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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Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am

OF THE

EUCHARIST

Tuesday 7:00pm Wednesday - 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



A JOURNEY OF HOPE

"Advent is a season of devout and joyful expectation." - St. Teresa of Avila.

Welcome to the First Sunday of Advent! As we embark on this sacred season of anticipation, we are reminded of the great gift of hope that Christmas brings. This time of preparation invites us to reflect on the significance of Christ's coming and how we can prepare our hearts and homes to welcome Him with open arms.

Advent is a time of waiting, of conversion, and of hope; a time of preparing for the light that will come into the world at Christmas." Pope Benedict XVI.

Advent invites us to pause and reflect on our spiritual journey, both as individuals and as families. It is a time to cultivate a spirit of patience, humility, and gratitude as we await the birth of our Saviour. Just as the magi journeyed with purpose and anticipation, we too are called to embark on a journey of faith, love, and renewal.

"Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way. Let us remove the debris from our hearts and souls, making room for Christ to be born anew in us." Mother Teresa.

As individuals, let us use this season to examine our lives and make room for Christ's presence. Seek moments of silence and prayer to deepen your relationship with God. Let go of distractions and focus on embracing the true meaning of Christmas: the gift of God's love made manifest in the Incarnation. Through acts of kindness, forgiveness, and selflessness, let us prepare our hearts to receive the Light of the World.

"The family is the first essential cell of human society."- St. John Paul II.

As families, Advent provides a beautiful opportunity to come together in prayer, reflection, and acts of service. Engage in Advent traditions such as lighting the Advent wreath, reading Scripture, and sharing reflections. Create a sacred space within your home, where the whole family can gather to pray, meditate, and prepare for Christ's coming. Embrace the spirit of giving and reach out to those less fortunate, spreading the love and joy of the season.

Advent is a time of waiting, but it is not a passive waiting. It is an active waiting." - Henri Nouwen.

As we journey through Advent, let us remember that our waiting is not passive but active. May we actively seek God's presence in our daily lives and strive to live out the Gospel values of love, compassion, and mercy. Let the light of Christ guide us as we prepare to celebrate His birth with renewed faith, hope, and joy.

May this Advent season be a time of deep spiritual growth and heartfelt anticipation. Let us prepare our hearts, both as individuals and as families, to receive the greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ. Together, may we become beacons of hope, radiating His love, peace, and joy to the world.

Wishing you a blessed Advent season and a joyous Christmas filled with the peace that surpasses all understanding!



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Dec. 24th Christmas Eve

5:00 pm, & 8:00 pm

Monday Dec. 25th Christmas Day 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Sunday Dec. 31st New Year's Eve 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Monday January 1st, 2024 New Year's Day 11:30 am



Saturday December 2nd 5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday December 3rd 9:30 am P Russell Lock Requested by: Lock Family

9:30 am For the special intentions of Maria Thuy Mai & Maria Khuyen Hoang Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

11:30 am ♥ Gloria da Silva & the deceased Members of the da Silva Family

Requested by: Family

Tuesday December 5th 7:00 pm 1 Jim Taylor

Requested by: Knights of Columbus Card

7:00 pm **3 Zsigmond Orgovan** Requested by: Emily & Family

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass for the intentions of Amy Tumamao Requested by: Agnes Lim

Wednesday December 6th 9:30 am Philip & Cecile Roy Requested by: Colette Henderson

Thursday December 7th 9:30 am **₽ Ed Henderson** Requested by: Colette Henderson

9:30 am P Marina Prior

Friday December 8th

Requested by: Suzanne Prior

9:30 am **† Mary Claire Lynes Kehoe** Requested by: Theresa Sullivan

9:30 am Thanksgiving Mass for the intentions of Richa Lama Requested by: Richa Lama

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Dec. 13th - 15th: Immediately following the 9:30 am morning Mass.

Sat. Dec. 16th: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Dec. 20th at 6:30 pm - Examination of Conscience followed by Confessions (6 priests will be available to hear confessions).

Sun. Dec. 24th: No Confessions Mon. Dec. 25th: No Confessions



Please join us after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Masses for fellowship Sunday refreshments. Members of the parish will be your hosts this weekend.

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.



PROJECTORS & SCREENS **FUNDRAISING**

As we continue to improve and enhance our parish, a decision

was made through consultation with the Parish Finance Council to purchase new projectors and screens for the church thereby allowing everyone the ability to participate in singing the hymns during Mass. We have also decided to implement the use of an audio-visual component for our Children's Liturgy and Youth Programs which will require the use of a user-friendly audio video system and a replacement video projector with HDMI upgrade for the parish hall. The cost of this project is \$62,000.00.

Therefore, I am humbly asking you to please give whatever you can to support our new fundraising project.

We all look forward to the beautiful music played at each Mass and acquiring a new projector and screen to receive God's word through music will undoubtedly add to everyone's enjoyment.

Blue donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.



SAVE THE DATE: Sat. Dec. 16th at 7:00 pm A CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

CELEBRATION Come join us in the Hall

after Mass for an evening filled with Christmas cheer! We will be providing pizza and crafts for the kids, followed by games, a sing-a-long and even karaoke! There will also be a special gift for each of the kids. Please stay tuned for more details!

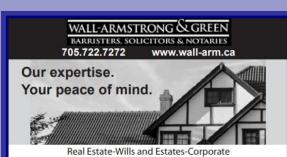
Remembrance Announcements

† Faye Wolfer, † Lawrence Kim †Angela Hughes † Michael Silvey, † Mary Kennedy & †Teresa Perry



Please pray for those who are sick: Dorothy Pilon, Katie Gibbons, Kyle Ramdial, Eric Jr. Ramsbottom, Amelia Slater, Margaret White-Jacobs, Mary Ellen Cremin, Carson Batters, Kelly McBride, Richard O'Brien, Joe Bottone,

Brian Ballinger, Isabel Crickard & Maria Almeida-Pasko



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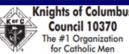
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