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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 Savior 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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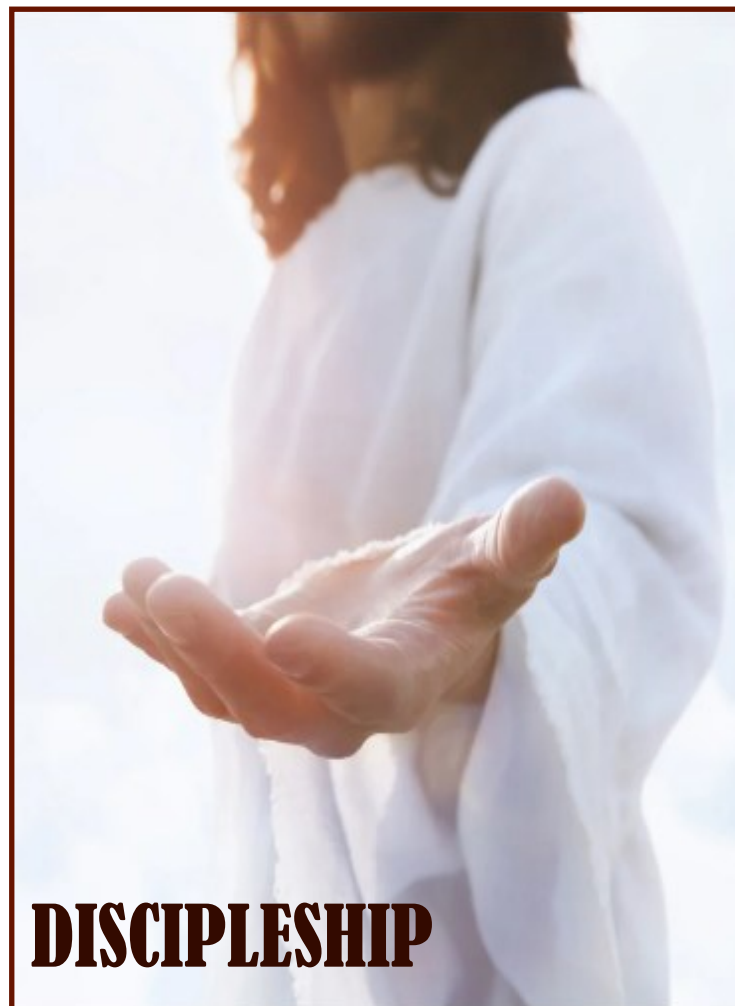
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday
8:00am 9:30am &
11:30am

Monday & Tuesday
7:00pm
Wednesday - Friday
9:30am

Saturday
5:00pm

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday
4:00pm - 4:45pm
(and after our
Weekday Masses)

OFFICE HOURS

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

**MAKING ROOM FOR GOD: HOSPITALITY,
DISCIPLESHIP, AND THE NEW LIFE OF
GRACE**

One of the most remarkable features of biblical revelation is that God frequently chooses to enter human history through ordinary human relationships. He comes through a conversation beneath a tree, a meal shared with strangers, a prophet received into a home, a fisherman called from his nets, or a family opening its doors to a guest. Divine grace rarely bypasses the ordinary. Rather, it transforms it.

The readings for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to consider a theme that runs quietly yet powerfully throughout Scripture: **the relationship between hospitality and discipleship**. At first glance, the readings appear to address different subjects. The First Reading recounts the hospitality shown to the prophet Elisha by a woman of Shunem. Saint Paul reflects on the believer's participation in the death and resurrection of Christ through Baptism. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about the demands of discipleship and the rewards awaiting those who welcome His followers.

The account of the Shunammite woman in the Second Book of Kings is one of the most refined portrayals of hospitality in the Old Testament. Unlike many biblical figures who seek divine intervention in moments of crisis, this woman asks for nothing. Recognizing Elisha as a holy man, she simply desires to provide him with a place to rest whenever he passes through her town. The details are strikingly simple. A small room, a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp. Yet these humble furnishings reveal something profound about biblical faith. The woman understands that welcoming a servant of God is not merely an act of generosity; it is an act of participation in God's work.

