

# 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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## **WHY GOD WANTS US TO PRAY**

The importance of prayer is the message of Jesus to us in today's gospel reading. Our Lord told a parable of a widow who came before a dishonest judge day after day after day until finally he was so fed up that he finally gave her what she asked for.

Now, Jesus was not saying that God our Father is like a crooked judge who we need to pester. What Jesus is saying is that you and I must "pray always without becoming weary" and "call out to him day and night."

But why is this? If God already knows our needs, why do we need to tell him about them? And if we do tell him, why do we need to tell him more than once? What's the point in doing it again and again and again? If you're puzzled by questions like these, here are a few things to consider: First, persistence tests our faith, something that helps us grow and reminds us that we are dependent upon him, and not upon ourselves. Second, persistence teaches us patience, and reminds us of God's patience with us. Third, persistence honors the fact that God always acts in freedom and isn't a spigot of grace that we can turn on and off as we wish. Fourth, persistence tells God that some need is very near and dear to our hearts, and not just a passing fancy or a casual request. And fifth, persistence can make clear to us that God's agenda, and God's timetable, are sometimes very different than ours. Sometimes God says "Yes!" Sometimes God says, "Not yet." And sometimes God says "No."

We can have a hard time accepting the fact that God can say "No", especially when we think that what we're asking for is good and reasonable. We can be tempted to think that maybe God is deaf or that he just doesn't care. And we can begin to wonder if there's any real use in praying at all. But the fact remains that God doesn't grant us every wish. If He did, we'd begin to think that God is our servant, and forget that it is we who are the servants of God! God would be nothing more than a "genie in a bottle" or the proverbial "gumball machine." You know, put your quarter in, and get your candy out!

It's also important to remember that God isn't interested in making our lives easy. God is interested instead about making us holy- and there's certainly nothing easy about that! To shape us into holier people, God's will for us includes both difficult and painful things- something we need to keep in mind when God's answer is "No."

However, sometimes God says "No" because he's trying to get us to ask for something else! The

famous Jesuit writer Fr. John Powell tells of having once been terribly nervous before a big speech he was to make. It was unusual for him to be so nervous because he gave big speeches all the time. So, he began to pray and pray that God would take his nervousness away. But nothing happened. Then he remembered a piece of advice he'd once been given: "If you keep asking God the same question and you don't get an answer, try another question!" So, he asked God as to why he was so nervous, and he wondered if there was something that God was trying to say to him.

And indeed, there was. In a moment of deep insight, God told Powell that he was too concerned with making a reputation for himself. Instead, what God wanted him to do was to love his listeners, not impress them. As Powell would later write: "I had been praying for the grace to show them how good I was. I should have been praying for the grace to love them."

One final thing: If we ask God for something, we need to be willing to let God use us to answer our own prayer. We can never say, "I'll ask God to take care of it, so I won't have to!" It doesn't work that way; prayer doesn't relieve us of responsibility. As one old joke goes, "If you pray to win the lottery, you first have to buy a ticket!" Or to paraphrase Pope Paul VI, if we pray for peace, we must work for justice. If you pray for a better marriage, you need to work at being a better partner; if you pray for your kids, work at being a better parent. In short, pray as if everything depends on God, and work as if everything depends on you!

The bottom line is that God won't give us everything we want. But he will give us everything we need. Yet he wants us to ask; he asks us to ask! In the words of St. Teresa of Avila, "God never gets tired of giving; so, let us never get tired of asking."

### **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

**Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 pm – 2:30 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 Dr. East. Lunch will be served from 12:30 – 2:00 pm in the parish hall. 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*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday  
October 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm † Joe Pisani  
Requested by: Pisani Family

5:00 pm † Blaznka Skracic  
Requested by: Zenko Skracic

Sunday  
October 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † Julian Lacasse  
Requested by: Linda Lacasse

9:30 am † Len Smyth  
Requested by: Family

9:30 am For the living and deceased members of the CWL

11:30 am † Lisa Proud  
Requested by: Maria Hardie

11:30 am † Morgan Russell  
Requested by: Terri McCallum

11:30 am † Devon Northrop  
Requested by: Terri McCallum

11:30 am † Annu Tomy  
Requested by: Maria Tomy

Tuesday  
October 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † H el ene Lalonde  
Requested by: Marinus & Lenore Logtenberg

Wednesday  
October 19<sup>th</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. Please join us on the following Sundays; October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will join us!



The CWL Bazaar will be held Saturday November 19, 2022

from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are requesting any preserves, jams, knitting, crafts, new to you and religious items you wish to donate. Please feel free to drop off any items on Wednesdays between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

All donations of baking can be dropped off the week of November 17, 18<sup>th</sup>, and early November 19<sup>th</sup>.



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.



### REGISTRATION MEETING NEXT WEEKEND FOR 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 REGISTRATION

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

### 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.



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!



Please pray for those who are sick:

Isabel Crickard

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