

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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FROM HEARTBREAK TO HEARTBURN

"I've got some good news and some bad news to tell you. Which would you like to hear first?" the farmer asked. "Why don't you tell me the bad news first?" the banker replied. "Okay," said the farmer, "With the bad drought and inflation and all, I won't be able to pay anything on my mortgage this year, either on the principal or the interest." "Well, that is pretty bad," said the banker. "It gets worse," said the farmer. "I also won't be able to pay anything on the loan for all that machinery I bought, not on the principal or interest." "Wow, is that ever bad!" the banker admitted. "It's worse than that," the farmer continued. "You remember I also borrowed to buy seeds and fertilizer and other supplies. Well, I can't pay anything on that either, principal or interest." "That's awful," said the banker, "and that's enough! What's the good news?" "The good news," replied the farmer with a smile "is that I intend to keep on doing business with you."

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on the road that leads to Emmaus. They were as low as that farmer because their Master had been crucified like a thief. But now they've heard reports that their Master is not dead at all. Reliable sources have told them that he has appeared to some of their most trusted friends. Was he really alive? The disciples were troubled and afraid. Should they believe the good news or the bad? The good news is that Christ is alive. The bad news is how little impact that event is having in the world today.

The Church instructs us to hear Jesus on a daily basis through the faithful reading of and meditation on the Bible, to experience Him through our participation in the Eucharistic celebration where He gives Himself to us and through our personal and family prayers and family meals. When we meet Him through the Word of God, we commune with Him. We renew our relationship with Him through prayer. These two meetings will enable us to meet the

risen Jesus living in all people we meet and do them humble, loving, and selfless service.

Christ comes to us most clearly in the Word. Our tradition teaches us that the reading of the Scriptures, the study of the Scriptures and the proclamation of the message of the Scriptures are the primary ways in which we meet God. Therefore, we need to study the Bible, learn the Bible, memorize the Bible, and meditate on the word of God. We know that Christ lives in the Bible, and so we need to spend time in the Bible if we are to have a deep, intimate, loving, caring, long-term relationship with Jesus Christ.

We find Jesus in the breaking of the bread. In the gospel story for today, we learn that we find Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Eucharist is soul food, the bread of life for eternity. It feeds us and fills our spiritual needs. It is a pity that often we don't realize what is happening during Holy Communion, the sacred banquet of all believers. In this meal, we are in communion not only with Jesus, but also with our family and friends who have preceded us in death. It is not simply bread and wine, but a banquet for all eternity.

The risen Lord meets us on the road to our Emmaus, in the ordinary experiences of our lives, and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. We, too, have hopes and dreams about better health, healing, financial security, and better family relationships. These often get shattered. The story warns us, however, that the risen Lord will come to us when we least expect Him and in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us. Emmaus moments come to us when we meet the risen Christ on our life's journey through rough times.



CONGRATULATIONS

to those boys and girls who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend! Our prayers are with you as you continue to walk in faith with Jesus guiding your steps.

Mass for the Intentions Week

- Saturday
April 22nd
- 5:00 pm † Antonio Diniz
Requested by: Family
- 5:00 pm † Dave O'Donnell
Requested by: Family
- 5:00 pm † Giuseppina Pisani & Carmela Mongillo
Requested by: The Pisani Family
- Sunday
April 23rd
- 9:30 am † Frank Basile
Requested by: Karen & Bill
- 9:30 am † Joan Armstrong
Requested by: Ross Armstrong
- 9:30 am † Irene & Joseph Balogh
Requested by: The Fatiga Family
- 9:30 am † Eleanore Senasa
Requested by: Ella Caceres
- 9:30 am † Joseph Gioi Mai & De Thi Le
Requested by: Nguyen & Tran Families
- 9:30 am For the special intentions of Pit Lacasse
Requested by: Linda Lacasse
- 11:30 am † Len Shirose
Requested by: Christine Liggett



It's back! The Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Brunch will be held on **Sunday, May 14**. Brunch will be served beginning at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for teens and children under 12 are free. Tickets will be sold (cash only) after each Mass beginning next weekend, April 29/30, and on the weekend of May 6/7. Tickets will not be available after May 7 or at the door.

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!



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 Altar Servers. We hope to see you there!



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council St. John Vianney #10370 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses this weekend. If you would like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #10370 for local information. For any additional information please contact Brother Martin at (416)459-0682



Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons, for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honour of a birthday. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please call the Parish office at (705) 726-8007 Ext. 201 or drop by the office during regular office hours.

Pastoral Letters of Reference

If you foresee that you will require a pastoral letter of reference from the pastor for the purpose of applying for a position within the Catholic School Board or to become a Confirmation sponsor or Godparent, it is essential that you introduce yourself to the priest well in advance so that he can get to know you. A letter of reference is meant to attest that a person is a "practicing Catholic", one who regularly attends Sunday Mass with the Parish Community and is actively involved in the parish. A priest who does not have some acquaintance with a person cannot satisfy such a request.



Please pray for those who are sick:

Kelly McBride, Saif Mansabdar, Richard O'Brien, Mary Spencer, Joe Bottone, Brian Ballinger, Isabel Crickard & Maria Pasko

And for those who have died recently:

† Mike McBride, † Rino Alessio

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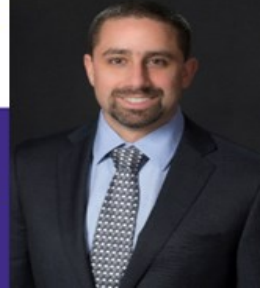
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