

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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GAUDETE SUNDAY SMILE

A number of years ago, a young college student was working as an intern at his college's Museum of Natural History. One day while working at the cash register in the gift shop, he saw an elderly couple come in with a little girl in a wheelchair. As he looked more closely at this girl, he saw that she was kind of perched on her chair. The student realized that she had no arms or legs, just a head, neck and torso. She was wearing a little white dress with red polka dots. As the couple wheeled her up to the checkout counter, he turned his head toward the girl and gave her a wink. Meanwhile, he took the money from her grandparents and looked back at the girl, who was giving him the cutest and the largest smile he had ever seen. All of a sudden, her handicap was gone, and all that the college student saw was this beautiful girl, whose smile just melted him and almost instantly gave him a completely new sense of what life is all about. She took him from being an unhappy college student and brought him into her world - a world of smiles, love and warmth.

Today is *Gaudete* Sunday. Today we light the rose candle to express our joy in the coming of Jesus as our savior. The prophet Isaiah, in the first reading, encourages the exiled Jews in Babylon to rejoice because their God is going to liberate them from slavery and lead them safely to their homeland. In the second reading, James the Apostle encourages the early Christians to rejoice and wait with patience for the imminent second coming of Jesus. Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus encourages John the Baptist in prison to rejoice by casting away his wrong expectations about the Messiah and simply to accept his healing and preaching ministry as the fulfilling of the messianic prophecy of Isaiah.

A few years ago in Reader's Digest a lady by name Barbara Bartocci reported searching for the perfect birthday card for her husband. She came across a promising one. On the outside it read: "Sweetheart, you're the answer to my prayers." Then she turned to the inside, which was inscribed like this: "You're not what I prayed for exactly, but apparently you are the answer." In a strange way, something like that was running through John's mind as he sat there in that prison. He and his people had hoped and prayed for years for a Messiah, one anointed by God to lead the nation, a deliverer who would vanquish occupying forces, conquer all enemies, establish a great kingdom, and usher in an

era of peace and prosperity. In time past, and not that long ago, John had come to believe that the prayers had been answered. The Messiah was none other than his own cousin, Jesus of Nazareth. But his mission was spiritual.

If John the Baptist, even after having had a direct encounter with Jesus, had his doubts about Jesus and his teachings, we, too, can have our crises of faith. On such occasions let us remember the truth that all our Christian dogmas are based on our trusting faith in the divinity of Jesus who taught them, and on his divine authority which he gave to his Church to teach what he taught. Hence, it is up to us to learn our faith in depth and remove our doubts.

We rejoice at the thought that Jesus is going to be reborn in our lives as love, mercy, forgiveness and the spirit of humble and sacrificial service during this Christmas season. Hence let us joyfully share God's bountiful grace, forgiveness, and mercy with others. What Jesus commanded John's disciples, he commands us as well: *Go and tell others what you hear and see.* This means that we have to share with others our experience of the rebirth of Jesus within us.

Today's readings remind us that our lives can also be transformed if we are patient and place our trust in God. The message of Advent is that God is present among us, in our everyday lives. We must prepare our hearts to recognize and welcome Him.

 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S HOLY MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Dec. 24th Christmas Eve 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm
Sunday Dec. 25th Christmas Day 9:30 am & 11:30 am
Saturday Dec. 31st New Year's Eve 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday January 1st, 2023 New Year's Day 9:30 am & 11:30 am



ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Dec. 13th - 16th: Immediately following the 9:30 am Mass.

Sat. Dec. 17th: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Dec. 20th-23rd: Immediately following the 9:30 am Mass.

Sat. Dec. 24th: No Confessions

Sun. Dec. 25th: No Confessions

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday
Dec. 10th

5:00 pm ✠ Ludvik Kirec
Requested by: Karin Family

5:00 pm ✠ Len Shirose
Requested by: Christine Liggett

5:00 pm ✠ Phyl Taylor &
✠ Audry Knapp
Requested by: Taylor Family

Sunday
Dec. 11th

9:30 am ✠ Tina Rashid
Requested by: Paul Rashid

9:30 am ✠ Christian Rynkowski,
✠ Czeslaw Rynkowski &
✠ Eugeniusz Piatek

Requested by: Dorota Rynkowski

9:30 am For the Living & deceased
members of the CWL

9:30 am ✠ Joseph Hien Tran &
✠ Anton Anh Nguyen
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

11:30 am ✠ Mike McCormick
Requested by: Les & Mary Watts

11:30 am ✠ Gerald Matthews
Requested by: Alves Family

Wed.
Dec. 14th

9:30 am ✠ George D'Souza
Requested by: D. & J. D'Souza

9:30 am ✠ Tom Hogenbirk
Requested by: Suzanne Emdin

9:30 am ✠ Paul Fedy
Requested by: Larry & Mary Jane White

Fri.
Dec. 16th

9:30 am ✠ Hugh McCormack
Requested by: McCormack Family

9:30 am ✠ Joan Bagley
Requested by: Maria Hardie



Many thanks to ADAMS FUNERAL HOME for their generous donation of 2023 calendars for the parishioners of St. John Vianney Church. You may pick up your calendar at the back of the church after Mass. *(Quantities are limited)*

Family Faith Formation



Parents with their children. Faith education, Food, Fun, Friends. St. John Vianney Parish invites you to join our new group which meets Sundays from 10:30am-11:30am. We hope to see you this weekend and on December 18th!

Offering Envelopes



2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2023 Envelopes are now available in the vestibule. Please ensure you put your name and address on the first 3 envelopes beginning with January 1st, 2023. All those with pre-authorized monthly giving are reminded to pick up a box of special envelopes as not all envelopes are covered by your pre-authorized giving. There are registrations pamphlets for parishioners wishing to begin pre-authorized monthly giving.

Thank you for your continued support!



Christmas Welcome Wednesday Gathering

Please join us this coming Wednesday for our Welcome Wednesday Christmas gathering! There will be a movie, games, a small luncheon and live Christmas music. Come share some Christmas cheer, all are welcome!



CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Would you consider becoming a CWL member? We are Catholic women of action. We pray for one another and care for the less fortunate. We support our parish. The CWL are now accepting 2023 membership for both new members and renewals. If you would like to join this dynamic group of ladies and share your talents, we would be most happy to have you! We will be available after each Mass in the parish hall registering members. The cost is \$37.00 for the year. If you have any questions, please call Bernadette at 705-436-6240



SAVE THE DATE: Sat. Dec. 17th at 7:00 pm for A CHRISTMAS CLASSIC CELEBRATION

Come and join our choir and guest soloists for a fun-filled musical celebration of Christmas. The evening will begin right after the 5:00 pm Mass with a light meal and refreshments in the parish hall followed by Organ fanfare, choral flare, and family carol sing-along fun beginning at 7:00 pm.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of \$2,000.00! As always, we appreciate your support and dedication to the growth and development of our parish.



WELCOME SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND!

Come join us for coffee & treats and get acquainted with your fellow parishioners by attending "WELCOME SUNDAY" in the parish hall after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Masses. This weekend will be hosted by the Lectors.



Please pray for those who are sick:
Brian Ballenger, Isabel Crickard & Maria Pasko

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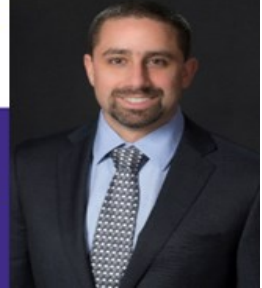
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