

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



EMBRACING THE LOVE AND UNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

In the Gospel of Luke, we are presented with the story of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. A moment of profound significance, as it reveals the obedience and dedication of Mary and Joseph in fulfilling their religious duties. Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognized Jesus as the light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of the people of Israel, yet he also prophesied that a sword would pierce Mary's soul. This poignant foreshadowing reminds us of the challenges and sacrifices that come with love and faith.

Reflecting on the Holy Family, we are called to emulate their virtues of love, faith, and resilience. Their lives were not without trials, yet they remained steadfast in their devotion to each other and to God. As we look to the new year, let us carry their example in our hearts, striving to nurture love, promote unity, and uphold faith within our own families and communities.

As we approach the threshold of a new year, let us embrace it with hope and optimism. The new year offers us an opportunity to reflect on the past and to set new intentions for the future. Let us embrace the words of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who said, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." Let us be the catalysts for positive change in our families and communities, creating ripples of love, kindness, and compassion that extend far beyond our own lives.

In the spirit of the new year, let us offer prayers for all families, that they may be filled with peace, understanding, and love. May the

challenges of the past year be overshadowed by the hope and promise of the year ahead. Let us also remember those who are struggling, those who are lonely, and those who are in need, extending our hands in compassion and support.

As we come together to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and to welcome the new year, let us be mindful of the words of Pope Francis, who said, "The family is a factory of hope – a place where hope is born, where we teach hope to others." May our families be beacons of hope, radiating love and unity into the world.

May the love and unity of the Holy Family inspire and guide us, and may the new year bring blessings of peace, joy, and prosperity to all. Amen.



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.



Saturday December 30 th	5:00 pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday December 31 st	9:30 am For the living & deceased members of the Knights of Columbus 11:30 am † Len Shirose Requested by: Christine Liggett 5:00 pm New Years Eve Mass
Monday January 1 st	9:30 am Mass Cancelled 11:30 am New Years Day Mass
Tuesday January 2 nd	7:00 pm Mass Cancelled
Wednesday January 3 rd	9:30 am † Mary Kennedy Requested by: Family
Thursday January 4 th	9:30 am † Jim Taylor Requested by: Al & MaryAnn Weishar
Friday January 5 th	9:30 am † Frank & Marina Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Fr. Joshy and the staff send New Year wishes to everyone in the parish. May 2024 be a grace filled, blessed and happy one for you!



Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

Baptism is a prerequisite for other Sacraments such as First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you wish your child in Grade 2 or older to be baptized or to be welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church (when baptized in another Christian church), please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Paul Laplume. The program begins on **Sunday, January 6th**.



INFANT BAPTISM

Baptismal Preparation Kits (Registration Forms) are available for download from our parish website (www.StJohnVianneyBA@archtoronto.org)

You may also pick one up from the parish office. Baptisms usually take place on specific Sundays during the month (please confirm with the parish office). Attendance at a baptism preparation class (virtual class via ZOOM) is mandatory before baptism takes place. Please fill out the applicable form and submit it to the parish office and a staff member will call you to discuss dates.



The Knights of Columbus of St. John Vianney Church Council # 10370 presents 2024 Council Basketball Free Throw Competition

Saturday January 13th, 2024

~St. John Vianney Catholic School GYM - 393 Innisfil Street, Barrie
~Girls and Boys 9 to 14 years old (age as of January 1st, 2024)
~Players can register at St. John Vianney Catholic School between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. (registration tables will be in front of the gym) on Saturday January 13th, 2024.
~All Contestants must complete the registration/entry form (signed by their parents or guardian) ID providing proof of age (birth certificate, health card or passport)
~Winners will go on to the District finals in February
~Ages 9-11 shoot from 12-foot line, Ages 12-14 shoot from the 15-foot line

Contact Brother Kyle Tilley with any questions at 705-730-6512



2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2024 Envelopes are 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!

NEW YEAR'S HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

Please take note that there will be no evening Mass (7:00 pm) on Tuesday January 2nd, 2024

The Parish Office will be closed on January 1st - New Year's Day



Please pray for those who are sick:

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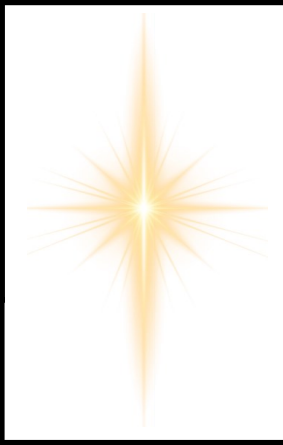
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