

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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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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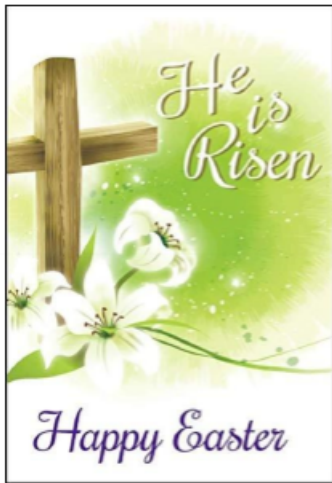
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CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

We have been following Christ through Lent, with fasting, prayer and almsgiving. We have tried to keep close to him through Holy Week, his betrayal, scourging and mocking, his sentence of crucifixion, his carrying of the cross and his agonizing death. And now we joyfully and gratefully share with him in the victory of the Resurrection.

Without the Resurrection, his life and sufferings would have been meaningless. His death reveals the tragedy of human life when it is in conflict with God; but it also reveals God's compassion towards us despite our sin. And Christ's Resurrection shows that the love and forgiveness he displayed in his death leads to glory and new life. In him, death and resurrection cannot be separated.

But though we have followed Jesus through the last week of his life, it was not the same for us as it was for the Apostles. As we went through Holy Week over the past few days, we knew how the story would end. The Apostles did not. All along we knew that on the third day he would rise again. They had no such comfort. For them, his death was the end; they would never see him again. They had let him down at the very moment when he needed them; and now they would never be able to ask his forgiveness.

The Gospels do say he warned the Apostles that he would suffer and die, and then rise again. But the Gospels also say that they simply did not understand what he meant. So, it is not surprising that the first reaction of the disciples to the report of the Resurrection was not joy, relief, gladness and rejoicing. In all the Resurrection appearances in

the Gospels there is this mixture of belief and unbelief, of slow recognition and incredulity, of being sure but not yet sure. He was the same and yet transformed. They hesitated; it was all too good to be true.

If our experience of the Risen Christ is unlike that of the Apostles, it is much nearer to that of St Paul. He knew how the story had ended. He had heard, like us, that Jesus had been crucified. And he had also heard, like us, the report that Jesus had risen from the dead. But he resisted this, fiercely, passionately, so that he persecuted the followers of Jesus even to death. Then suddenly the light broke in on him too. He was blinded, literally and metaphorically, dazzled by the light that shone on his eyes and in his mind. 'Who are you, Lord?' ... 'I am Jesus who you are persecuting'. The crucified, risen and glorified Jesus identified himself with those whom Paul was persecuting – and therefore also with all of us. Instantly, he recognized Jesus as Lord, and his life could never be the same again.

Our celebration of the Resurrection is missing something here. We tend to associate fear and bewilderment with the Cross, and joy and new life with the Resurrection. And in a sense that is true. But the Gospels tell us that those to whom the resurrection was announced experienced bewilderment, terror, and incomprehension. Perhaps we domesticate the Resurrection; we talk about it in a safe and comfortable way, like the glory of a beautiful sunrise. But this does not do justice to the overwhelming, blinding irruption of the God of glory made present to us in the face of the risen Christ.

The resurrection is continually happening for us. The light, the vision, is pouring into us. Our eyes may be dazzled by the light or blinded by seeing it. We try to open our blinded eyes to see him in Himself and in one another. At the same time the Resurrection is not yet, for us. It is still awaiting us. We are still in the darkness, and we walk towards the light in awe and trembling, hoping for courage. It is all too good to be true.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday
April 9th

9:30 am † Albino & Isabel Amaral
Requested by: Marianne Strong

9:30 am † Myungyoon La
Requested by: Family

9:30 am † Irene & Joseph Balogh
Requested by: The Fatiga Family

9:30 am † Frank Basile
Requested by: Rosella Barrie

9:30 am † Shirley Richard
Requested by: Bob Richard

9:30am For the special intentions of
Maria Thuy Mai & Maria Khuyen Hoang
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

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

11:30 am † Gloria da Silva &
deceased members of the DaSilva
Family Requested by: Family

11:30 am † Herman Jacobs
Requested by: Marg White-Jacobs

11:30 am † Maria do Espirito Santo &
† Serafim Rego
Requested by: Stephanie Fidelix

11:30 am † Orlando & Adelia Moreira
Requested by: Stephanie Fidelix

Tuesday
April 11th

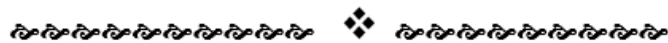
9:30 am † John Prior
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Wednesday
April 12th

9:30 am † Bradley Shanahan
Requested by: Grandma

Thursday
April 13th

9:30 am For the living & deceased
members of the Ruesink Family
Requested by: Family



HAPPY EASTER



May the Blessings of the Lord guide you, protect you, and surround you all the days of your life. Wishing you a blessed Easter.



Warmest of greetings and welcome to our church family. We are glad that you could be with us today and share this Easter with you as we worship God's risen Son. We hope that God touches your life and that you leave us today with the peace of God in your heart. 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. Pre-Authorized Giving forms and Offertory Envelopes and are also available.

ACCEPTING FOOD DONATIONS



St. Vincent De Paul Society is very grateful for the on-going donations from our parishioners. We continue to accept non-perishable food items on Thursdays, between 2 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall. Items high in demand are school snacks, toiletries, cereals, drinking boxes, pasta sauces, coffee, tea, can tuna etc. Your continued support will ensure that we may continue to serve our community. Thank you for your generosity.

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:

- † Margaret "May" Boehnke &
- † Engelbert "Bert" Steiner Sr.

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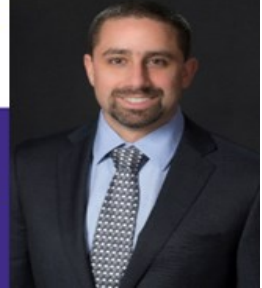
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