

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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IF YOU REALLY LOVE ME...

Imagine the scenario: an older brother or sister is desperately trying to get a recalcitrant toddler to co-operate. Maybe the toddler won't get up from the floor, or perhaps the toddler is playing with something unsafe. And in desperation, the brother or sister says 'Well, if you really loved me, you would get up off the floor/stop playing with?' An unwise phrase to use, because if the toddler is cross enough it will certainly not want to co-operate and that could lead to further trouble. And again: think of the plots of any number of different stories or films where the idea of love is being used as a bribe to get someone to do something they otherwise would not do.

So, when we hear today's Gospel, we must sit back and think. We may be reminded of the times that people have told or asked us about whether we love them or not, or whether we are willing to make sacrifices in the name of some form of love. The big difference is that it is Jesus who is presenting us with this statement: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.'

Gone are the dubious or uncertain grounds for making or breaking a promise, as we know that Jesus will never let us down. And we know that not only does Jesus love us, but that he knows us more than we can even know ourselves. So, it stands to reason that he knows what is best for us, hence his commandments. They are not there to imprison us or to force us to co-operate in things whose value we doubt, but instead they are there to help us lead the life that will lead to eternal happiness.

So if we love Jesus, we will keep his commandments. Simple, isn't it? But what about our world today with so many of us who try to keep his commandments but do not always manage to do so? Do we really love Jesus as we ought?

And that is an important question to consider. Each time we go to confession or recite the *confiteor* we can ponder this question anew and try to answer it honestly. And if we do not love Jesus as we ought, and we know in our heart of hearts what we are doing wrong or where we are going wrong, then let us rely on the Advocate, the counselor that Jesus promised to send us -- and will send us, every time we ask.

Our Advocate will gently indicate the way to us that we should go, the paths that need to be repaired, the relationships in need of further inspection or care. For this Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, is a gift from God. And being from God, it can never do harm, never do wrong, never lead us into danger. We may of course be led in ways that we did not expect or anticipate, but if we are truly open to God and all his gifts then we must also be open to go where he wills us to go.

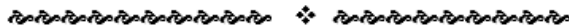
So, let us ask ourselves once again: Do we really love Jesus? Do we really try to keep his commandments? Are we open to all God's gifts? Do we earnestly and genuinely wish for the Spirit of truth to enter our hearts and stay with us always?

If we are uncertain about any of our answers to these questions, then let us pray that we might truly be open to the scriptures, open to God, open to Jesus and what he asks of us in love. And pray that as Pentecost approaches, we too might become filled with the Spirit and completely open to the love and freedom in Christ that is promised to us as a result.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday May 13 th	5:00 pm † Mike Jordan Requested by: Joanne DeVitt & Phoebe Jessop
Sunday May 14 th	9:30 am † Ed Henderson Requested by: Colette Henderson
	9:30 am † Rosemarie Robinson Requested by: Joan & Robert Cassidy
	9:30 am † Robyn & Sam Waskies Requested by: Linda Lacasse
	9:30 am † Andrew Famiglietti Requested by: Kerri & Family
	9:30 am For living & deceased members of the C.W.L.
	11:30 am † Qara Maristelle Clemente Requested by: Leonarda & Ronald Clemente
	11:30 am † Len Shirose Requested by: Christine Liggett
Tuesday May 16 th	9:30 am † Marc Beauchamp Requested by: Rick Beauchamp
	9:30 am † Noah Faris Requested by: Andrea & Melissa
Wednesday May 17 th	9:30 am † Irvin White Requested by: Marg White-Jacobs
Thursday May 18 th	9:30 am † Ettore D'Antonio Requested by: D'Antonio Family



C. W.L. SPRING TEA

Your CWL is hosting a Roaring 20's Tea on June 17th in the church hall. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. There will be live entertainment, door prizes and fun! Don't miss it! Tickets are \$20 each and available after each

Mass **beginning next weekend** or by calling Vivian Loveys at 705-719-2247. Dressing in period clothing is encouraged!



Mother's Day Brunch

Thank you to all the parishioners who have purchased tickets for the Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Brunch. The Knights

appreciate your support and look forward to serving our parish. The Brunch will be served beginning at 12:30 this Sunday. Unfortunately, tickets will not be sold at the door.

POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS: This weekend is the special collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for the immediate response to countries stricken by war, famine, and natural disasters. The Popes Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

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!



INFANT BAPTISM

Baptismal Preparation Kits (Registration Forms) are available for download from our parish website: (www.stjohnvianneyba.archtoronto.org) or they may be picked up one up from the parish office. Baptisms take place on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday of the month (please confirm with the parish office). Attendance at a baptism preparation class (virtual class via Zoom) is mandatory before baptism takes place. Please fill in the applicable form(s) and submit them to the parish office and a staff member will call you to discuss dates.



Please pray for those who are sick: Bunty Brooks, Kelly McBride, Saif Mansabdar, Richard O'Brien, Mary Spencer, Joe Bottone, Brian Ballinger, Isabel Crickard & Maria Pasko

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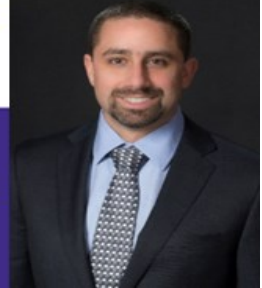
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