

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

Final Destination

Cecil John Rhodes was an enormously wealthy man. He was an English-born businessman, mining magnate, and politician in South Africa. He was the founder of the diamond company De Beers, which today markets 40% of the world's rough diamonds and at one time marketed 90%. An ardent believer in colonialism and imperialism, he was the founder of the state of Rhodesia to perpetuate his name. One day a newspaperman asked him, "You must be very happy." Rhodes replied, "Happy! No! I spent my life amassing a fortune only to find that I have spent half of it on doctors to keep me out of the grave, and the other half on lawyers to keep me out of jail!" He reminds us of the rich man in Jesus' parable in today's gospel.

The main theme of this Sunday is the warning that the selfish and extravagant use of God's blessings, like wealth, without sharing them with the poor and the needy, is a serious sin deserving eternal punishment. Today's readings stress the truth that wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness. Amos, in the first reading, issues a powerful warning to those who seek wealth at the expense of the poor and who all spend their time and their money on themselves. The angry prophet prophesies that those rich and unsympathetic people in the Southern kingdom of Judah will be punished by God with exile because they haven't cared for their poor and suffering brothers in the North. The Psalm praises Yahweh, who cares for the poor. In the second reading, Paul admonishes us to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness" – noble goals in an age of disillusionment – rather than riches. In today's gospel, Jesus repeats the warning against the selfish use of God's blessings, pointing to the destiny of the rich man who neglected his duty to show mercy to poor Lazarus. The rich man's punishment was not for having riches, but for neglecting the Scriptures and what they taught.

Here is the message given by Pope John Paul II in Yankee Stadium, New York during his

first visit to the U.S., October 2, 1979. "The parable of the rich man and Lazarus must always be present in our memory; it must form our conscience. Christ demands openness to our brothers and sisters in need – openness from the rich, the affluent, the economically advanced; openness to the poor, the underdeveloped and the disadvantaged. Christ demands an openness that is more than benign attention, more than token actions or half-hearted efforts that leave the poor as destitute as before or even more so. ...We cannot stand idly by, enjoying our own riches and freedom, if, in any place, the Lazarus of the 20th century stands at our doors."

We are all rich enough to share our blessings with others. God has blessed each one of us with wealth or health or special talents or social power or political influence or a combination of many blessings. The parable invites us to share with others in various ways what we have been given, instead of using everything exclusively for selfish gains.

Our choices here determine the kind of eternity we will have. It has been put this way: "Where we go hereafter depends on what we go after, here." Where we will arrive depends on what road we travel. We get what we choose, what we live for. We are shaping our moral character to fit one of two places.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

On Friday, September 30, 2022, across the country, Canadians will be observing the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. The ongoing journey to healing and reconciliation has a particular relevance for Catholics throughout Canada given the church's involvement in operating many residential schools and recognizing the suffering and intergenerational trauma that remains for many survivors to this day. This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to reflect and commit to working for truth and reconciliation in the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.

There is a special collection today for the **NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA**. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Thank you for your support of this important work.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday
September 24th 5:00 pm † **Draga Pudina**
Requested by: The Karin Family

Sunday
September 25th 9:30 am † **Ed Henderson**
Requested by: Colette Henderson

9:30 am † **John Bradbury & Mary Hudson Coyle**
Requested by: Jane Bradbury

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

11:30 am † **Armand Poissant**
Requested by: Deborah Morgan

11:30 am † **Raoul Poissant**
Requested by: Deborah Morgan

11:30 am † **The deceased members of the Macdonell Family**
Requested by: Rosemarie Macdonnell

Tuesday
September 27th 9:30 am † **James Patterson**
Requested by: The Ball Family

Wednesday
September 28th 9:30 am † **Tom Hogenbirk**
Requested by: Suzanne Emdin

Thursday
September 29th 9:30 am † **Bernie Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



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 gatherings start this Sunday and continue next Sunday, October 2nd. We hope you will join us!



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. If you have the gift of music and would like to join our music ministry, please fill out the blue card. Both cards are available in the vestibule.



The St. John Vianney Facebook page has changed! It is now called, **“St. John Vianney Parish, Barrie”**. Please note, our old Facebook page is no longer accessible. We welcome you to check it out!



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION FOR 2022/2023 SEASON

FIRST COMMUNION

Parents, if your child is in Gr. 2 this year, please note; registration packages were sent home with all Grade 2 students in all 6 of our feeder schools this past 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 child is in Gr. 7 this year, please note; registration packages were sent home with all Grade 7 students in all 6 of our feeder schools this past week. If your son/ daughter 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

Life Chain

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this year's Life Chain, an annual vigil to demonstrate against abortion. The event is promoted by the Campaign Life Coalition. The event will be held on Sunday October 2nd from 2-3:00 pm. Meet at the corner at Bayfield St. and Cundles Road from 2-3:00pm. All are welcome to join this peaceful demonstration. Signs will be available to display.



You are invited to join our **Welcome Wednesday Drop-in** for some midweek conversation and fellowship. We welcome adults and caregivers at home with small children. We meet every Wednesday from 10-1.

RCIA: If you are interested in becoming Catholic, this program is for you. Please call the office for details.



Please pray for those who are sick:
Isabel Crickard.

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