

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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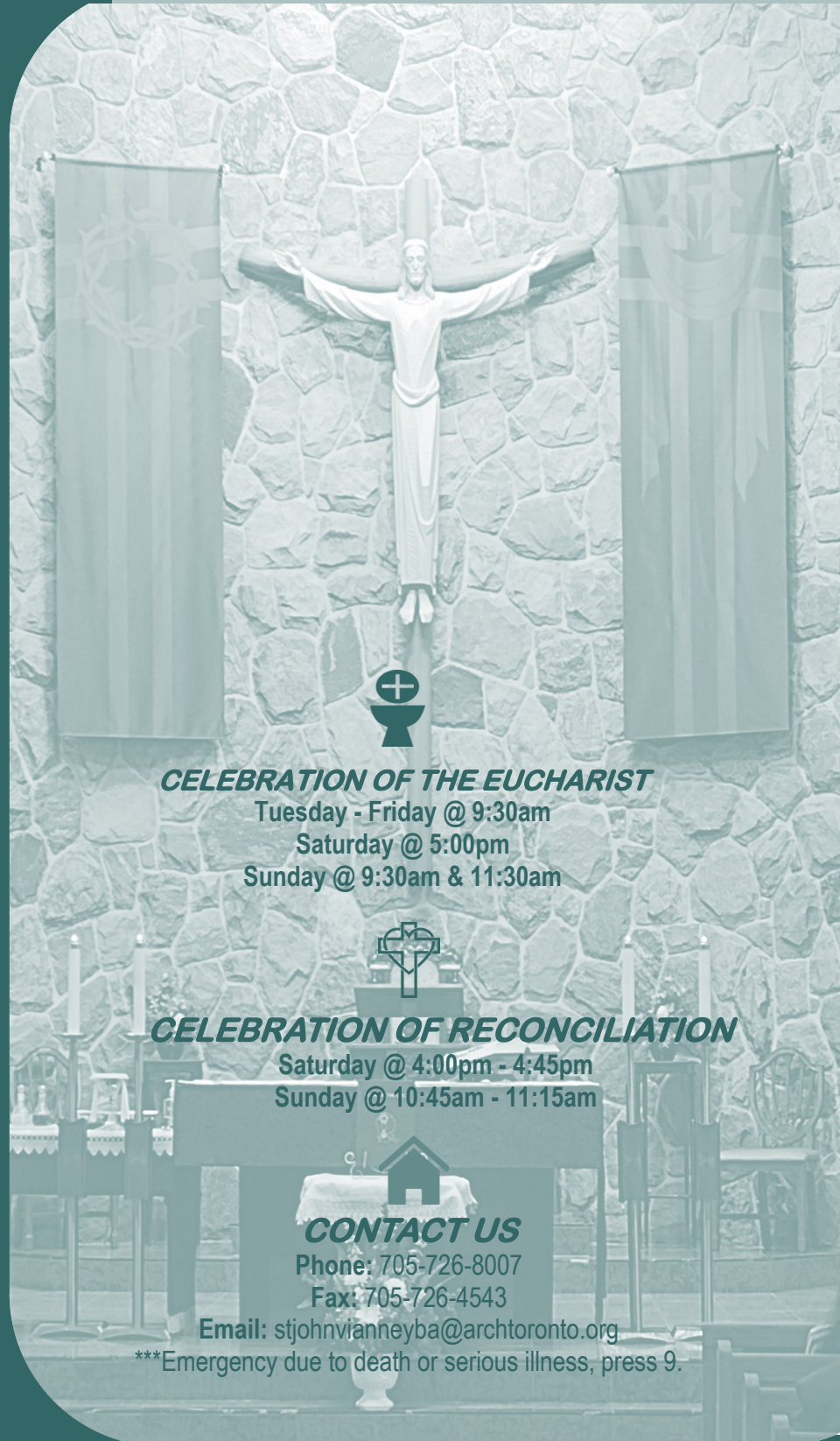
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Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Closed from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for lunch

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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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THREE TEMPTATIONS

At first glance, the three temptations that Jesus faced in the wilderness may seem somewhat remote from the things that tempt us. With a little imagination, however, we can see that Jesus' temptations point to situations that are very human and very relevant. This is what Luke wanted us to do: use our imaginations and in this way bring the Gospel message into our lives.

