

# 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 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**



## EMBRACING HOPE AND PREPARING THE WAY

As we gather on this Second Sunday of Advent, we continue our journey towards the celebration of Christ's birth with hearts filled with hope and anticipation. Today's readings invite us to reflect on the importance of preparing ourselves and our world for the coming of the Lord.

The prophet Isaiah proclaims, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" (Isaiah 40:3). These words remind us of the need to clear away the obstacles that hinder our relationship with God. In our fast-paced lives, it is essential to create space for silence, prayer, and reflection, allowing the Lord to enter and transform us.

In the Gospel of Mark, we encounter John the Baptist, who embodies the spirit of preparation and repentance. His message resonates deeply with us today, urging us to examine our lives, seek forgiveness, and make amends where needed. Let us open our hearts to the transforming power of God's mercy and love.

Reflecting on this, author C.S. Lewis wisely said, "Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace."

Let us reflect on these words and consider how God is working in our lives, reshaping, and transforming us. Advent invites us to embrace this ongoing process of growth and renewal.

As we prepare for the coming of our Savior, let us remember the beautiful words of author Max Lucado, "God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile." The path of Advent may have its challenges, but the destination is filled with the promise of joy, peace, and eternal love.

May this Second Sunday of Advent ignite a fire of hope within us and inspire us to make straight the paths of our hearts. Let us embrace this season with renewed faith and anticipation, eagerly awaiting the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Wishing you a blessed and transformative  
Advent journey.**



### **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 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.



### **ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>:** Immediately following the 9:30 am morning Mass.

**Sat. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>:** 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

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

**Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>:** No Confessions

**Mon. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>:** No Confessions



Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm **For the People of the Parish**

Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † **Deceased members of the Spizzirri Family**  
Requested by: Linda Lacasse

9:30 am † **Joseph Hien Tran & Anton Anh Nguyen**  
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

9:30 am **Living & deceased members of the C.W.L.**

11:30 am † **Len Shirose**  
Requested by: Christine Liggett

Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm † **George D'Souza**  
Requested by: The D'Souza Family

7:00 pm † **Jim Taylor**  
Requested by: Fred & Hazel Hawrish

7:00 pm † **Renée Marie Michelle King**  
Requested by: Graeme & the Boys

7:00 pm † **MaryLouise Rasiulis**  
Requested by: Cam & Carla Morrison

Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † **Jim & Phyl Taylor**  
Requested by: The Family

Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † **Bessie Papala**  
Requested by: The Family

Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † **Angela Hughes**  
Requested by: Margaret Hughes

9:30 am † **Shirley Richard**  
Requested by: Bob Richard

9:30 am † **Joseph & Irene Balogh**  
Requested by: The Fatiga Family

9:30 am † **Anton Karen**  
Requested by: The Galic Family



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Sat. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 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!



**2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

2024 Envelopes are now available in the parish hall. To avoid any confusion, please do not use 2024 envelopes until the New Year.

Please ensure you put your name and address on the first 3 envelopes beginning with January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. All those with pre-authorized monthly giving are reminded to pick up envelopes as not all envelopes are covered by your pre-authorized giving. There are registrations pamphlets for parishioners wishing to begin pre-authorized monthly giving. **Thank you for your continued support!**



### Handicraft Holy Land Christians



On the weekend of December 16-17, we will welcome our special guest Sebastien Cardinal representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the Masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers." Visit us at [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

	<b>CHRISTMAS &amp; NEW YEAR'S HOLY MASS SCHEDULE</b>
<b>Sunday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Eve 5:00 pm, & 8:00 pm
<b>Monday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Day 9:30 am & 11:30 am
<b>Sunday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	New Year's Eve 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
<b>Monday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024</b>	New Year's Day 11:30 am



*Please pray for those who are sick:*

Steve McBride, Dorothy Pilon, Katie Gibbons, Kyle Ramdial, Eric Jr. Ramsbottom, Amelia Slater, Margaret White-Jacobs, Mary Ellen Cremin, Teresa Perry, Carson Batters, Kelly McBride, Richard O'Brien, Joe Bottone, Brian Ballinger, Isabel Crickard & Maria Almeida-Pasko

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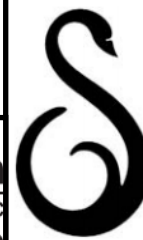


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