# ST. JOHN VIANNEY CONNECTIONS

# **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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**OFFICE HOURS** Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm Closed from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for lunch



Saturday	5:00 pm For the People of the
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parish
Sunday	9:30 am <b>‡ Al Rasevych</b>
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Requested by: Linda Lacasse
	9:30 am For living & deceased members of the <b>Knights of</b> Columbus
	11:30 am 🕆 <b>Len Shirose</b> Requested by: Christine Liggett
Tuesday	9:30 am <b>‡ Bessie Papala</b>
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Requested by: Family
Wednesday	9:30 am <b>🕆 Marg Nixon</b>
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Requested by: The Nixon Family
Thursday	9:30 am <b>‡ Ed Henderson</b>
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Requested by: Colette Henderson
Friday	9:30 am <b>‡ Frank &amp; Marina Prior</b>
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Requested by: Suzanne Prior

#### Embrace wisdom, Treasure the Kingdom of Heaven, and Seek God's will!

In the first reading, we encounter the story of Solomon, the wise king who ascended to the throne after his father, David. When God appeared to Solomon in a dream, He asked him what he desired most. Solomon humbly asked for an understanding heart to discern right from wrong and to rule God's people with justice. God was pleased with Solomon's request and granted him not only wisdom but also riches and honor. This reading reminds us of the importance of seeking wisdom and discernment in our own lives. Let us pray for the grace to make wise choices that align with God's will.

In the Gospel reading, we hear the parable of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price. Jesus teaches us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field or a pearl of great value. Once discovered, the person who finds it joyfully sells all they have to possess it. This parable invites us to reflect on the worthiness of God's Kingdom and the sacrifices we may need to make to attain it. It reminds us that true joy and fulfillment can only be found in a life centered on God.

As we apply these readings to our daily lives, let us consider how we can grow in wisdom and deepen our commitment to God's Kingdom. Here are some insightful and practical thoughts to ponder:

1. Embrace a Spirit of Humility: Like Solomon, let us approach God with humility, recognizing our need for His wisdom and guidance. Let us seek His will in all aspects of our lives, trusting that He will provide us with the discernment we need to make the right choices.

2. Treasure the Kingdom of Heaven: Reflect on what truly matters in life. Are we investing our time, talents, and resources in worldly pursuits that will fade away, or are we prioritizing the eternal treasures of God's Kingdom? Let us strive to live with an eternal perspective, seeking to build up treasures in Heaven rather than on Earth.

**3. Let Go of Attachments:** The parable of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price challenges us to examine the attachments that may hinder our relationship with God. Are there distractions or worldly desires that prevent us from fully surrendering to Him? Let us be willing to let go of anything that hinders our pursuit of God's Kingdom.

4. Seek God's Wisdom: In our daily encounters and decisions, let us seek the wisdom that comes from God. Pray for the gift of discernment, so that we may make choices that align with His will and contribute to the well-being of others. As we grow in wisdom, we become instruments of God's love and mercy in our world.

May the words of Scripture inspire and guide us as we journey through this week. Let us strive to live as faithful disciples of Jesus, embracing wisdom, treasuring the Kingdom of Heaven, and seeking God's will in all things. May our lives be a testament to the transformative power of His love.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead!



# Fr. Joshys' Installation

You are cordially invited to the celebration of Fr.

Joshy Georges' installation as Pastor of St. John Vianney Church. His Excellency, Bishop John Boissonneau, will be the celebrant on Saturday August 19th at the 5:00 pm Mass. Cake and refreshments will be served in the parish hall immediately following the Mass.



ANNUAL MASS FOR FAITHFUL DEPARTED Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services -Archdiocese of Toronto wish to invite all families

within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

In Barrie, the Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery 208 Sunnydale Road Barrie, ON Fr. Laurence J. Leger will be the celebrant. In the event of rain, Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church



August 4<sup>th</sup> is the first Friday of the month. First Fridays have traditionally been with associated

devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament. Since this First Friday falls on the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, there will be Benediction following the 9:30 am Mass. Everyone is invited to join us for a reception in the hall afterwards.

Come join us to pray the Rosary each weekday morning at 9:00 am (Tues. Wed. Thurs. & Fri.) prior to morning Mass which begins at 9:30 am.





Celebration of the Feast of St. John Vianney. **Our Patron Saint** We will celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint with an enhanced Mass on Friday August 4th at 9:30 a.m. All

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are welcome to attend.

opportunity to visit our website, please do so at: https://stiohnviannevba.archtoronto.org/ Take some time to bookmark and browse. You will find the latest parish news, helpful links, registration forms and you can download our most recent parish bulletin.

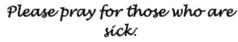


# **ARE YOU INTERESTED** IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have you or someone you know ever considered

becoming a Catholic? 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. For those who are not baptized and for those of other Christian denominations who are already baptized, the RCIA/RCIC (children ages 6 and up) process are a wonderful response to the Lord's call to His disciples to "Come and See". If you are interested in joining the RCIA/RCIC process for the fall of 2023 please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Paul Laplume, our Lay Pastoral Associate (705) 726-8007 Ext. 204.

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Hank Abspoel, Clarence Joncas, Igboanugo, Margaret Samuel

White-Jacobs, Eileen Cremin, Teresa Perry, Carson Batters, Ana Demontes, Bunty Brooks, Kelly McBride, Richard O'Brien, Joe Bottone, Brian Ballinger, Isabel Crickard & Maria Almeida-Pasko

And for those who have died recently: **†** Iohn Mizzi

