

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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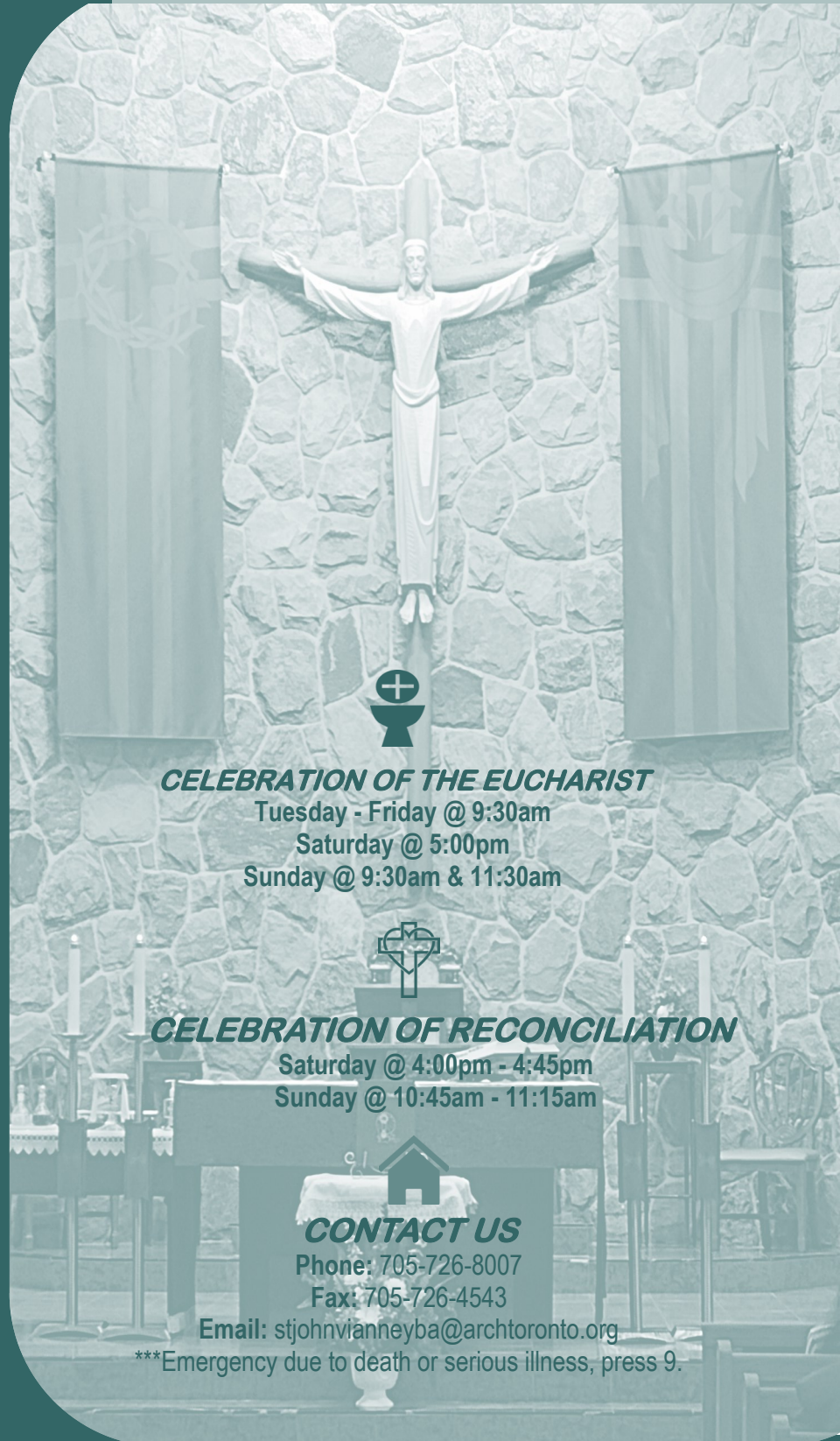
OFFICE HOURS

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.



'WEEPING JESUS'

The Gospel story of this Sunday is the raising of Lazarus from death. It seems a bit strange to have this gospel on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. It seems to be clearly about the resurrection and yet we are still plodding through Lent and have to get through Good Friday before we get to Easter. What's going on; have the Church's liturgical engineers got it all wrong?

Can we suggest that this text is more about death than resurrection? After all, Lazarus isn't walking around today; he had to undergo another death. This text is more about our life and death here and now rather than about the resurrection. We will have time enough to consider the resurrection when we get to Easter Sunday and the weeks of celebration afterwards.

