

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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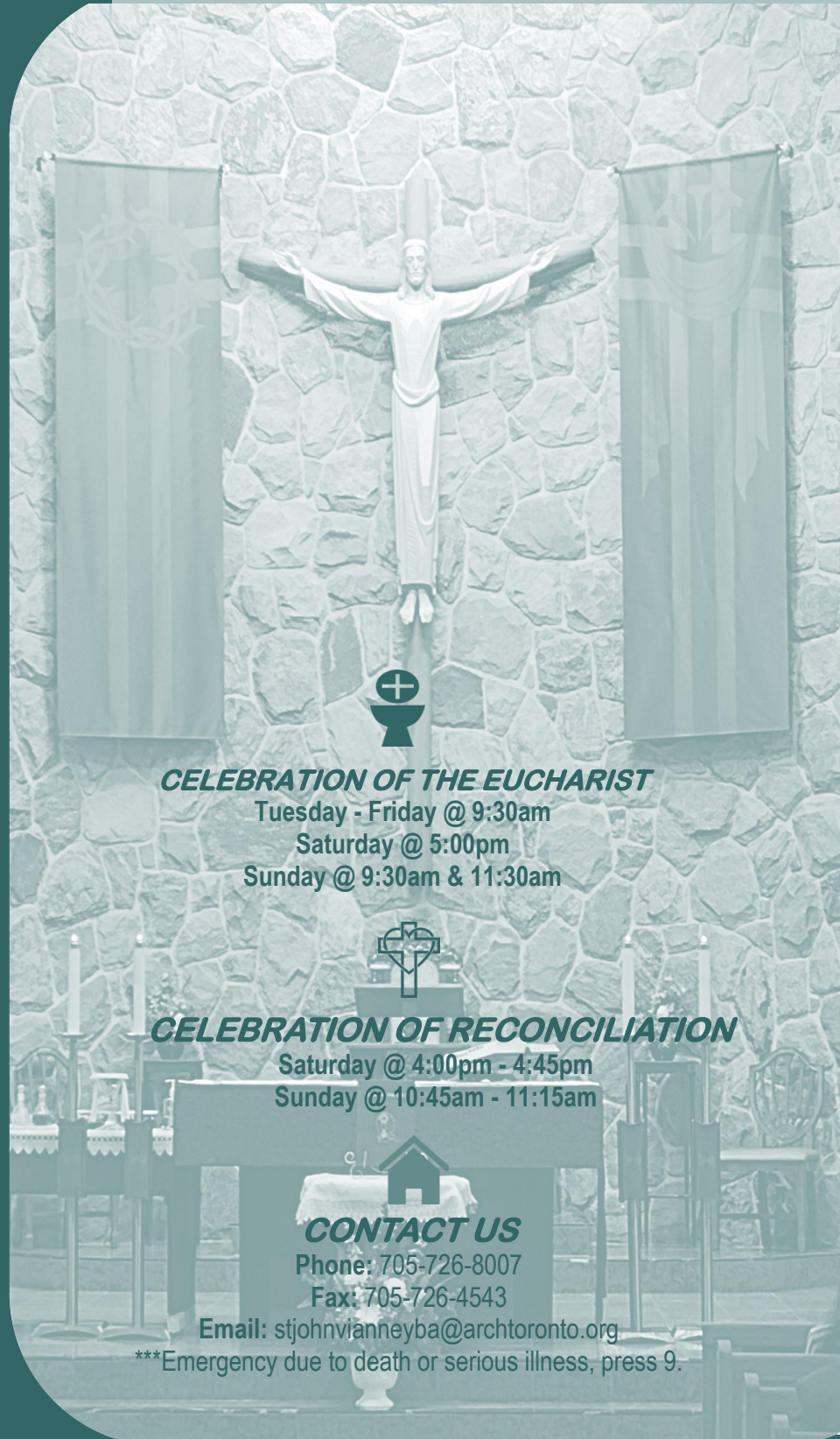
OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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“LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT”

John Henry Cardinal Newman was a professor at Oxford University. When he was an Anglican priest, along with the other scholars, he started the Oxford movement. When he was thirty-two years old, his health was bad, and he took a break from his writings and went to Europe to recuperate. But unfortunately, he contracted a deadly fever. He wanted to return to England, but no transportation was available. As he waited, his life became lonely and tedious; he was experiencing great physical and emotional despair. It is then that he penned a beautiful hymn asking God for light:

“Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on; The night is dark, and I am far from home; Lead thou me on: Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see The distant scene—one step enough for me.”

