

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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GRATITUDE IS THE BEST ATTITUDE

Many years ago, Arthur Simon, a well-known advocate for the poor, was visiting the African nation of Mozambique during a severe famine. He and his companions came across a group of refugees who had left their village in search of food. They had only the tattered clothes on their backs and a few cooking pots. At night they slept in makeshift tents, and by day they foraged for berries, nuts and little creatures to supplement the meager daily ration of grain provided by a relief agency. Many of their number had died, and each of them had a terrible personal tale to tell. Yet, as Simon was preparing to leave them, a group of their women began to sing, clap, and dance in a circle. They were obviously happy, and Simon asked an interpreter what it was they were singing. What he heard came as a shock. These impoverished and hungry refugees who had endured such hardships were singing, "We have food! We have clothes! We have everything!" They had so little, and yet they were so grateful.

We find a story like this amazing. We know that, in spite of the blessings that surround us, we sometimes grumble about our situation, and we should be both ashamed and inspired by the witness of those, like the women in Mozambique, who are truly grateful for the little they have.

Today's readings remind us that we often fail to be as grateful as we might be. For instance, we heard how Naaman the Syrian was grateful for the healing ministry of Elisha the prophet, in contrast to God's people, who had rejected Elisha's ministry. In the gospel we heard how Jesus healed ten lepers. Yet only one of them came back to thank Jesus, and he was a Samaritan- not considered to be one of God's people, while the other nine were.

We are children of God. Are we truly grateful for all that God has done for us? It's a question we need to ask ourselves, because all of us, at times, can come up a little short in the gratitude department, for any number of reasons. Sometimes we take our blessings for granted. We think we're entitled to them or that we've earned them, and we forget that they're gifts from God. Maybe we're resentful about things we want but don't have, and we stop being grateful for the things we do have. It's so easy for envy and self-pity to squeeze gratitude out of our hearts. Or it could be that we so often focus upon the negative that we fail to ever see the positive. That's why it's important for us to cultivate gratitude, by intentionally counting our blessings, and thanking God for them.

At a human level, cultivating gratitude is certainly worth the effort. Study after study has shown that grateful people are happier and healthier. Furthermore, the grateful people are more likely to reach out and help those with personal problems and offer them emotional support. This suggests that while ungrateful people are focused mostly

upon their own needs, grateful people are more likely to consider the needs of others. In other words, ingratitude breeds selfishness, and gratitude inspires service.

Maybe that last insight can help us to appreciate what Jesus did for us at the Last Supper. Our Lord knew that he was about to be betrayed by a friend, and that he'd be abandoned, rejected, tortured, and brutally executed. Yet in spite of that, he was still able to be grateful- grateful to do God's will, and grateful to be able to do something that would help those he loved, namely, suffer and die for them that they might live forever. Because he was grateful, he was able to think of us. What's more, he left us a sacrament at that Last Supper- the Eucharist, which is a Greek word meaning "thanksgiving." In his darkest hour, Jesus gave us this gift so that we, like him, might give thanks to God, even when things seem pretty dark for us.

Jesus commands us to celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday. You might say then that Jesus commands us to be grateful, because he knows how easy it is for us to be ungrateful. He saw that when nine lepers he had healed ran off and left him behind, without even offering a simple word of thanks.

All of us have things that we should thank God for, but don't. This doesn't need to be the case, however. We can make a special effort to identify our blessings, especially those we often overlook or undervalue. Let's try that this week. Like the women in Mozambique, let's not forget the basics- food, clothing, life itself. Let's include family, friends, work, freedom and little things like a cool breeze or a fresh cup of coffee. Then there are those challenges that help us grow, and the lessons we've learned through hardship. Most of all, there's God's love for us, his gifts of faith and hope, and his promise of eternal life. Then, once we've counted our blessings, let's bring them all in our heart to our next Eucharist and offer praise and thanksgiving to God the Father, in union with Jesus, who himself has shown us the way.

Are you able to host a Ukrainian family?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 80,000 Ukrainians have already arrived in Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 500,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org)) and register for a virtual information session.

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday
October 8th 5:00 pm † Mildred Caron
Requested by: Paul & Susan Bench

5:00 pm † Zdenko Skracic
Requested by: Family

5:00 pm For the special intentions of
Kazia Szpila
Requested by: Lidia Hrapovic

5:00 pm For the special intentions of
Anna Cormaggi
Requested by: Marg McGibbon

Sunday
October 9th 9:30 am † Valerie Bridge-Moll
Requested by: The Knights of Columbus

9:30 am † Steve Perkić
Requested by: Agnes Perkić

9:30 am † Hue Thi Dang & † Ut Au
and the special intentions of
Maria Khuyen Hoang
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

9:30 am For the special intentions of
Theresa Rasevych
Requested by: Linda Lacasse

9:30 am For the special intentions of
Frank Spizzirri
Requested by: Linda Lacasse

11:30 am † Noel O'Brien
Requested by: O'Brien Family

11:30 am For the special intentions of
Adjavuvu Family
Requested by: Adjavuvu Family

Wednesday
October 12th 9:30 am † Tom Hogenbirk
Requested by: Suzanne Emdin

Thursday
October 13th 9:30 am † Jonathan Devitt
Requested by: The Devitt Family



**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION FOR
2022/2023 SEASON
FIRST COMMUNION**

Parents, if your child is in Gr. 2 this year, please note; registration packages have been sent home with all Grade 2 students in all 6 of our feeder schools. 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 have been sent home with all Grade 7 students in all 6 of our feeder schools. 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

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR PAKISTAN

Devastating floods in Pakistan have displaced hundreds of thousands. More than 1,500 people have died following record rainfall with 33 million throughout the country affected by this disaster.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada – Development and Peace as well as the Archdiocese of Karachi) to support relief efforts underway. Please note that these organizations are not subject to the government matching funds program. Those wishing to help may do so in the following way:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website –

www.archtoronto.org

By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411.

Please continue to pray for those who have died and been displaced as a result of this tragic situation in Pakistan.



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.



Please pray for those who are sick:

Isabel Crickard, Maria Pasko

And for those who have died recently:

† Monica Zarb, † Marro Giora, &

† Jordan Paxton

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Sunday October 16, 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

In recognition of the many volunteers who volunteer their time and talent in our various ministries, I would like to invite you to a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, October 16th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the church hall. The afternoon will be filled with fun, fellowship and food featuring all you can eat chicken wings courtesy of *South Barrie Wild Wing*. If you wish to contribute a salad or dessert that would be greatly appreciated. Please let your Ministry leader know if you plan on attending.



The first FALL practice for our choir will be held this Friday, October 14th @ 7:30 pm. It is not too late to be involved! Simply fill out one of the blue registration cards found in the foyer.

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