

# 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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\*\*\*Emergency due to death or serious illness, press 9.



### 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



**EMBRACING GOD'S  
MERCY AND LIVING  
IN HARMONY**

This Sunday, the Scriptures remind us of the importance of forgiveness, reconciliation, and living in harmony with one another.

In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel emphasizes personal responsibility and the need for repentance. God invites us to turn away from our sinful ways and return to Him. We are reminded that no matter how far we have strayed, God's mercy is always available to us. As it is written in Ezekiel 18:32, "For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!"

In the second reading, Saint Paul urges us to imitate Christ's humility and selflessness. He encourages us to put others before ourselves and to have the same mindset as Jesus, who humbled Himself by taking the form of a servant. Paul's words in Philippians 2:3-4 resonate deeply, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

In the Gospel passage, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons. One son initially refuses to work in his father's vineyard but later repents and obeys, while the other son promises to go but does not. Through this parable, Jesus emphasizes the importance of true repentance and conversion of heart. As Jesus affirms in Matthew 21:31, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you."

Let us reflect:

**1. Cultivating a Humble Heart:** Let us strive to imitate Christ's humility and selflessness in our interactions with others. By valuing others above ourselves, we can foster harmonious relationships and promote unity within our families, communities, and workplaces.

**2. Embracing God's Mercy:** Just as God's mercy is infinite, so should our capacity to forgive be. Let us embrace the power of forgiveness, both in seeking it for ourselves and extending it to others. As Jesus teaches us in Matthew 18:21-22, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."

**3. Authentic Repentance:** The parable of the two sons reminds us that true conversion requires more than mere words or promises. It necessitates a sincere change of heart and a commitment to follow God's will. Let us examine our lives and heed the call to turn away from sin and embrace a life of righteousness.

Friends, let us carry the message of forgiveness, humility, and reconciliation with us throughout the week. May we strive to live in harmony with one another, seeking God's mercy and extending it to those around us. May our actions reflect the teachings of Christ, and may His love shine through us in all that we do.

***"Reconciliation is more beautiful  
than victory."***

- Violeta Barrios de Chamorro

**INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION FUND**

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held this weekend to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The fund was the result of a \$30 million financial commitment made by the Canadian Bishops in September 2021. Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture. This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of the Holy Father made earlier this year for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation). Envelopes are also available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



Saturday Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm <b>For the People of the Parish</b>
Sunday Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 am † <b>Ed Henderson</b> Requested by: Colette Henderson
	11:30 am † <b>Len Shirose</b> Requested by: Christine Liggett
Tuesday Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm † <b>Bessie Papala</b> Requested by: Family
Wednesday Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am † <b>Frank Balogh</b> Requested by: Fatiga Family
Thursday Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am † <b>Kazia Szpila</b> Requested by: Family
Friday Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am † <b>Frank &amp; Marina Prior</b> Requested by: Suzanne Prior



**Humanitarian aid for Morocco** - The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
- Name of Parish – Morocco Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief

**Humanitarian aid for Libya** – Anyone interested in making a donation may do so by contacting the Red Cross.

- Online through the Red Cross website – [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca)
- By phone through the Red Cross – 1-800-418-1111



**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION FOR 2023/2024 SEASON**  
**FIRST COMMUNION**

Parents, if your child is in Gr. 2 this year, please note; registration packages have been sent home with all Grade 2 students in all 6 of our feeder schools. If your child attends a different school, registration forms may also be picked up in the vestibule of our Church, or you may print it from the parish website. Registration and the first class will take place at the church on the following dates:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13 AT 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
OR  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 AT 1:00 pm– 2:30 PM

**CONFIRMATION**

Parents, if your child is in Gr. 7 this year, please note; registration packages have been sent home with all Grade 7 students in all 6 of our feeder schools. If your son/daughter attends a different school, registration forms may also be picked up in the vestibule of our Church, or you may print it from the parish website. Registration and the first class will take place at the church on the following dates:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20 AT 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
OR  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 21 AT 1:00 pm– 2:30 PM

**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.



This weekend, a representative from the Rosary Apostolate will be speaking after all the Masses. There will be a table set up in the hall with information for all those interested in learning more. There will also be a volunteer present to answer any questions you may have.

**THE CATHOLIC REGISTER**  
Anyone wishing to receive a **free** subscription to The Catholic Register, please sign your name to the list (pink sign-up sheets are available on the table in the vestibule before you enter the church). There are a limited number of subscriptions available. Sign-up is on a first come, first serve basis.

**WELCOME WEDNESDAYS!**  
Please come join us for 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.



**FELLOWSHIP**

Please join us after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Sunday Masses for fellowship & refreshments. Hosts are volunteers from the various ministries. We hope to see you there.



*Please pray for those who are sick:*

- Amelia Slater, Hank Abspoel, 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:*

† Doug Armstrong

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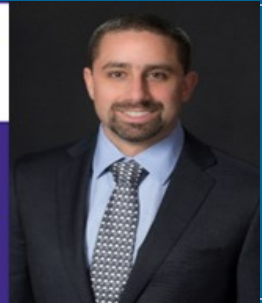
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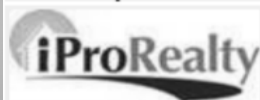
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