In his confusion and distress, Newman prayed to the God of Light to lead him from darkness to light, from confusion to certainty, and from sickness to health. God heard his prayer and led him home safely. In 1845, he was converted to the Roman Catholic faith.

We're at the halfway point in Lent. This week, the readings tell us to get rid of the darkness, and to learn to see as God sees. As Father Richard Rohr says in a recent book, "because humans do not see their own truth very well, they do not read reality very well either" As a result of straining away through the darkness, we make many foolish and destructive choices. We're like a person who fails to turn the light on when entering a room. As a result, we knock over tables and chairs, rather than seeing how to use them.

By describing the anointing of David as the second king of Israel, the first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God's help. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility as children of light *to live as children of the light, producing every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.*

Presenting the miracle of Jesus' giving of sight to a man born blind, today's gospel teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of the mind by faith and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. To live as a Christian is to see, to have clear vision about God, about ourselves, and about others. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should serve to heal our spiritual blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God and love them as our own brothers and sisters saved by the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Holy Week and Easter Services  Come Worship With Us!				
Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Sat. April 1 st at 5:00 pm	Thursday April 6 th 7:00 pm The Mass of the Lord's Supper	Friday April 7 th 3:00 pm The Passion of the Lord Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm	Saturday April 8 th 8:00 pm	Sunday April 9 th 9:30 am 11:30 am
Sun. April 2 nd 9:30 am 11:30 am				



LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Those wishing to receive the sacrament are strongly encouraged to attend after the weekday morning Mass in order to avoid long lineups that are typical on the weekend. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered during the following dates and times:

Beginning March 21st – March 31st

Tues. – Friday: 10:00 a.m.

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday March 19 th	9:30 am ✠ Bridie McCormack Requested by: McCormack Family
	9:30 am ✠ Dianne Duivenvoorden Requested by: Ria & Casey Van der Mast
	9:30 am ✠ Claudina, Maria & Manuel Miguel Requested by: Marianne Strong
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Desmond D'Souza Requested by: D'Souza Family
	9:30 am For living & deceased members of the C.W.L.
	11:30 am ✠ Blazenska Skracic Requested by: Zdenko Skracic
	11:30 am ✠ Len Shirole Requested by: Christine Liggett
Wednesday March 22 nd	9:30 am ✠ Tom Hogenbirk Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
Thursday March 23 rd	9:30 am ✠ Bridget Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
	9:30 am ✠ Joan Clark Requested by: Suzanne Clark
Friday March 24 th	7:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS led by St. Vincent de Paul Members



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.



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 24th** and will be led by members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

THE CATHOLIC REGISTER

Anyone wishing to receive a free subscription to The Catholic Register is asked to please sign your name to the list (pink sign-up sheets are available on the table in the vestibule when you enter the church). There are a limited number of subscriptions available. Sign-up is on a first come, first serve basis.

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!

St. Mary's Church - Barrie Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group to Begin

If you are in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ centered faith sharing group is for you. The group meets for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning April 19, 2023, at St. Mary's Church, 65 Amelia Street, Barrie. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship begin at 7:30 p.m. For more details or to register please call Catherine Ecker in the parish office at 705 728 2985 ext. 115.



Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League will be holding their monthly meeting on Monday March 20, 2023, beginning at 12:30. Our guest speaker, Constable Terry Russell RCMP (retired) will give a short talk on scams.

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



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 Ushers. We hope to see you there!



Please pray for those who are sick: Frank Belise, Saif Mansabdar, Richard O'Brien, Mary Spencer, Joe Bottone, Brian Ballinger, Isabel

Crickard & Maria Pasko

And for those who have died recently:

✠ Teresa Mika, ✠ Dianne Duivenvoorden & ✠ Elvira Francesconi

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