

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Closed from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for lunch



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, we are reminded of the significance of this special day in the liturgical calendar. Today, we commemorate the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the visit of the Magi. Their journey to witness the birth of Christ reflects the universal nature of Jesus' message of love and salvation, which transcends all boundaries and welcomes all people.

In the Gospel according to Matthew, the Magi followed the star, symbolizing their pursuit of truth and divine guidance. Their devotion and perseverance teach us the importance of seeking and recognizing the presence of God in our lives. We are called to be like the Magi, to embark on our spiritual journey, guided by faith and a desire for deeper understanding.

In today's world, it can be easy to lose sight of what is truly important. We are bombarded with distractions and challenges that can lead us astray. However, the Epiphany calls us to refocus our attention on the light of Christ, which illuminates our path and leads us to fulfillment and peace. As the author Thomas Merton once said, "For each one of us, there is only one thing necessary: to fulfill our destiny, according to God's will, to be what God wants us to be."

The readings of the day offer us profound insights and guidance. In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies about the nations coming to the light of the Lord, and the abundance of wealth and camels converging upon Jerusalem. This signifies the universal nature

of God's salvation and the fulfillment of His promises.

It reminds us that God's love is not limited by borders or boundaries but extends to all corners of the earth.

In the second reading, Paul emphasizes the mystery of Christ, which was not fully revealed in previous generations but is now made known to all through the Gospel. This mystery invites us to embrace the transformative power of Christ's message and to share it with others, just as the Magi shared the news of their encounter with the infant King.

As we reflect on the significance of the Epiphany, let us remember that each of us has a unique role to play in God's plan. Let us be open to the guiding light of Christ, and may we, like the Magi, be willing to offer our gifts and talents in service to others. Let us heed the words of Saint Catherine of Siena, who said, "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

May the celebration of the Epiphany inspire us to seek the light of Christ in our daily lives, to embrace our call to share His love with others, and to be beacons of hope and joy in our community.

Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo –
"Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond
All Other Things"

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org



Saturday January 6 th	5:00 pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday January 7 th	9:30 am † Ina Johansson Requested by: Betty Anne Schlumberger & Family 11:30 am † Len Shirose Requested by: Christine Liggett
Tuesday January 9 th	7:00 pm † MaryLouise Rasiulis Requested by: Jean D'Aloisio 7:00 pm † Lawrence Kim Requested by: Fred & Hazel Hawrish
Wednesday January 10 th	9:30 am For the special intentions of C.J. Bennett Requested by: A. & E. Kokelj
Thursday January 11 th	9:30 am † Ed Henderson Requested by: Colette Henderson
Friday January 12 th	9:30 am † Chacko Varkey Requested by: Jomal George 9:30 am For the special intentions of Karl & Dorothy Amm Requested by: Fred & Hazel Hawrish



On Sunday, January 14, the St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus will again be serving a Pancake Breakfast in the parish hall after both the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. The breakfast is part of the Knights' contribution to the regular Fellowship Sunday program. Pancakes and sausages, syrup, tea, coffee and juice will be served. All are welcome and there is no charge. Donations to help cover the costs will be appreciated but are not necessary.



It's time to start using your **2024 Envelopes**. Boxes are available at the Welcome Table in the foyer if you haven't already picked them up. Please ensure you put your name and address on the first 3 envelopes beginning with January 1st, 2024.

PLEASE DISCARD ANY UNUSED 2023 ENVELOPES
Thank you for your continued support!



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

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

- † Germaine Coe (December 31, 2023)
- &
- † Patricia "Pat" Smrcka



THANK YOU TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Today, the solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord, marks the end of Christmas season. As we begin another year, I would like to thank you for all you do and the many ways you help to make our parish such a wonderful place.

Many thanks to those who contributed to our wonderful Christmas celebrations: decorators, floral arrangers, altar servers, readers, ushers, Knights of Columbus, Music Ministry, and all who helped in any way.

Thank you for your continued support both financially and through your active involvement in the parish. Thank you also for your well wishes, cards and gifts. I truly appreciate all your kindness.

Fr. Joshy George, Pastor

Welcome Wednesday Gathering

Please join us this coming Wednesday for our Welcome Wednesday gathering! There will be a movie, games, and fellowship. All are welcome!



Please pray for those who are sick:

Kyle Ramdial, Assunta Nero & Steve McBride

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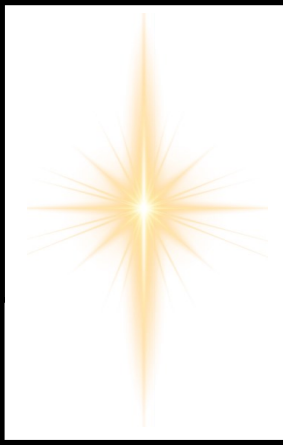
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