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

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm Closed from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for lunch



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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***Emergency due to death or serious illness, press 9.

BEATITUDES

Attending a wedding for the first time a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" Mom said, because white is the color of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought for a moment then said, "So, why is the groom wearing black?"

Oscar Wilde said, "Some people bring happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go". Once the British government tried to create a "happiness index" to find out just how cheerful its citizens are. The plan was dropped, as one politician explained, "You cannot capture happiness on a spreadsheet any more than you can bottle it." Is he right? Is there no way to measure happiness?

Kids are happier when eating a piece of cake than when eating broccoli. Aren't you happier when the Toronto Blue Jays win, than when they lose? Yes, it's not difficult to figure out what makes us happy. Then again, the happiness that comes from eating cake or watching our favorite team win is happiness that doesn't last.

In today's gospel, Jesus is teaching us what brings true and lasting happiness. For some reason, many people look at the Bible and all they can see is the negative. They emphasize the prohibitions, the curses, the punishments, the destructions, and the judgments and get the impression that God has the disposition of a dill pickle. They seem to see God as the "cosmic killjoy" who spends His time trying to think up new ways to make people miserable.

In today's gospel Jesus paints a different picture of God. He shows us a God who wanted us to be happy – who wanted to fill our life with joy, happiness, satisfaction, and delight. And that's what we find in Beatitudes. This is the first sermon recorded in the New Testament as having been preached by Jesus. It begins with a promise of happiness. Nine times the voice of Jesus reached out to the multitudes seated on that hillside – people who were oppressed

politically, socially, religiously and economically – with the offer of genuine happiness.

'Psychology Today', magazine sent out a questionnaire asking two questions: "What is happiness?" and "How do you obtain happiness?" The results were interesting and informative. From the responses to the questionnaire, they discovered that happiness is not dependent on wealth. What people had or did not have, whether they were rich or poor, made no difference in determining whether a person was happy. They found out if you were wealthy, you might be a little more comfortable in your misery, but that it is not what made a person happy.

Another thing they found out was pleasure does not make a person happy. People might do a lot of things to entertain themselves—parties, games, vacations—all would bring some temporary relief, but pleasure, in and of itself could not make a person happy or bring lasting happiness. Here is the conclusion the magazine drew. Happiness is not found in having. Happiness is not found in feeling. But happiness is found in being.

That's exactly what Jesus tells us today. Happiness is in being. Being merciful, meek, gentle, kind and being a peacemaker. Jesus wants us to have true and lasting happiness, the happiness that the world cannot give. The eight beatitudes we have in today's gospel constitute a road map for anyone who seeks to attain this happiness of the kingdom. If we live by the teachings of Jesus, then scripture says, "Rejoice and be glad, for our reward is great in heaven".





Saturday Jan. 28th

5:00 pm & William Lynch

Requested by: Eric & Marlaine Ramsbottom

Sunday Jan. 29th 9:30 am Trina Rashid Requested by: Paul Rashid

9:30 am **P Edmundo Gato** Requested by: Marianne Strong

9:30 am **P Ed Henderson** Requested by: Colette Henderson

9:30 am For living & deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

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

11:30 am Tr Kathy MacDonald Requested by: Ian Zinn

11:30 am & Hanh Tran Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

11:30 am For the special intentions of Maria Thuy Mai & Maria Khuyen Hoang Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

Tuesday Jan. 31st 9:30 am P Michael Thomas Meleskie Requested by: Eric & Marlaine Ramsbottom

Thursday Feb. 2nd

9:30 am & Herberth Escobar Requested by: Lidia Escobar & Family

9:30 am & Frank & Marina Prior Friday Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Feb. 3rd

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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake supper on Tuesday February 21st in the parish hall from 5:00 pm to

7:00 pm. This will be a great time to get together as a church community and enjoy a delicious dinner as we enter the season of Lent. Cost is \$10 (cash only) for adults and children under 16 free. Tickets will be sold NEXT weekend and at the door. Any monies surplus after cost of supplies will be donated to the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul. Please join us for this fun event



Family Faith Formation

Parents with their children. St. John Vianney Parish invites you to join our group every Sunday. NEW TIME: Now

after the 11:30am Mass. Faith education, Food, Fun, Friends.

2022 TAX RECEIPTS

Please be advised that parishioners will receive their 2022 tax receipt for donations made in the 2022 calendar year in the mail sometime before February 6th, 2022.



SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION:

It's not too late to register for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Parents, please bring your completed registration package to the church office during regular office hours. If you did not receive a registration package, they are available on our parish website and from the parish office. Please inquire at 705-726-8007 or visit https://stjohnvianneyba.archtoronto.org for further details and information about this year's program.

LEGACY SOCIETY OF THE ARCDIOCESE OF TORONTO

If you have included your Parish in your Will or estate plan, please let us know. Through the Legacy Society of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we would like to say a special thank you. All Legacy Society members are invited to the Annual Legacy Society Lunch & Mass by the Archdiocese of Toronto. They also receive: • A hand-crafted cross blessed by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. • A personal letter from Cardinal Collins and a certificate acknowledging your intention. · Invitations to Legacy Society functions and other special events. Let your legacy be a testament of your faith! All Legacy Society members have the option of remaining anonymous. If you have any questions, please contact the Development Office at development@archtoronto.org or 416 934 3400 ext. 519.



Please join us after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Sunday Masses for fellowship Fellowship refreshments. Hosts are volunteers from

the various ministries. This weekend your hosts are the Eucharistic Ministers. We hope to see you there!



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 Wed. from 10-1.

Friday February 3rd is the first Friday of the month. First Fridays have traditionally been associated with devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament. To appropriately observe First Fridays there will be Eucharistic adoration following the 9:30 am Mass until 11:00 am with Benediction.



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



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