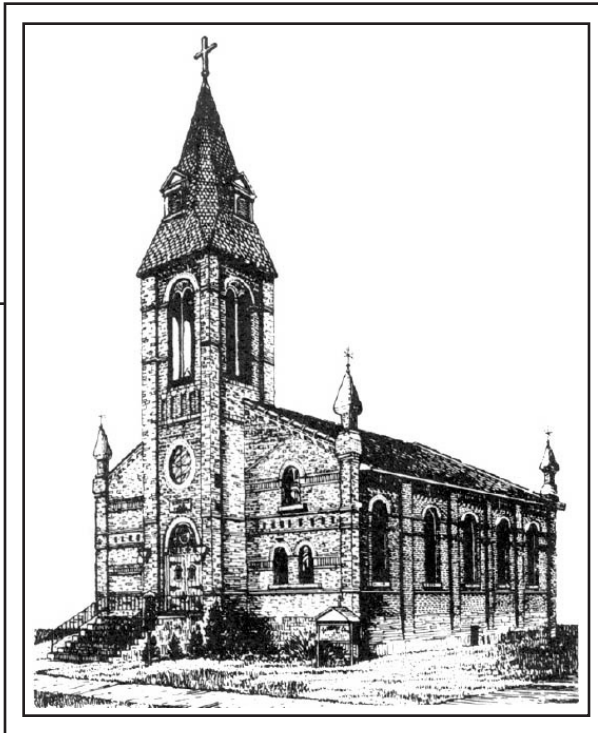


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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
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BAPTISMS: Please call the Parish Office.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR SICK, SHUT-INS: Holy Communion is brought regularly to sick and shut-ins. Please notify the rectory.

MARRIAGES: Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment with the priest.

If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

BULLETIN NOTICES must be received at the parish office by Wednesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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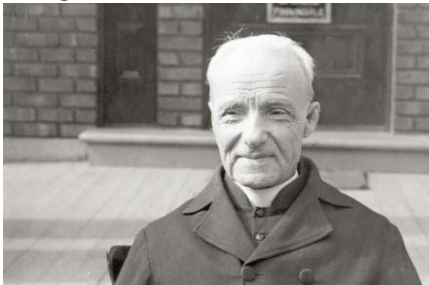
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ENCOUNTER WITH A SAINT

Saint Andre Bessette of Montreal

I was recently thinking of a man I knew well several years ago – Vianney D’Aoust, who was healed by God through the intercession of a Canadian-born man who would later become a Saint of the Roman Catholic Church. Here’s the story.

In April of 2007 a parishioner of St. John Vianney Parish in Barrie Ontario died. He was in his 80’s. I think of him now and then, partly because of the kind of man he was but also because of the kind of man he once had an encounter with that saved his life. The parishioner I knew was Vianney D’Aoust and he told me the story about how he once sat on the knee of a saint, though when Vianney shared the story with me the saint he referred to was “in the making”. Vianney was raised with his parents, brothers and sisters outside of Montreal and at the age of six he became very sick. In the first part of the last century people who got sick often died due to complications and a general lack of cures for various diseases and ailments of the body. Infant mortality was relatively high. Vianney remembered that his mother tried all kinds of home remedies and trips to the doctors to find help for her 6-year-old Vianney. The doctor diagnosed that Vianney had double pneumonia which was clearly visible on the x-rays that were taken. His mother tried poultices and hot towels and various rudimentary things to try and pull the sickness out of his little chest, but his health only worsened. Finally on a hot August day his mother dressed him up, as sick and weak as he was, he recalled, and told him that she was taking him to see “the little saint”.



Vianney told me that he remembered so vividly the long line up in the hot summer sun of people waiting to see a man they knew as Brother Andre. He didn’t know what this was all about or why

they were there except that it had something to do with his sickness. Brother Andre had been sitting in a small wooden building on a hard wooden chair as he, one by one, received each pilgrim who had come to see him and share with him their ills and their need for various favours from God or for healing. Finally, in the stifling heat, it was Vianney’s turn to go into the chapel and see Brother Andre. Speaking in French, Brother Andre invited Vianney to sit on his knee and without even speaking to his mother, he asked Vianney, “Do you like to swim?” Vianney answered positively with a nod. “Well”, Brother Andre stated, “this year I don’t want you to swim but you may go into the water only as far as the top of your ankles, and then next year you may swim all you want.” He gave him a blessing and with that Vianney returned to his mother and they made the trek home again. Vianney told his mother what the Brother had told him to do and wondered why this had strangely made his mother cry with a smile on her face. That summer he ventured into the cool waters only as the Brother had instructed him under the watchful eye of his mother. The double pneumonia left him and

