

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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PRESENTS AND PRESENCE

During Christmas time we give presents to different people and others give presents to us. What's it all about? It all goes back to the story of

the wise men going to Bethlehem, falling down on their knees, and offering the best gifts they could afford to the Baby King. But Christmas is not just about giving presents. It's more about *being present*, i.e., sharing ourselves with warmth, affection, and sincerity. The quality of our personal presence is everything. In practice, gift-giving may sometimes be aimed more at keeping on side and keeping the peace than being really present. In fact, gift-giving may at times be part of the commercialization of Christmas instead of an expression of unconditional love.

The wise men were completely single-minded and sincere in their gift-giving. Their gifts were expressions of their respect, reverence, gratitude, and love for the child. Their gifts were given with no strings attached, no conditions, and no mixed motives. The flaws in our own gift-giving may make us feel that the whole business of exchanging Christmas presents should be abolished, and that the commercialization of Christmas should be restrained and restricted, if not eliminated altogether.

If we think such thoughts, it may help to remember that the consumerism of Christmas is somewhat necessary. Were it a completely spiritual celebration, hundreds of small businesses would go to the wall. Thousands of factory workers making bonbons, trees, chocolates, decorations, cards, and toys, would find themselves unemployed. It may also be helpful to

remember that if people did not spend money on gifts to family and friends at Christmas, their consciences would not be roused to make donations to the poor and needy at this special time of giving and sharing.

Despite the limits and flaws in our gift-giving, it's important to both keep the practice alive and to purify it of its worst excesses. It's particularly important to the lives of children. The good news is that while they are attracted to receiving e.g., a gift of an I-pad or of shiny new rollerblades, they are also attracted to the Crib and to the story of the baby lying there clothed in rags. Their hearts are touched by the plight of his parents who are so poor that they can offer him nothing but their protection and affection.

In fact, children very easily get the message that this is a story of love. They appreciate the humanity of the Holy Family, their struggles, and their sacrifices, to bring to the human race the Light of the Nations. The story of the visit to the Crib by the Wise Men is a story of giving and receiving. It speaks of how gifts express love between people, and of how gifts given with love bind people together. But it is not simply about the giving of things but the giving of persons, the sharing of selves.

In celebrating Epiphany, we are celebrating the greatest proof of goodness there has ever been, of God's deeply personal love for us. For it was out of love, that the Father gave us the Son, and gave him to be our Light, our Savior, our King, and our Joy. His present to us is nothing less than the divine presence in our lives.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday Jan. 7th 5:00 pm † Tom Hogenbirk
Requested by: Suzanne Emdin

Sunday Jan. 8th 9:30 am † Tina Rashid
Requested by: Paul Rashid

9:30 am † Lucy Valli
Requested by: Family

9:30 am † David & Chris Collingbourne
Requested by: Collingbourne Family

11:30 am † Ron & Glynn Johnston
Requested by: Keith Binns & Family

11:30 am † Rosina Montagnese
Requested by: Family

11:30 am † Len Shirose
Requested by: Christine Liggett

11:30 am For the special intentions of
Auriel Johnston & Family
Requested by: Keith Binns & Family

Wednesday Jan. 11th 9:30 am † Peter & Dorothy Prior
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Thursday Jan. 12th 9:30 am † John Emdin
Requested by: Suzanne Emdin



Rite of Christian Initiation for Children



Baptism is a prerequisite for other Sacraments such as First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you wish your child in Grade 2 or older to be baptized or to be welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church (when baptized in another Christian church) please contact the parish office to register. RCIC begins 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 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.

*****PLEASE DISCARD ANY REMAINING 2022 ENVELOPES*****

Welcome Wednesday Gathering

Please join us this coming Wednesday for our Welcome Wednesday gathering! There will be a movie, games, and fellowship. All are welcome!



Family Faith Formation

Parents with their children. Faith education, Food, Fun, Friends. St. John Vianney Parish invites you to join our new group every Sunday this month. NEW TIME: Now after the 11:30am Mass.

Pastoral Letters of Reference

If you foresee that you will require a pastoral letter of reference from the pastor for the purpose of applying for a position within the Catholic School Board or to become a Confirmation sponsor or Godparent, it is essential that you introduce yourself to the priest well in advance so that he can get to know you. A letter of reference is meant to attest that a person is a "practicing Catholic", one who regularly attends Sunday Mass with the Parish Community and is actively involved in the parish. A priest who does not have some acquaintance with a person cannot satisfy such a request.



Knights of Columbus Council # 10370

Presents: The 2023 Council Basketball Free-Throw Competition on Saturday, January 14th, 2023

St. John Paul II School GYM for Girls and Boys 9 to 14 years old (age as of January 1st, 2023)

Register at St. John Paul II School between 9:30am and 10:00am (registration tables are in front of the gym). All Contestants must complete the registration/entry form (signed by their parents or guardian) and provide proof of age (birth certificate, health card or passport). Winners will go onto the District finals in February.

Ages 9-11 shoot from the 12 foot line

Ages 12-14 shoot from the 15 foot line

Contact Brother Kyle Tilley with any questions at 705-730-6512



Couples wishing to be married must contact the pastor at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office at (705) 726-8007 to book an appointment.



Please pray for those who are sick:
**Patricia Fujiwara, Arthur Coulson,
Brian Ballinger,
Isabel Crickard & Maria Pasko**
And for those who have died recently:
† Horace DeBarros

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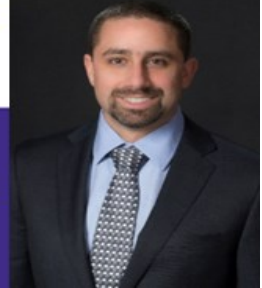
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