Take the first temptation - to turn stones into bread; that is, for Jesus to use his power to satisfy his desire. Many of us have power to satisfy our needs and wants. But, are we free enough to forego using this power for ourselves and to use it for the benefit of others instead, as Jesus constantly did? Are we free enough to do this even for a time - like the forty days of Lent? Do we find that we give up something for Lent, but really are looking forward to indulging ourselves in forty days' time? The period of abstinence justifies the indulgence. If this is our attitude, have we grown in any way? Is this freedom or enslavement?

Now the second temptation - Jesus can have the kingdom if he sells his soul to the devil. In our terms, this could be to gain advantage over others by 'selling' oneself in the process. Take our search for a desirable 'career path'. We have ambitions and we want to get on in life. This is a good thing and we give it a good name - progress. But how often do we succumb to the temptation to improve ourselves at the expense of others? We can be witty about another's foibles and it looks harmless enough. In truth, however, the other is a rival and our purpose is to put him or her down. Is this healthy competition or, once again, a form of enslavement, both of myself because I 'sell out' on being fair and honest, and of my rival who is demeaned? Jesus rejected the temptation to sell himself to the devil; he came to set us free from all forms of slavery.

Finally, the third temptation - to put God to the test. This is the most destructive of all because, if it takes root, the others will follow. In effect, we try to enslave God who is expected to do our bidding. After all, God is on our side, so the Scriptures say - and you will notice that the devil is able to quote Scripture very effectively too to suit his purpose. In modern terms, we want a god that we can wind up at will and then put away on the mantelpiece where he will not bother us until needed again. If this is our attitude to God, then it will affect our attitude to human beings as well.

The season of Lent, forty days like Jesus' forty days in the desert, gives us an opportunity to reflect on our lives and discern where we are failing: indulging that tendency to look after myself first; falling for the temptation to put others down so that we can advance - and calling it 'healthy competition' to justify ourselves. Above all perhaps, failing to appreciate the nature of our relationship with God and the extraordinary freedom and dignity that is offered us. We are a consumer society and we can fall into the trap of treating God and neighbor as consumables or disposables.

Another temptation is to see Lent as a reminder of just how bad we are - we approach it with grim determination, or perhaps we just give up, gloomily. Not at all! As Luke writes, Jesus returned from baptism in the fullness of the Holy Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. At the end of forty days he was hungry alright, but he wiped the floor with the tempter. The Holy Spirit is now with us and Jesus is with us. We have good reason to believe that, despite our shortcomings and failures, Lent is a time of good news and growth in the Spirit.

Friday March 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.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday February 26th
 - 9:30 am For the special intentions of **Maria Thuy Mai & Maria Khuyen Hoang**
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
 - 9:30 am For living & deceased members of **The Knights of Columbus**
 - 9:30 am ✚ **Domenic Fazari**
Requested by: Silvano Fazari
 - 11:30 am ✚ **Len Shirose**
Requested by: Christine Liggett
 - 11:30 am For the special intentions of **Maria Pasko**
Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
 - 11:30 am For the special intentions of **Ana Lobo**
Requested by: The O'Brien Family
- Wednesday March 1st
 - 9:30 am ✚ **Tom Hogenbirk**
Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
- Thursday March 2nd
 - 9:30 am ✚ **Denise Burgess**
Requested by: Jo-Ann
 - 9:30 am ✚ **Marcella & Denis McCarthy**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior
- Friday March 3rd
 - FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 10 -11 AM
 - 9:30 am ✚ **Frank & Marina Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



Thank You
for Your Support!

The St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners for their support of the Parish Pancake Supper held this past Tuesday. More than 100 parishioners and their families supported the event and enjoyed an evening of fellowship and socializing. Because of the success of the evening, the Knights of Columbus will be able to donate \$500 to the St. John Vianney St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you to all who attended and the Knights who prepared and served the supper.



The Stations of the Cross

Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings at **7:00 pm.** during Lent. The next *Stations of the Cross* will take place **Friday March 3rd** and will be led by members of the Knights of Columbus.

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

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Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

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LENTEN RETREAT



WHEN: SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2023

TIME: 9:00AM -3:00PM

Cost: \$45.00 includes lunch

Where: QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE, 1617 BLYTHE RD, Mississauga

CONTACT: JEAN 905-278-5229 OR OFFICE@QOA.CA

THERE WILL BE NO WELCOME WEDNESDAY GATHERING THIS WEEK



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