

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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Love your Enemies

On Oct. 2, 2006, a mentally ill man entered a one-room schoolhouse in the Amish village of Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania, and, after letting the teacher and the boys leave, proceeded to shoot eight young girls, ages 6 to 13, killing five of them and severely wounding the rest. Afterward he took his own life.

This terrible act of violence was followed by a remarkable act of forgiveness and reconciliation on the part of the grieving Amish community there. They visited the shooter's widow and children, provided them with food and money, and attended the man's funeral. Because, the community's elders said, they were followers of Jesus and prayed the Lord's Prayer every day, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others."

Such a compelling example of faith and love in the face of wanton violence throws light on the Gospel passage we hear today. Continuing to draw from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, we encounter what may be the most radical and uniquely characteristic teaching of Jesus: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." What is key about this teaching of Jesus is the motivation for such heroic love: "that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust."

Jesus concludes: "So you must be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." The sense is that striving to love an enemy rather than reciprocating their violence and hatred makes one act as God acts, God whose love is lavish, unearned and indiscriminate.

The God revealed by Jesus is a God of wondrous love and forgiveness. John's

Gospel portrays the entire mission of Jesus, particularly his own giving of his life out of love, as a revelation of this incomprehensible love of God for us.

Expressed here is another astounding biblical teaching ratified in Christian tradition: namely, that we are called to be like God. The creation account in the first chapter of Genesis declared that we human beings were formed "in the image and likeness of God." In the same vein, the first reading from Leviticus declares: "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." Similarly, in the second reading Paul reminds his community in Corinth: "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

The remarkable truth of Christian faith is that in refusing to treat others with hatred and violence, and instead loving generously and in a spirit of reconciliation, we manifest divine qualities. We become holy as God is holy.

Here we find an inspiring portrait of the human person as God intended. There are moments, such as the response of the Amish community in Nickel Mines, where we clearly see the astounding capacity of those who are able to respond with forgiveness and love in the face of raw violence and hatred. There are also examples of ordinary Christians who in quiet and unheralded ways choose not to pass on enmity but to strive for reconciliation instead. This is the God-like beauty of the Christian life to which we are called.



THE LENTEN SEASON

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated this year on **Wednesday February 22nd**. There will be two Masses – one at 9:30 a.m. and the other at 7:00 p.m.

Both Masses will be livestreamed from our website: <https://stjohnvianneyba.archtoronto.org>

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday February 18 th	5:00 pm † Tom Hogenbirk Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
Sunday February 19 th	9:30 am † Philip & Cecile Roy Requested by: Colette Henderson
	9:30 am † Irene Taylor Requested by: Gary Harper
	9:30 am † For the deceased members of the Mullins Family Requested by: Anita Reynolds
	11:30 am † Len Shirose Requested by: Christine Liggett
	11:30 am † Laura Sarmiento Requested by: La & Li Lopez Family
	11:30 am † Maryanne Zammit Requested by: Charles & Mary Ash
	11:30 am † Mary Doyle Requested by: Brede, Jeff & Family
Thursday February 23 rd	9:30 am † Tom Hogenbirk Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
	9:30 am † For the deceased members of the Feltracco Family Requested by: Augusto Feltracco
Friday February 24 th	9:30 am † Manuel Vieira Requested by: Eric & Marlane Ramsbottom



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake supper on **Tuesday February 21st** in the parish hall from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. 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. Children under 16 are free. Tickets will be sold **THIS** 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.

The Stations of the Cross

Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings at **7:00 pm.** during Lent. The first Stations of the Cross will take place **Friday February 24th** and will be led by members of the Catholic Women's League.



HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORT FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN TURKEY & SYRIA

Two devastating earthquakes and hundreds of violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused great destruction in both countries. As search and rescue operations continue, the latest reports indicate that there are more than 40,000 people injured and the rising death toll has now surpassed 43,000. Freezing cold weather conditions are complicating rescue operations and adding further risk to survivors.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, CNEWA, and Jesuits International) to support relief efforts underway.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-turkiye-and-syria-relief/>

- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

St. John Vianney Church
(Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief)

Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster in both Turkey and Syria.

Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church.

THERE WILL BE NO WELCOME WEDNESDAY GATHERING THIS WEEK

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES and **SUNDAY MISSALS** are available at the welcome table in the vestibule or by visiting the parish office during regular business hours.

Happy Family Day!
Monday Feb. 20th
(The office will be closed)

*Together
we make a
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Please pray for those who are sick: Mary Spencer, Joe Bottone, Brian Ballinger, Isabel Crickard & Maria Pasko

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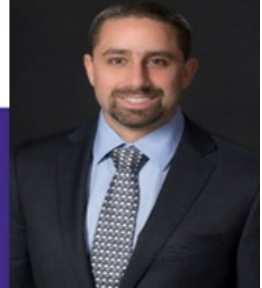
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