# 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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## Size Doesn't Matter

When Laverne W. Hall was asked her definition of faith, she couched it in the following narrative. Summer sun and a lack of rain had left the fields parched and brown. As they tended their wilting crops, the townspeople worriedly searched the sky for any sign of relief. Days turned into arid weeks and still no rain came. The ministers of the local churches announced that there would be a special service to pray for rain on the following Saturday. They requested that everyone bring an object of Faith for inspiration. At the appointed hour, everyone came, filling the town square with anxious faces and hopeful hearts. The ministers were touched to see the variety of objects clutched in prayerful hands; prayer books, Bibles, crosses, rosaries, etc. Just as the hour of prayer was concluding, and as if by some Divine cue, a soft rain began to fall. Cheers swept the crowd as they held their treasured objects high in gratitude and praise. From the middle of the crowd, one faith symbol seemed to overshadow all the others; a small nine-year-old child had brought an umbrella! Without speaking a word, the child enunciated that quality of authentic Faith which expresses itself in commitment. By bringing the umbrella, the child affirmed the fact that Faith is more than intellectual assent to a set of revealed truths or theological doctrines.

All three readings for the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time speak a lot about "Faith" and how it works in our lives. The first reading presents Faith as trusting in God and living with fidelity to the Covenant. Here, Faith is shown as hope and steadfast expectation in the face of suffering and delay. God assures the prophet that Faith gives us access to Divine power, and, hence, the just will live righteous lives in the midst of encircling evil because of their Faith. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 95), God is characterized as a sturdy rock and a caring shepherd, surely worthy of our trusting Faith. In the second reading, Paul presents Faith as our acceptance of Jesus as the fulfillment of the promises of God. Paul stresses the need for a living Faith in, and loyalty to, Christ's teachings handed down to us by the Church. Hence, Faith is belief in, and acceptance of, revealed truths based on the authority and veracity of God, and Hope is trust in God. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his Apostles that Faith is sharing in God's power, and, hence, even in small quantities it allows God to work miracles in our lives and in the lives of others. It is Faith, meaning reliance on, or

confidence in, God, which makes one just, putting him into right relation with God and neighbor. While the Apostles ask for an increase in the quantity of their Faith Jesus reminds them that the quality of their Faith is more important. Using a master-servant parable, Jesus also teaches them that for Faith to be effective, it must be linked with trust, obedience and total commitment — an active submission to God with a willingness to do whatever He commands.

Following the example of the Apostles, we must pray for greater Faith and trust in God. Most of us are inclined to forget God's providence when our earthly affairs are going well. How often do we thank Him when we enjoy good health, or when our home-life and business are going smoothly? How many of us thank God for all the gifts we have received? We often attribute our good health to correct use of food and exercise. Often we attribute our success to our hard work and intelligence. It is only when a storm arises in our life that we think of God. We pray to Him only when trouble strikes. In His Infinite Goodness, God often answers such prayers. If, however, we had thought of Him every day and realized His place in our lives, with how much more confidence would we approach Him in our hour of need? If our own personal lives were stronger in Faith, how much more readily would we accept the adversities and the trials that face in our lives? This is why we must ask God today to "increase our Faith" at all times.

#### INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION FUND

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held this weekend to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The fund was the result of a \$30 million financial commitment made by the Canadian Bishops in September 2021. Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture. This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of the Holy Father made earlier this year for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online. visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Envelopes are also available at the back of the church. Thank you for

your generosity.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday October 1st 5:00 pm † **Tom Hogenbirk** Requested by: Wendy Gordanier

5:00 pm † **Evy Barros Bateman** Requested by: Aida Bateman

Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 am † Vincent Mancinelli

Requested by: Family

9:30 am † Philip & Cecile Roy Requested by: Colette Henderson

9:30 am † Mildred Caron

Requested by: The Knights of Columbus

9:30 am **† Anna Farchione** Requested by: Foglia Family

9:30 am For the special intentions of

Yvette & Gerard Doiron
Requested by: Gary Doiron
11:30 am † Tom Hogenbirk

Requested by: Mike & Maria Hardie
11:30 am For the special intentions of

Rishi & Risha

Requested by: Richa

Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am **† Jean Paul Lalonde** Requested by: Marinus & Lenore

Logtenberg

Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am **† Tom Hogenbirk** Requested by: Suzanne Emdin

Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am **† Denise Burgess** Requested by: Jo-Ann Maggio

Friday

9:30 am † Alicja Fischer

October 7th

Requested by: Barbara Charuba 9:30 am **† Marina & Frank Prior** 

Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Fellowship



This weekend Fellowship will be hosted by the Eucharistic Ministers. Please join us in the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, treats and Fellowship after the Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.



### **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 next gatherings are Sunday, October 2, Sunday, October 23, and Sunday October 30. Please join us.



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.



Do you love to sing? Can you play a musical instrument? Looking for a relaxed, friendly environment and community to share your love of music? Please consider joining the

St. John Vianney Choir. New members welcome! Simply complete one of the blue cards available in the vestibule or call the parish office at (705) 726-8007 Ext. 201

#### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

## Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Please let us honour you, our many volunteers, who serve on our various Ministries to join us for a Volunteer Appreciation luncheon featuring all you can eat chicken wings courtesy of **South Barrie Wild Wing** situated on Mapleview East. Lunch will be served from 12:30 – 2:00 pm in the parish hall. Invitations will be distributed by your Ministry leader. If you wish to contribute a favorite salad or dessert for our luncheon, that would also be most welcome. We look forward to the opportunity to celebrate your efforts and enjoy your company. Hope to see you there!

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, Pastor

#### FIRST FRIDAY

October 7<sup>th</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 with Benediction.

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-3:00 pm.

Meet at the corner at Bayfield St. and Cundles Road from 2-3:00 pm. All are welcome to join this peaceful demonstration. Signs will be available to display.



Please pray for those who are sick:

Isabel Crickard

And for those who have died

recently:

♥ Debbie Rose Cliffe & ♥ Monica Zarb

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