

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 Sept. 2 nd	5:00 pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday Sept. 3 rd	9:30 am † Paul Kokelj Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † Barbara Nugent Requested by: Silvano Fazari
	9:30 am † Hue Thi Dang & Nguyen Thi Chin Requested by: Nguyen & Tran Families
	11:30 am † Len Shirose Requested by: Christine Liggett
Tuesday Sept. 5 th	9:30 am † Raymond Thomas Requested by: Knights of Columbus #10370
Wednesday Sept. 6 th	9:30 am For the special intentions of the Cremin Family Requested by: Family
Thursday Sept. 7 th	9:30 am † Clifford Allum Requested by: Teresa Allum
Friday Sept. 8 th	9:30 am † Celenie Buenacosa Requested by: Doreen Buenacosa



EMBRACING THE CROSS: A JOURNEY OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

On this 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are reminded of the central theme of Christian discipleship: the call to self-denial and the willingness to carry the cross in order to follow Jesus. In today's readings, we encounter the profound challenge and the transformative power that lies within this call. Let us reflect on this message of discipleship and draw strength from it for our everyday lives.

In Matthew 16:24, Jesus says, "If anyone wants to be my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." These words remind us that discipleship is not merely a comfortable journey; it demands sacrifice and selflessness. Embracing the cross means letting go of our own desires and priorities, and instead aligning ourselves with the will of God. It is in this surrender that we find true freedom and fulfillment.

In today's world, the idea of self-denial can seem daunting. We live in a culture that often encourages self-indulgence and immediate gratification. However, true discipleship challenges us to rise above these temptations and embrace a different path. It is a path of love, service, and humility.

As we navigate the ups and downs of our daily lives, we are called to carry our own crosses with courage and faith. It may be the cross of illness, loss, or challenging relationships. It may be the cross of sacrificing personal ambitions for the sake of others. Whatever form it takes, the cross is an opportunity for growth and transformation.

Throughout history, countless saints and holy men and women have embraced the cross and set an inspiring example for us. Their lives teach us that the road of discipleship, though difficult, leads to joy and eternal rewards. Let us take heart in the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, who once said, "I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much" - a reminder that God's grace sustains us even in the face of challenges.

So, dear parishioners, let us recommit ourselves to the path of discipleship. Let us embrace the cross, knowing that in doing so, we are following in the footsteps of our Savior. May we find strength in prayer, in the support of our faith community, and in the knowledge that God walks with us every step of the way.

May this week be an opportunity for us to reflect on our own journey of discipleship, to examine where we can deny ourselves, and to embrace the cross with renewed dedication. May we be inspired by the saints and find solace in the words of Jesus: "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:25).

As we begin a new academic year, "May the grace of the Divine guide and protect all school children, university students, teachers, and staff as they embark on a new academic year. May their minds be filled with knowledge, their hearts be open to learning, and their spirits be uplifted with inspiration. May they find strength in their studies, joy in their achievements, and support in their community. Blessings and prayers be upon them all."

Wishing you all a blessed week ahead.



WELCOME BACK ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHOIR!

Choir participation will resume on Sunday September 10th after our summer hiatus. Choir members and cantors are invited to meet in the Fr. Blackwell Room at 10:45 am in preparation for the 11:30 am Mass. Anyone who is interested in joining the choir is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact our Music Director, Marilyn at mreesor@archtoronto.org.

WELCOME WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!

Welcome Wednesdays is a drop-in social event for parishioners and their friends. We meet from 10:00am to 1:00pm, and this year we will begin on September 13th. Please come to enjoy videos, activities and plenty of conversation. The Parish will provide hot and cold drinks and treats. Bring your own lunch, and we'll offer soup and fresh bread.



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.

MASS TIME CHANGE

Effective October 3, 2023, our weekday morning Mass which took place on Tuesday at 9:30 am will now change to **7:00 p.m.** moving forward.

Any Mass intentions that were previously scheduled for 9:30 am on Tuesdays, will now be switched to the 7:00 pm Mass.



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.



ROSARY SUNDAY

You are invited to join the Annual Rosary Sunday Pilgrimage, Sept. 10th 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 at the Papal altar beginning at 2.30 pm.



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

And for those who have died recently:

† Maria Henriques

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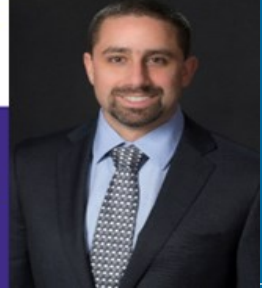
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