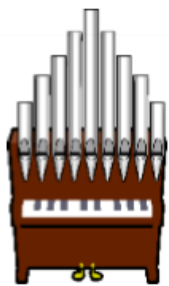
Please pray for those who are sick: Maureen McDonald, Elsie Walsh, Sandy Shetlor, Mary Jane White, Doug Woolway, and Isabel Crickard.

And for those who have died recently: † Tom Hogenbirk, † Mildred Caron, † Ricardo Gil



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.



ORGAN INSTALLATION

The organ installation will take place this week. Please note: weekday Masses, from Tuesday, September 13th to Friday, September 16th will be celebrated in the parish hall.

THERE WILL BE NO LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE

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