Ancient Israel regarded hospitality as a sacred responsibility. In a culture where travel was difficult and dangerous, welcoming the stranger became a concrete expression of covenant fidelity. Throughout Scripture, hospitality often becomes the setting in which divine blessings unfold. Abraham's welcome of three mysterious visitors at Mamre led to the promise of Isaac. The widow of Zarephath's generosity towards Elijah preserved her family during famine. The Shunammite woman's hospitality ultimately becomes the occasion through which she receives the gift of a son.

What emerges from these narratives is a fundamental biblical principle: God's blessings frequently flow through hearts that are open rather than demanding, receptive rather than calculating. This principle finds its fulfillment in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus speaks not only about welcoming others but about the spiritual significance of such welcome. "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

These words reveal an important dimension of Christian theology. The disciple does not merely represent Christ symbolically. Through the mystery of mission, Christ identifies Himself with those He sends. To welcome the messenger is, in a profound sense, to welcome the One who commissioned the messenger. The early Church understood this teaching deeply. Christian hospitality became one of the distinguishing marks of the first believers. Writing in the second century, pagan observers often remarked upon the extraordinary care Christians showed to strangers, widows, the poor, and travelers. Their acts of charity were not merely humanitarian efforts. They were expressions of a theological

conviction that Christ Himself could be encountered in those who were welcomed and served.

The words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel also illuminate another dimension of discipleship, one that modern readers often find challenging. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." This statement is not a rejection of family life. Indeed, the Church has consistently upheld the family as the first school of faith and the domestic church. Rather, Jesus is addressing the hierarchy of loves that must exist within the Christian life. Saint Augustine observed that sin is frequently a matter of disordered love, loving good things in the wrong way or in the wrong order. Family, friendship, work, reputation, and even noble causes can become obstacles when they occupy the place that belongs to God alone. The teaching of Christ is therefore not an invitation to diminish human affection but to anchor every affection in the love of God. When God occupies the center of life, other loves find their proper balance and depth. Detached from Him, even the best human relationships can become burdensome or possessive. This ordering of love is closely connected to Saint Paul's teaching in the Letter to the Romans. Here Paul introduces one of the most important themes of Christian theology: participation in Christ. Through Baptism, believers are not merely followers of Jesus in an external sense. They are incorporated into His death and resurrection. "We have been buried with him by baptism into death," Paul writes, "so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." This passage reveals the radical nature of Christian identity. Baptism is not simply a rite of initiation or a public declaration of faith. It is a sacramental participation in the Paschal Mystery itself. The Christian life begins with a dying and a rising, a death to sin and a rebirth into divine life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that Baptism conforms the believer to Christ and imparts a share in His mission, priestly, prophetic, and kingly. The baptized person is called to live differently because he or she has become different.

This transformation sheds light on the demanding language of today's Gospel. The call to take up one's cross is not an isolated moral challenge. It is the practical consequence of Baptism. Having died and risen with Christ, believers are invited each day to embody that mystery through concrete acts of fidelity, sacrifice, forgiveness, and charity. What unites all three readings, therefore, is a vision of the Christian life as a continual act of making room for God. The Shunammite woman made room for God's prophet.

The disciples are called to make room for Christ above every earthly attachment. The baptized are called to make room for the new life of grace that has been planted within them.



On **Sunday, July 19**, our parish will celebrate a **Multicultural Festival** at the **11:30 AM Mass**. We invite everyone to wear cultural attire, participate in the multilingual Prayers of the Faithful, bring a traditional dish for our multicultural potluck, and share their heritage through music, dance, or other performances. Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule after Mass. Come and celebrate as **one parish family, gathered from many cultures, united in Christ**.

