

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 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



REJOICE AND SPREAD THE LIGHT OF HOPE

As we gather on this blessed Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday, our hearts are filled with anticipation and joy.

We are called to rejoice and embrace the light of hope that illuminates our lives. Today, we are reminded that even amidst challenges, we can find joy in the anticipation of Christ's coming.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah proclaims, "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners." (Isaiah 61:1) These powerful words call us to be messengers of hope, sharing the good news and bringing comfort to those in need. Let us reach out to the poor, the broken-hearted, and the oppressed, offering them the love and compassion of Christ.

The Psalmist echoes this sentiment, saying, "My soul rejoices in my God." (Psalm 146:5). In our daily lives, we too can find reasons to rejoice in the Lord. Even amidst challenges and difficulties, we can choose to focus on the blessings we have received. Let us cultivate a spirit of gratitude and praise, recognizing God's goodness and faithfulness in every aspect of our lives.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonians, encourages us to "rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and in all circumstances give thanks." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) These words remind us that joy is not dependent on our external circumstances but springs from a deep relationship with God. By nurturing a consistent prayer life and cultivating a heart of gratitude, we can experience a joy that surpasses all understanding.

Today's Gospel reading presents us with the figure of John the Baptist, who testifies to the coming of Christ, saying, "One mightier than I is coming after me." (Mark 1:7) John's humility and selflessness serve as a powerful example for us. In our

interactions with others, let us emulate his spirit of humility, recognizing that we are called to be witnesses of Christ's love, pointing others to Him rather than seeking attention for ourselves.

As we reflect on these readings, let us remember that true joy comes from embracing our mission as disciples. Let us be the light that shines in the darkness, bringing hope to those who are despairing. Let us be agents of healing, offering comfort and solace to those who are broken. And let us be messengers of liberation, proclaiming the good news of God's love and mercy.

May this Gaudete Sunday inspire us to rejoice always, to spread joy in our communities, and to live out our faith with passion and conviction. Let us remember the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, who said, "Joy is a net of love by which we catch souls." May our joy be contagious, drawing others closer to the heart of Christ.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Third Sunday of Advent!



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

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



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| Saturday December 16 th | 5:00 pm For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday December 17 th | 9:30 am † Adolf Schlumberger Requested by: Betty Anne Schlumberger & Family |
| | 11:30 am † Len Shirose Requested by: Christine Liggett |
| Tuesday December 19 th | 7:00 pm † Jim Taylor Requested by: Les & Mary Watts |
| | 7:00 pm † Santo Tavella Requested by: Family |
| Wednesday December 20 th | 9:30 am † Bessie Papala Requested by: The Family |
| Thursday December 21 st | 9:30 am † Butch & Marion Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior |
| Friday December 22 nd | 9:30 am † Marcy Kuntz Requested by: Larry & Mary Jane White |
| | 9:30 am † Jim Taylor Requested by: Fran Matton |

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 1st, 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!

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND UPDATE

On December 12, the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Recipients include **Aboriginal Legal Services** located in Toronto that will receive \$538,000 to help fund their Indigenous family dispute resolution program called *Giiwedin Anang*. Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To learn more, visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation



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



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

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to St. John Vianney Church, welcome! We invite you to register with the parish office. All parishioners are asked to please notify the office of any changes in address or phone number. Thank you!

The Parish Office will be closed at noon on Dec. 22nd & Dec. 25th, & 26th

Remembrance Announcements

† Joseph "Fern" Theriault



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, Carson Batters, Kelly McBride, Richard O'Brien, Joe Bottone, Brian Ballinger, Isabel Crickard & Maria Almeida-Pasko

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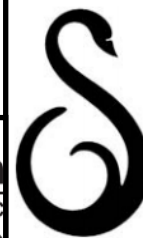


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