

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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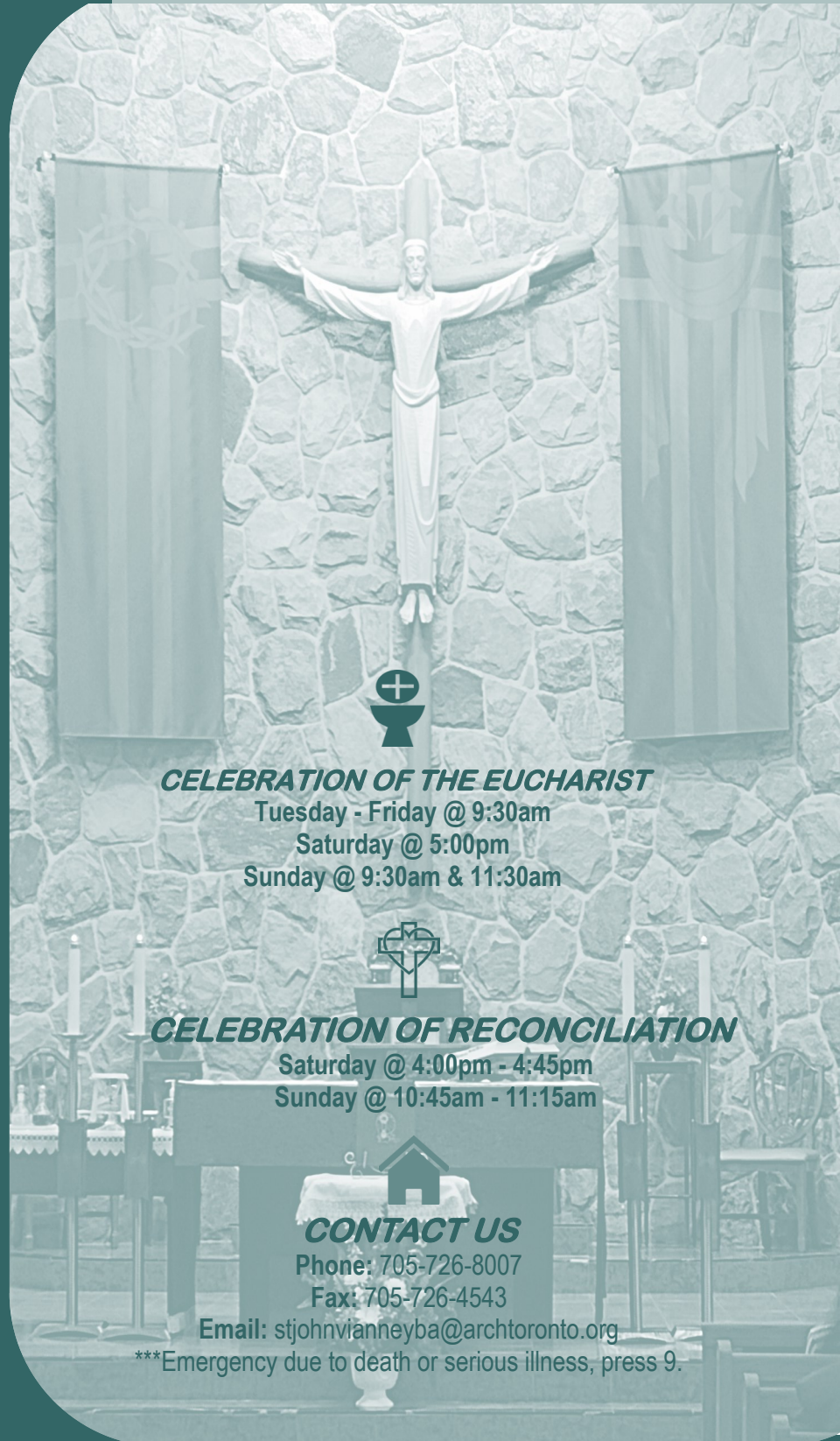
OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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

THE WORLD IS A WEDDING

The human quest for God begins in the soul -- even before birth -- from the moment of conception. We seek God because that is how he created us -- creatures made in his own image and likeness. The desire for God is written in the human heart. We are created by him, but also for him. As the psalmist writes, "Like a deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God." (Ps 41)

The search for God is universal. Every human heart seeks God, but God is not outdone -- he also seeks us. He draws us to himself like a thirsty woman going to fetch water from a well. She is going about the sixth hour when the sun is high in the sky noon. She is a woman of Samaria -- a pagan place!

She is surprised to find a Jew there, already waiting by the well, without a bucket. He says to her, "Give me a drink." She is startled by this gesture. "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria? The romance begins.