Jesus never hides his tenderness towards the two sisters and their brother who live in Bethany. Surely they are the ones who welcome him in their home whenever he goes up to Jerusalem. One day Jesus receives the message: "Our brother Lazarus, your friend, is sick". Shortly afterwards, Jesus heads out for their small village.

When he gets there, Lazarus has already died. When Mary, the younger sister, sees him there, she breaks down crying. No one can console her. When Jesus sees his friend crying, along with the Jews who are with her, he can't contain himself. He too breaks down and cries right along with them. The people remark: 'See how much he loved him!' Jesus doesn't just cry for the death of a very beloved friend. His soul is broken when he feels the powerlessness of all in the face of death.

All of us carry in our deepest heart an insatiable will to live. How often we wonder, why do we have to die? Why isn't life happier, longer, more secure, and more fulfilled? Today too, like people of every age, we feel in our hearts that unsettling question, one that's hardest to answer: what's going to happen to us when we die? What can we do in the face of death? Fight it? Give up?

Without doubt, the most usual reaction is to just forget that question and get on with living. But isn't the human person called to live life lucidly and responsibly? When the end finally comes, do we end up just approaching it stoically, not knowing where

we stand? In face of the mystery of our final destiny neither scientific nor religious dogmas are of much help. They can't lead us beyond this life. The more honest approach seems to be that of the sculptor Eduardo Chillida who on one occasion said: "Concerning death, my reason tells me that it is final. But then, concerning reason, I guess that my reason is limited".

We Christians don't really know any more about the next life than anyone else. Like all others, we need to humbly approach the dark fact of our death. But we do it trusting radically in the goodness of the mystery of God that is shown to us in Jesus. This Jesus is the one whom we love, without having seen him, and whom in that love, we profoundly trust.

This trust can only be lived by one who responds with simple faith to what Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life. Do you believe this?" Recently Hans Kung, the most critical Catholic theologian of the 20th century, coming toward the end of his life, said that for him, 'dying is resting in the mystery of God's mercy'. That's how we should die.

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				



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 31st** and will be led by Lectors.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Sunday
March 26th

9:30 am ✠ Dianne Duivenvoorden
Requested by: Ria & Casey Vander Mast

9:30 am ✠ Steve Perkić
Requested by: Agnes Perkić

9:30 am ✠ John Annecca
Requested by: Antonietta Annecca

9:30 am living & deceased members of
The Knights of Columbus

11:30 am ✠ Irvin White
Requested by: Marg White-Jacobs

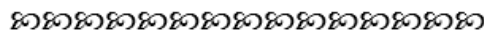
11:30 am ✠ Mike McCormick
Requested by: Keith & Anne McCormick

11:30 am ✠ Rosa de Borjorque Pillco
Requested by: Lali & Family

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

Friday
March 31st

7:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS
led by Lectors



LENTE 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:

March 28th – March 31st

Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 a.m.

Please note: Confessions will not be heard on Saturday, April 1st

DECORATED PALMS



The Catholic Women's League will be selling decorated Palm crosses for \$10 each (cash only) on Palm Sunday weekend; Saturday April 1st after the 5:00pm Mass and Sunday April 2nd after the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses (while supplies last).



Please join us after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Sunday Masses for fellowship & refreshments. This weekend your hosts are the Eucharistic Ministers. We hope to see you there!

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!

BAPTISM



Baptismal Registration Packages are available at the Welcome Table in the church vestibule or on our website under the *Parish Life* tab. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays (depending on the priest's availability). Attendance at a baptism preparation class is required before baptism takes place. Please fill out the applicable form and submit it to the parish office.

LIVING A HEALTHY LIFE WITH CHRONIC PAIN

St. John Vianney will be hosting a *Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Pain* six-week workshop series geared to helping people with chronic pain and how to better cope with the symptoms and activities of daily life. This could include but is not limited to arthritis, migraines, fibromyalgia, repetitive strain injury, phantom limb pain, back or neck pain, multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease, Lupus and other pain related conditions. There is no charge to participate, and all materials and resources will be provided to participants. This peer-led group will meet for 2.5 hours a week over six weeks on Wednesday afternoons in the Luke Room, starting April 12th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Space is limited and registration is through the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre. Please contact Hannah Archer at dsm@sgbchc.ca 705-422-1888 X 133 or 1-833-474-2242 X 133. Register early to reserve your spot and mention St. John Vianney. See the bulletin board in the foyer for further information.



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday:

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. In the words of Cardinal Collins: "Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part."

Our parish goal this year is **\$290,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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

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