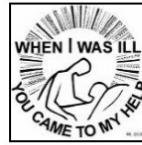
Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday
June 27th 5:00 pm † **Larry White**
Requested by: Family
- Sunday
June 28th 8:00 am For the special intentions of
Ria & Casey van der Mast
9:30 am For the special intentions of
Robin Harney
Requested by: The Son Family
11:30 am † **Adelaide Oliveira**
Requested by: Mike & Maria Hardie
- Monday
June 29th 7:00 pm † **Angelina De Maria**
Requested by: Pauline De Maria
- Tuesday
June 30th 7:00 pm † **Kim Burton**
Requested by: Mike & Maria Hardie
7:00 pm For the special intentions of
Brian Watts
Requested by: Les & Mary Watts
7:00 pm For the special intentions of
Brigitte Roy
Requested by: Mike & Maria Hardie
- Wednesday
July 1st 9:30 am † **Julie & Joseph Tamas**
Requested by: Linda & Michelle Hodgins
- Thursday
July 2nd 9:30 am † **Fred Aloise & Family**
Requested by: Maria Aloise
- Friday
July 3rd **HEALING MASS**
3:00 pm † **Nicholas Nelson**
Requested by: Knights of Columbus
3:00 pm † **Adam Heddleston**
Requested by: Mary Newton
3:00 pm † **Frank, Marina & Paul Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior
(NO MORNING MASS!)



Thank you to the **St. John Vianney CWL** for their most recent donation of \$2936.46. This donation reflects the success of the **Spring Tea**. Thank you to all who attended and supported this event. Every year, all proceeds of the Tea are donated to parish.

Blessed is She, Welcome Wednesday and Bible Study have been **cancelled** for the summer months – see you in the Fall!



The Relic of St. Peregrine
Join us on **Friday, July 3rd** for a special afternoon **Healing Mass at 3:00pm**. We welcome all who are sick or are battling cancer to come venerate the Relic of St. Peregrine and receive an anointing in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. Please extend the invitation to anyone you know who is suffering. Afterwards, we invite you to the Parish Hall where there will be light refreshments and fellowship. *(Please note, there will be **NO** Friday Morning Mass or Adoration)*



IS THIS THE YEAR TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

If so, the RCIA process is for you. This process begins each fall and runs with weekly meetings up to and including the Easter season. If you would like to find out more, **an information meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 28** in the Luke Room of the Parish Hall. People who are interested should apply now using our RCIA link on the Parish website or the QR code for the application form.



Sacraments

Online Registration for the 2026-27 Sacramental Programs is NOW OPEN!

Please visit the parish website or scan the QR codes located on the bulletin board and at the Welcome Desk.

Please note - it is imperative you view the information sheet containing the mandatory program dates before registering. These dates can be found on the website, or you will see them on page one of the registration form. If your child is older and has either missed a step or has not been baptized, please register for RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children).

BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION!

There are still spots available for students in JK to Grade 4. Please see Kelly to register!

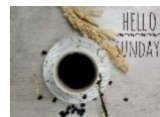
GRADE 5-8 OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Calling all Grade 5-8 students! Join us on July 10th at St. John Vianney Church for an overnight retreat.



Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

We warmly invite all our volunteers to a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on **Saturday, July 4**. The celebration will begin with a special **Mass at 11:00 a.m.**, followed by fellowship and refreshments as we gather to thank you for your dedication, generosity, and service to our parish community. We look forward to celebrating with you!



FELLOWSHIP

Join us after the 9:30 & 11:30 Masses for our **LAST FELLOWSHIP**. We encourage you to sit at a different table and get to know someone new. Today's hosts are volunteers from the parish.



Please pray for those who are sick:

Kendra Frey, Brian Watts, George Barrie, Shawn Hunter, Baby Isahak, Barb Hargrave, Kyle Ramdial, Tatum Peddle, Irene Zsigmond & Tony Pereira

The office will be closed on Wednesday, July 1st in observance of **Canada Day**. **MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9:30 AM.**

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