

# 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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## **Stewardship Sunday**

### **Homily by Cardinal Thomas Collins**

I remember that once, when I was a seminarian, there was a Mass early in the morning in the seminary chapel, and the priest had a very clever way of getting our attention. He took a little bag containing nickels, dimes, and pennies and, during his homily, he threw the contents onto the marble floor of the chapel so that they all went clinkity-clinkity-clink. Anyone who was asleep at that early time woke up very quickly. The point he was making, which I remember, now after over 50 years, was that we who are serving the Lord need to learn from those who serve mere mammon, mere wealth - earthly things.

For those little coins, for mere material goods, people are willing to spend time, energy, and creativity - to use all their talents and abilities, just to get those coins that were rolling on the floor...so unimportant in the great scheme of things. We who have been given the message of the Gospel, the invitation to the Kingdom of God, and the grace of the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist; we who have been given so many gifts from the Lord, including the brief time we have on this earth, need to use our talents with at least the intelligence, the wisdom, the astuteness of the people of this world who use them very effectively for things which are not worth very much, or even for things which are evil. The children of the light, the servants of the Lord, must know how to be effective in using the gifts that God has given them. That's a very good point which we need to think about, especially this day when we reflect throughout the Archdiocese on the great gift of stewardship.

We are stewards. We are servants who are entrusted with the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. God has given us our very life and the precious gift of time. He has given us our talents and has helped each one of us in different ways. Above all, He has given us the great gift of our faith, as well as the material goods we possess. We've been entrusted with these gifts only for a while, in order that we might use them wisely and astutely, with at least the creativity and the energy that the people who serve false gods, or no God at all, use in the pursuit of the far lesser things that they cherish.

In the traditional wisdom of the church, there is a great way of looking at stewardship, or how to live as one entrusted with the gifts that God has given to us of time, talent, and treasure, and how to use them

fruitfully for the glory of God in the service of our neighbour.

This little bit of wisdom speaks of "See, Judge, and Act". We need to "See" clearly the situation in which we live, just as people who are simply trying to get ahead in the world need to see what is really going on. We need to be astute, shrewd, and prudent in seeing reality clearly, so that we make good decisions. We need to "Judge" and assess our situation according to the principles of the Gospel. Then we need to "Act" effectively, at least as effectively, creatively, wisely, and shrewdly as the children of this world in serving their lesser goals. We are serving the Lord and our goal is the Kingdom of God, and we owe it to the Lord to be at least as fruitful and creative as those of this world.

This is the heart of stewardship. We see the world, we recognize our own abilities to help, and we judge it all according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But then we need to act. We need to act effectively for a good cause. See, judge, and act. This is the guiding light, principle, and method which has long been at the heart of our life of evangelization as servants of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

And so, on this Sunday which, throughout our entire Archdiocese, is dedicated to stewardship, we're encouraged to make effective use of the gifts which we have been given by the Lord, not for selfish ends, but for good, for the glory of God and the service of our neighbour. That is our mission: to see the needs around us, to judge not according to our selfishness, but according to the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and then to act carefully, clearly, creatively, and effectively, in order to serve those who are in need.

In this way, we are able to make present in this world, the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. For we are his representatives here, we are his messengers. He calls us to use the gifts he has given to us in such abundance, during the brief time we have in this world, to show our love for the Lord God by effectively loving others in ways that will help them.

And let us look at our parish: look at all the different ways each one of us can work together as parishioners to strengthen one another; to use our different talents individually, as a parish community, and as a diocesan community to serve other people and to do so for the glory of our Lord. That is our commitment on this Stewardship Sunday, to see the needs, to judge according to the Gospel, and to use the gifts God has given to us to act effectively for the glory of God and the service of our neighbour.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday  
September 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm † Clarence McCorkell  
Requested by: Helen McCorkell

5:00 pm † Jean DeRoches  
Requested by: Janine Bissonette

Sunday  
September 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am **For the living and deceased members of the C.W.L.**

Tuesday  
September 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † Tom Hogenbirk  
Requested by: Sharon McParland & Family

Wednesday  
September 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 am † Tom Hogenbirk  
Requested by: Suzanne Emdin



## Family Faith Formation

Parents with their children. Faith education, Food, Fun, Friends.

St. John Vianney Parish launches a new group which will gather 10:30 to 11:30 am on selected Sunday mornings. Our first two gatherings are Sunday, September 25 and Sunday, October 2. Please join us.



Next **Thursday, September 22, 2022**, Alectra will be replacing a transformer on the church property. As a result, we will be without power from **9:00am – 1:00pm** that day. Please note, we

will be unable to livestream the morning Mass.



## 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.



## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION FOR 2022/2023 SEASON

### FIRST COMMUNION

Parents, if your child is in Gr. 2 this year, mark your calendar for the opportunity to welcome them 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 this week. 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 is in Gr. 7 this year, mark your calendars now!

Registration packages will be sent home to all Grade 7 students in all 6 of our feeder schools this week. 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 AT 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

OR

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29 AT 1:00 pm- 2:30 PM



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners who so generously donated food to our mini food drive. We are truly blessed to belong to such a kind and caring community!



**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:**  
† Rose Marie Gordon



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