

# 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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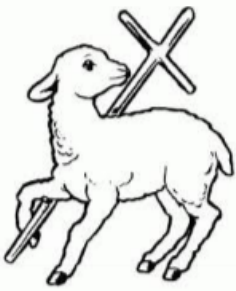
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### **THE LAMB OF GOD**

Sara, a nurse at Beach Hospital in Bombay was taking her morning shower when she heard screams coming from the street. Quickly changing, she saw to her horror a little girl being dragged across the street by two stray dogs. The child was covered with blood. Sara rushed out and managed to snatch the girl from the dogs. But the dogs would not give up. Suddenly jumping up they managed to get a good hold of the girl and jerked her from Sara's hands. As soon as she fell to the ground, the dogs began to bite the child on the head, hands, and stomach. Sara jumped on top of the girl and lay flat on her, protecting the girl from the dogs, using her body as a shield. Now the dogs began attacking Sara. She was in agony as they dug their teeth into her hip and thighs. But Sara did not move, all the while attempting valiantly to kick the dogs with both her legs. Meanwhile two people came running from nearby houses with heavy sticks in their hands and managed to beat the dogs and chase them away. A passing van was stopped and picking Sara and the little girl, sped away to Beach Hospital where the girl underwent six hours of surgery and Sara four. It took six months for their wounds to heal. "I never regretted what I did," said Sara. "I'll do it again if needed!"

Today's readings challenge us to live like the Lamb of God and to die like the Lamb of God. In both the first and second readings, God calls individuals to his service. The gospel passage presents three themes, namely, John's witness to Jesus, Jesus' epiphany and identification as the "Lamb of God," and the call to discipleship. Those who are called gradually accept the identity of the One who calls them.

Today's Gospel reminds us that being a disciple of Jesus means that we grow by faith to become witnesses for him. And witnessing to Christ is an active, not passive, lifetime enterprise. One cannot be a disciple of Jesus at a distance any more than one can be a distant lover. To love Christ is to be drawn close to him, to know Christ personally, to experience him through the Bible, through prayers and sacraments, and to inspire others to want to know him. To help Christ is to share the Good News about him with others. Blessed are we when we bring to others the gifts of love, peace, justice, and mercy, thus becoming witnesses for the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The essence of our witness-bearing is to state what we have seen and believed and then to invite others to "come and see." For John, faith began by responding to the invitation to "come and see." Three times Andrew brought someone to Jesus -- first, his brother, Simon, then, a boy with five barley loaves and two fish; and finally, "some Greeks", which signalled the hour for the Son of Man to be glorified. We tell others about good restaurants, barbers, optometrists, etc. Why isn't there the same fervour over inviting and encouraging people to come and participate in our church activities? Often, we hesitate to do so because of the false notion that talking about religion is taboo in our culture, or that religion is a private matter and shouldn't be shared with others, or that we don't have much of a personal faith to share, or that our worship services would not be appealing to others. One of the differences that faith should make in our lives is the desire that others -- especially those without a religious faith -- might also share in and benefit from the relationship God offers through Christ. If we are not willing to invite others into this experience, what does that say about our experiences with Christ and with our church?

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday  
Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm † Joseph & Marija Soklic  
Requested by: Margaret Francelj

5:00 pm † Antoine Frigault  
Requested by: Gerard & Viola Frigault

Sunday  
Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>

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

9:30 am † Clare McCorkell  
Requested by: The Collingbourne Family

9:30 am † Jose & Mariana Ferreira  
Requested by: Marianne Strong

9:30 am † Allen Ellis  
Requested by: Family

9:30 am † Len Smyth  
Requested by: The Smyth Family

9:30 am † Maria Fe Senerez  
Requested by: Family

9:30 am For living & deceased members of  
the C.W.L.

11:30 am † Tom Hogenbirk  
Requested by: Suzanne Emdin

11:30 am † Irv White  
Requested by: Marg White-Jacobs

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

11:30 am † Donald Macdonell  
Requested by: Rosemarie Macdonell

Wednesday  
Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>

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



Fr. Biju will be out of the country from Monday January 16 – and returning on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please wish him well and keep him in your prayers as he

journeys to India to visit his parents, family and friends then heads to the Holy Land to join parishioners on a Pilgrimage.



### Family Faith Formation

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



Please join us after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Sunday Masses for fellowship & refreshments. Hosts are volunteers from the various ministries. This weekend your hosts are the Lectors. We hope to see you there!

### 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.

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

### 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 information and registration packages or come to the parish office during regular office hours.

### 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.



Please pray for those who are sick: **Patricia Fujiwara, Arthur Coulson, Brian Ballinger, Isabel Crickard & Maria Pasko.**

Please pray for those who died recently: † **Patricia Briand.**

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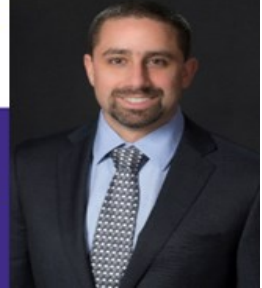
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