the following summer he was as he had been before the sickness, a healthy young boy full of life and play. As he grew in age, he left the memory of being so sick behind, though he never forgot the man he encountered that day. During the Second World War, Vianney wanted to join the Air Force with some of his friends from their town. He wanted to help in the war effort and to experience the excitement of flying in a plane. When he went to enlist, he was barraged with a series of questions, one of them being, “Have you ever had pneumonia?” When he answered, “Yes, Double Pneumonia”, they stamped his papers with X-RAY. He was sent to have x-rays taken and told that they would call him with the results. When the results were in, a doctor asked him, “Who told you that you had Double Pneumonia?” He told him about his family doctors’ diagnosis and the x-rays that had been taken when he was six years old. “Well,” responded the doctor, “our x-rays show that your lungs are as clear and healthy as a young boy’s.” And with that, Vianney joined the Air Force, flew fighter planes, had many close calls on several missions and survived to tell the tale. When I met Vianney as a parishioner he walked with a cane but was otherwise in good health. I asked him if he would share his story with the young people from our parish who were preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and he said he would. When he spoke to the young people gathered in the parish hall he couldn’t tell the part about his brief meeting with Brother Andre without weeping, though they were tears of joy. He knew that something simple yet extraordinary had happened in that meeting with a little man he didn’t know and his simple kind words and blessing. For the rest of his life, he would remember that God had reached down and touched him, healed him and restored him through the faith and prayer of a 5-foot man who loved Jesus and St. Joseph. Vianney D’Aoust died in April of 2007, a decorated Canadian war veteran. The man who touched Vianney’s life that day long ago would go on to become Canada’s first male Saint, whom we now call St. Andre Bessette, canonized a Saint of the Roman Catholic Church in Rome in 2010 along with five others by Pope Benedict XVI. In his homily that day, Pope Benedict highlighted the straightforward faith of the man who is now known as Saint Andre Bessette. “He showed boundless charity and tried to relieve the suffering of those who came to confide in him,” the pontiff said. “He had very little education, yet he understood the essence of faith.” The pope also quoted Brother Andre, who used to tell pilgrims who sought him out that they shouldn’t ask for an end to their suffering, but instead the grace to bear their pain. *(Fr. Charles)*

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Saint Brother Andre Bessette,
your devotion to Saint Joseph
is an inspiration to us.

You gave your life selflessly to bring the message
of his life to others.

Pray that we may learn from St. Joseph,
and from you,
what it is like to care for Jesus
and do his work in the world.

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tuesday Nov 15
 8:30am Intentions of Feliks Kosierb
 Requested by Pat Ironside-Mayes & Family

Wednesday Nov 16
 7:00pm +Mark Spencer
 Requested by Kim & Family

Thursday Nov 17
 8:30am +Barbara Petrykowski
 Requested by Andrzej Strzelczyk

Friday Nov 18
 7:30am Holy Hour
 8:30am +Helena & Tadeusz Strzelczyk
 Requested by Andrzej Strzelczyk

Saturday Nov 19
 3:30 to 4:00pm Confessions
 4:30pm Intentions of the Guerrero Family

Sunday Nov 20
 9:00am +Robert Ironside
 Requested by the Family

11:00am For the People

Our Sanctuary Lamp Burns
 For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
 From Nov 13 to Nov 19, 22



Please Pray for the Sick

Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Ken Buchan, Jean Ferguson, Rose Flanagan, Fred Coulson

Pray for those who have died recently

Al Mattacott

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THE SHEPHERDS TRUST

There will be a second collection today, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

CWL NEWS



The 50/50 Draw continues this weekend after the Masses. The winning ticket will be selected after the 11 am Mass on November 13.

The CWL Clothing Drive for the Needy has started and will run until Nov 26. These are some of the items we are looking for: We are accepting good clean winter clothing for men and women, also underwear, socks, hats, mitts, gloves, scarves, (new please), tee shirts & warm ski underwear. Toiletries: bath soap, shampoo, skin lotion & shaving items, toothbrushes & paste.

Please leave your donations in the parish hall, either level Thank you & God Bless.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Christmas pyjama drive: the St. Vincent de Paul is having a Christmas pyjama drive from November 12 until December 18. Pyjamas can be dropped off in the church hall in the boxes and bags under the tree. The greatest need is sizes 8 to adult for both boys and girls. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SENIOR WISH



This Christmas Senior Wish are resuming their *Bags of Love* campaign for seniors who reside in long-term care and in the community who would otherwise not receive gifts. St. Mary's will be putting a drop-off box in between the hall and the church for the month of November to support Senior Wish. A list of items will be on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help a senior.

WE REMEMBER ALL SOULS MASSES



If you would like to remember your "loved ones" in the Masses through the month of November please pick-up an offering envelope at either entrance to the church, fill it out and put in the box provided

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