

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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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday
9:30am & 11:30am

Tuesday - Friday
9:30am

Saturday
5:00pm



CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday
4:00pm - 4:45pm

Sunday
10:45am - 11:15am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Closed from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for lunch



Saturday August 26 th	5:00 pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday August 27 th	9:30 am † Julian Lacasse Requested by: Linda Lacasse
	9:30 am For living & deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
	11:30 am † Len Shirose Requested by: Christine Liggett
Tuesday August 29 th	9:30 am † Tom Hogenbirk Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
Wednesday August 30 th	9:30 am † Christine Seguin Dupuis Requested by: St. Michael the Archangel School
Thursday August 31 st	9:30 am † Bessie Papala Requested by: Family
Friday September 1 st	9:30 am † Frank & Marina Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior



**IDENTIFYING JESUS
WITHIN OURSELVES
AND IN OUR
COMMUNITY**

Dear St. John Vianney Parishioners,

"As for you," Jesus said to Peter, "you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). On this 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, we are reminded of our role as disciples, called to identify Jesus within ourselves and in our community. We are called to be another Christ, recognizing His presence in our midst.

St. Teresa of Avila once said, "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on

earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world." These insightful words remind us that we are called to be the living embodiment of Jesus' love and mercy.

In our parish community, we have the opportunity to be channels of God's grace. By recognizing the presence of Jesus in one another, we can uplift and support each other in times of need. Let us be compassionate listeners, extending a helping hand to those who are struggling, and offering words of encouragement to those who feel discouraged. In doing so, we become witnesses of Christ's love in our midst.

Pope Francis once said, "The Church is not an organization, but rather a body, a living presence within society." Each one of us, as members of this parish community, has a unique role to play in making this presence felt. By sharing our time and talents, we contribute to the growth and vitality of our parish, nurturing the faith of our fellow brothers and sisters.

Let us remember that volunteering in church ministries is not limited to specific tasks or roles—it is about being instruments of God's love, mercy, and compassion. Whether we serve as catechists, choir members, ushers, lectors, or in any other capacity, we have the opportunity to encounter Jesus in those we serve and to be channels of His grace.

As we continue on our faith journey, let us open our hearts to the call of discipleship and the joy of serving others. May we recognize Jesus within ourselves and in our community, and may our commitment to building up the Church through our time and talents be a testament to His love.

May God bless you abundantly as you embrace your role as another Christ in our parish community.



VOLUNTEER REJUVINATION!!!

Looking for a Pastoral Reference?

Join our Volunteer Team!

Will you, or someone you know, require a pastoral reference letter perhaps in the next year? For example, these references may be required when applying for employment in Chaplaincy services, Parish work, Catholic counselling, or especially for some positions in Catholic Schools.

In order for a pastor to complete a reference, an applicant must demonstrate regular attendance and involvement in Parish life. An applicant should make plans and begin now to join us at weekly Sunday Mass, attend Parish events, and volunteer in our Parish programs. Please speak to our Pastor or our Lay Pastoral Associate for more information.



September 1st is the first Friday of the month. First Fridays have traditionally been associated with devotion to the Sacred Heart of

Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament. To appropriately observe First Fridays there will be Eucharistic adoration following the 9:30 am Mass until 11:00 am when Benediction will be given.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH - BARRIE Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group to Begin

This program is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions and practices of the Catholic Church. The program rooted in Catholic tradition, conveys God's consolation through scripture, prayer, reflection, and sharing our faith.

A Christ-centered group is for you if any of the following are true:

- You are trying to figure out the meaning of your grief
- You want to get on with life, but have been unable to
- You find comfort in the teaching of Christ
- You are open to new ways of coping with your grief
- You are looking for friends in Christ to share your journey of sorrow.

The group meets at **St. Mary's Church, 65 Amelia Street, Barrie** at 7:30 p.m. for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning September 20, 2023 in St. Joseph's Room. Registration is required. For more details or to register please contact Catherine Ecker in the parish office at 705 728 2985 ext. 115.



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



at the Papal altar beginning at 2.30 pm.

ROSARY SUNDAY

You are invited to join the Annual Rosary Sunday Pilgrimage, Sept. 10 at Martyrs Shrine, Midland. Mass beginning at 12 pm noon followed by adoration of Our Lady Blessed Mother and procession with Rosary, a living cross and concluding with Mass

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE: On Monday August 28 between 7 am - 5 pm there will be a full road closure of Innisfil Street for Sanitary Replacement being done at 397 Innisfil Street, Barrie. Traffic control devices will be installed for the safety of vehicles and pedestrians. Please follow the detour signage posted drive with extra care.



Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis Leo
Friday, September 29, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. - St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful.

Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!



Please pray for those who are sick: Hank Abspoel, Clarence Joncas, Samuel Igboanugo, Margaret White-

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

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