# 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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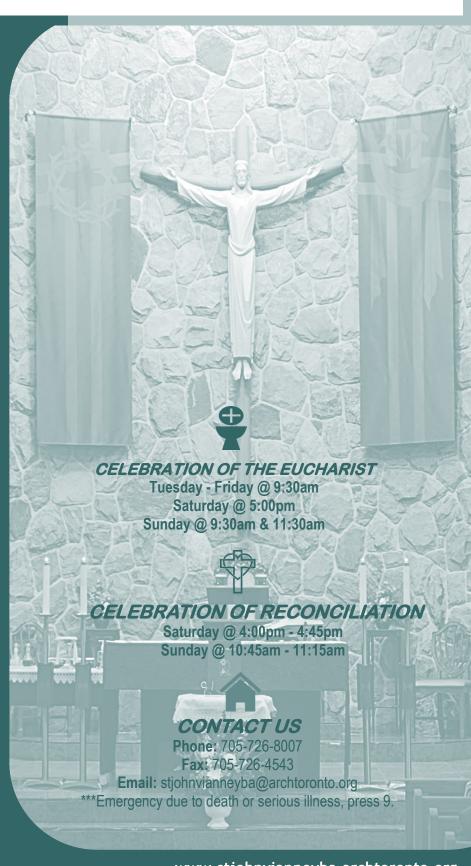
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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm Closed from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for lunch





## TWO PROCESSIONS, A SINGLE HEART

Today is Palm Sunday and the liturgy celebrates two processions, a procession into

the city of Jerusalem, and a procession outside the city walls. Each appears to be quite different from the other. One is a scene of triumph and joy, but the other is one of sorrow and mockery. In each case it is the same character who is on the move, and again it is perhaps the same crowd that accompanies him.

That same central character is of course Jesus the Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. He enters Jerusalem in triumph like a victorious king, and he leaves like a defeated prisoner, one bound for execution. And yet in each case he is the same -- obediently making his way to the cross to vanquish sin and death, to capture our hearts for his Father, to lead our souls in final triumph to paradise.

But while the same central character is the Christ, our unchanging king, that same crowd is of course us. Like the crowd, the mob of the Gospels, we are changeable. We too can be double-hearted, as long as our hearts are not fully taken prisoner to Christ. Like the Gospel's crowd, we are willing to cheer when things seem to be going well, but we can also be ready to jeer when things appear not so propitious.

But the calling we receive from Christ is an invitation to join one side, to be single-hearted rather than double-hearted. This Lenten season, with its traditional forms of penance, is our opportunity for us to grow into a single-hearted people, a heart that cheers God rather than jeers him, a heart set on the love of God and on the love of our neighbors as ourselves.

The penance of prayer calls us to love God with our whole heart and soul. The penance of fasting then calls us to discipline ourselves so that we love ourselves in a way that is healthy rather than destructive. And the penance of almsgiving calls us to love our neighbors just as we love ourselves.

Our whole Lenten penance is designed to make us single-minded in love, to purify ourselves of a double heart, to prepare us for this very moment when we are faced with these two very different processions. And these processions, the same Christ and the cheering and the jeering crowds, confront us with a question: Which side are our hearts really on, deep down?

And yet the question doesn't end there. Because we are not asked just to recognize that we have sometimes stood with the mob that mocked our Lord and called for his crucifixion. We are not even asked just to stand apart from that mob. Jesus asks us not only to stand out from the crowd, but to stand with him, to take up the cross and follow after him. If we are not meant to be this mob, it is because we are meant to be Christ, like Simon of Cyrene to be identified with Jesus on the way of the cross.

Now Lenten preparation leads to Easter celebration, the great annual festival of baptism, when our liturgy will bring us in a procession of light into the church and then in a procession to the font of baptismal water. Round the whole world, churches will be baptizing catechumens on Easter night, men and women who have chosen to turn to God by being baptized into Christ and his Church, by being baptized into his death and resurrection.

And we, we who are already baptized, when we come to renew our baptismal vows at Easter, we will choose once again to process together with Christ, like Simon, so that at the last we may make our way into heaven, rejoicing, trophies in Christ's final triumphal procession. So, this Holy Week let us prepare ourselves by purifying our hearts, so that we may celebrate with a new heart in the excitement of Easter Night.



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	Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
	Sat. April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday April 9 <sup>th</sup>
	5:00 pm	7:00 pm The Mass	3:00 pm The	8:00 pm	9:30 am 11:30 am
	Sun. April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	of the Lord's Supper	Passion of the Lord Stations of		
	9:30 am		the Cross		
	11:30 am		at 7:00 pm		



Saturday April 1st

5:00 pm & Marlene Pereira Requested by: Filomina Sousa

5:00 pm & Maria Sousa

Requested by: Filomina Sousa

5:00 pm & Gabriel Sousa Requested by: Filomina Sousa

Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 am & Corey Loeffler Requested by: Loeffler Family

9:30 am & Mladenka Nadinic Requested by: Christina Newton

9:30 am & Teresa Mika

Requested by: Maria Asadoorian

9:30 am & Celeste Santos. ♣ Alice Neves & ♣ Joao Silva Requested by: John Barretta

& Maria Silva

11:30 am 1 Len Shirose

Requested by: Christine Liggett

Tuesday

9:30 am For the special intentions of

April 4<sup>th</sup>

Marcy Kuntz

Requested by: Larry & Mary Jane White

Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am & Frank & Marina Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>

Holy Thursday (no morning Mass)

7:00 pm Mass

Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday (no morning Mass)

3:00 pm Liturgy

7:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Led by members of the Music Ministry

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### The Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday April 7th @ 7:00 pm, our Parish will celebrate an enhanced Stations of the Cross

prayer service, led by our Music Ministry. This choral meditation will include music and readings to deepen our devotion on this solemn day.



## Welcome New

Warmest of greetings are extended to our visitors as well as any new parishioners of the parish. We hope you feel welcome and at home at St. John Vianney. New parishioners are invited to register by filling out a parish registration form available in the church vestibule or visit us in the Parish Office. Offertory Envelopes and Pre-Authorized Giving forms are also available.

## 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.

As a participant, you will be provided with a copy of the book Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Pain and a Relaxation for Mind & Body CD.

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.



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:

# Frank Basile

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