

# 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

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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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## **The Unsung Hero of Christmas**

Attempts to portray Jesus in the cinema are varied. We may recall films like *The Last Temptation of Christ*, or *Jesus of Montreal* and a few years ago Mel Gibson's drama, *The Passion of the Christ*. But the most impressive, with a ring of truth about it is probably a film done by an Italian Communist named Pasolini, entitled *The Gospel according to Matthew*. There were no added words, just the text of the gospel. The opening of the film portrays the episode described in today's gospel reading. For about 7 or 8 minutes not a word is spoken as we see a strong, wholesome young man walking towards a village. Standing in a doorway in the village is an obviously pregnant girl. We can see at once that the man is Joseph, the village is Nazareth and the girl is Mary. Joseph is striding along, carefree and happy until he catches sight of Mary. He stops transfixed in shock. This is the girl he is going to marry, this is the girl his parents and her parents have chosen as a suitable wife. And she is pregnant. In a close up Mary's eyes seem to try and say, there is an explanation, I can explain. Joseph waits for no explanation, he turns on his heel and just walks and walks and walks for miles until exhausted, he collapses and falls asleep. In his sleep the explanation is given in a dream. He wakes and slowly walks back to the village. Mary is waiting. Their eyes meet. And you know they both somehow know that nothing wrong has occurred but that somehow God has intervened.

Joseph goes on to accept in faith his vocation – his role in the story of God with us. Quietly, without fuss, Joseph is open first of all to believe the mystery of the virgin birth. And secondly to take his essential part in the drama of Christ in his infancy and all that goes with it. That surely was no easy thing when you consider that faith in the virgin birth of Jesus from the very beginning has met with opposition, mockery and incomprehension from Jews and Gentiles alike. This one teaching and tradition is treated with contempt by unbelievers and with doubt by believers. Joseph believed and accepted the word of God.

John the Baptist is a prominent Advent figure and since Advent is about Coming and since John was the one who supremely prepared the way for that coming it is appropriate that he be given such a prominent place in the liturgy of Advent.

But today we focus on Joseph because he represents all the quiet, unobtrusive, hardworking men and women who are as essential to the story of every family and enterprise as Joseph was to the story of the birth of Jesus. God notices that kind of person – 'my eyes are drawn to the man of humble and contrite heart'. This is what catches the loving gaze and attention of God.

The drama of the gospel today is about that humble and just man, St Joseph. He believed when it was not easy to believe. A man of faith! We know now what God was doing. Joseph had only a dream to go on. Taking Mary as his wife while already pregnant in this strange way. How could he explain that if the nosy and inquisitive began to ask questions? A humble and just man, who represents the quiet, hardworking providers for families. Man or woman provider – if funds are running low – trying to make ends meet – pray to St. Joseph.

Tradition says that Joseph died young. No sign of him in Jesus' adult life – passion and death – at his end Jesus and Mary there – patron of happy death.

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



## **ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

Sat. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
 Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>: Immediately following the  
 9:30 am Mass.

Sat. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: No Confessions  
 Sun. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: No Confessions

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm ✚ Anton Karin Requested by: Karin Family
	5:00 pm ✚ Mauricio Jose Cornejo Requested by: Anita Reynolds
Sunday Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am ✚ Tina Rashid Requested by: Paul Rashid
	9:30 am ✚ Ed Henderson Requested by: Colette Henderson
	9:30 am ✚ Frank Balogh Requested by: Fatiga Family
	9:30 am ✚ Joseph & Irene Balogh Requested by: Fatiga Family
	11:30 am ✚ Daniel Waslen Requested by: Lorelei & Paul Baker & Family
	11:30 am ✚ Len Shirose Requested by: Christine Liggett
	11:30 am ✚ Joseph Bauer Requested by: Family
Tuesday Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am ✚ Butch & Marion Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Wednesday Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 am ✚ Mickie Oakes Requested by: The Leavitt Family
	9:30 am ✚ Tom Hogenbirk Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
Friday Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30 am ✚ Irma Bulfon & ✚ Fr. Ermanno Bulfon Requested by: Ruffieux & Bulfon Family

### 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.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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!**



### Welcome Wednesday Gathering

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



### 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 our various volunteers.



### Mass Intentions

Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons, for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honour of a birthday. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact the Parish office at (705) 726-8007 Ext. 201 or drop by the office during regular office hours.



### Baptism

Baptismal Preparation Kits (Registration Forms) are available for download from our parish website ([www.StJohnVianneyBA@archtoronto.org](http://www.StJohnVianneyBA@archtoronto.org)) or for pick up from the parish office. Baptisms usually take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Attendance at a baptism preparation class (virtual class via Zoom) is mandatory before baptism takes place. Please fill out the application form and submit it to the parish office and a staff member will call you to discuss dates.

### SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION

#### AND CONFIRMATION:

It's not too late to register for these sacraments. Please visit our parish website at [www.StJohnVianneyBA@archtoronto.org](http://www.StJohnVianneyBA@archtoronto.org) for more information and to download the registration forms. You may also come to the parish office during regular business hours to pick up a registration package.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon, Dec 26<sup>th</sup>, (in observance of Christmas Day) & Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> (in observance of Boxing Day)**



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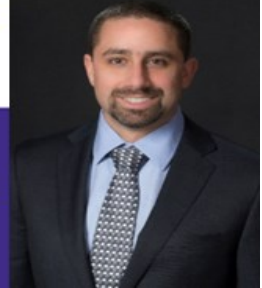
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