The woman is a world of her own -- a universe of the heart, thirsting for love, looking for it in all the wrong places! She has had five husbands, and the one she has now is not her husband. Somewhere love has died -- along the way, her bucket is empty.

Love comes to meet her at the well -- the thirst of the Father coming to meet us in Jesus Christ! 'If you knew the gift of God and who it was saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water'.

The world's greatest romance is the thirst for God! In the words of the prophet Hosea, 'Behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her'.

Jesus is the tenderness of God coming to meet us at the well. The human heart is made for his love, above all other loves! He is the Lover, the Bridegroom of the Church who comes to meet the woman at the well -- each one of us -- thirsting for God!

'Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water?'

Her heart is struck by his words. He begins to reveal her to herself -- the dryness of her soul without *God*, the emptiness within not quenched by other loves. He begins to tell her of the nature of his love: 'Everyone who drinks this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

It is an eternal love; it never ends! As Isaiah prophesied: "Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk!" (Is 55:1).

The waters of God's thirst flow through the heart of Jesus Christ! The woman at the well has met the heart of love! She will never be thirsty again: 'Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?' She has entered the bridal chamber. She has found what she was looking for all her life.

He thirsts for our love. The woman has met love -- love who would hang upon a cross that she would never thirst again, that she might have eternal life with him in the Father's house. It is a wonderful love -- a love the world has never known and it is yours in Jesus Christ! Come to the waters and never be thirsty again.

The world is a wedding. The heart of Jesus Christ is the love of the Father made visible to us. He has come to bring us to the wedding banquet. Are we willing to give him one drop of our love, to enter into relationship with him, to begin to draw water from the well who is Christ?

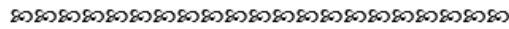


THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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 17th** and will be led by Eucharistic Ministers.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday
March 11th 5:00 pm † For the deceased members of the **Jakubiec Family**
Requested by: Dorota & Family
- Sunday
March 12th 9:30 am † **Huynh Kiem Thu & Mai Viet Phu**
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
- 11:30 am † **Len Shirose**
Requested by: Christine Liggett
- 11:30 am For the special intentions of **The White Family**
Requested by: Marg White-Jacobs
- Wednesday
March 15th 9:30 am † **Tom Hogenbirk**
Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
- Thursday
March 16th 9:30 am † **Ottillie & Deedee Mieschke**
Requested by: Conrad Mieschke
- Friday
March 17th 9:30 am † For the deceased members of the **Ruesink Family**
Requested by: Family
- 7:00 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
led by Eucharistic Ministers



Mass of Celebration to Welcome Archbishop Francis



The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only

event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org. Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Northern Region on Monday April 17, 2023 at St. Mary's Parish, Barrie at 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall.



VOLUNTEER POSITION - Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board require one (1) Volunteer Audit Committee Member. The position is for a three-year term and the primary role is to assist the Board of Trustees in fulfilling its duties related to governance and oversight. More details about the duties, meeting obligations and eligibility requirements can be found on the website at smcdsb.on.ca <https://bit.ly/3XDOn7N>

LIVING A HEALTHY LIFE WITH CHRONIC PAIN

FREE 6-week workshop – 2.5 hours / week at St. John Vianney Church.

Dates: Wednesdays – April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2023 from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

A healthy living series for anyone living with chronic pain. Each week we learn skills to better manage our chronic pain symptoms, the challenges associated with this and ways to improve quality of life. Family members and caregivers are also welcome. Living a Healthy Life resource book and relation CD included. Self Management Program. Register online at: www.nsmselfmanagement.ca or email: dsm@srgbchc.ca or call 705-717-4744 Please see the bulletin board for further details.



HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Toronto Retrouvaille Weekend Friday, April 21 - 23 Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre 1617

Blythe Road, Mississauga. Retrouvaille is for couples whose marriage needs a tune up or even a major overhaul. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples. It is Catholic in origin and outlook but open to people of all faiths. It begins with a weekend experience and continues with a series of follow up sessions. CONTACT: Registration Couple PHONE: 437-234-5610 WEBSITE: <http://torontoretrovaille.com>

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!

CWL MEMBERSHIP

The Catholic Women's League membership for 2023, of \$37.00, was due on January 1st. For payment, please put your cheque or cash in an envelope and drop it in the secure mail slot at the office door. Any time, arrangements can be made by calling Barb Hargrave 705 719-2071.



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!



Please pray for those who are sick: Saif Mansabdar, Richard O'Brien, Mary Spencer, Joe Bottone, Brian Ballinger, Isabel Crickard & Maria Pasko
And for those who have died recently: † Julia Sutcliffe

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