

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

**"ACT AS IF EVERYTHING
DEPENDS ON YOU; TRUST AS
IF EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON
GOD." - ST. IGNATIUS OF
LOYOLA-**

Dear Parishioners of St. John Vianney,

As we gather on this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are reminded of the evergreen wisdom of St. Ignatius, which resonates profoundly with today's readings. Our faith journey is akin to a harmonious dance between our efforts and divine grace.

The readings today, from the First Book of Samuel and the Gospel of John, invite us to listen and respond to God's call with the same promptness and dedication as young Samuel and the first disciples did.

Samuel's story (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19) is a testament to the beauty of a listening heart. "Speak, for your servant is listening," Samuel responds. This attitude of openness and readiness to serve God is what each of us is called to emulate. How often do we pause in our busy lives to say to the Lord, "Speak, for your servant is listening"?

In the Gospel (John 1:35-42), we encounter the first disciples who, upon meeting Jesus, inquired, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" To which Jesus responds, "Come, and see." This simple invitation is extended to us today. Jesus does not overwhelm with grand gestures but gently invites us to come and see. It is in the 'seeing,' in the living experience of following Christ, that we find our purpose and calling.

The words of the American author, Maya

Angelou, echo in our context, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." The encounter with the divine can be that breath-taking moment that redefines our ordinary time as extraordinary.

We are all called, like the disciples, to be witnesses to the light of Christ.

This ordinary time is nothing but a canvas for the extraordinary works of God through our ordinary lives. C.S. Lewis once said, "Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see." Every act of kindness, every gesture of love, every word of truth we share is a retelling of the Gospel message.

Let us then, dear friends, walk into the ordinariness of our days with the expectation of encountering the extraordinary. Let's seek the face of God in everyone we meet and serve them as if we were serving Christ himself. Let's commit to being attentive to the whispers of the Holy Spirit in our lives, guiding us to deeper waters where our faith can flourish.

May we find moments of quiet reflection in the busyness of our lives, allowing God to speak to us and guide our actions. Let us be mindful of the opportunities to live out our faith in our interactions with others.

As we move forward from this Sunday, may we carry the light of Christ within us, illuminating the path for others through our words, actions, and the love that we share. Let us be beacons of hope and instruments of peace, living out the call to discipleship in our everyday lives.



Saturday January 13 th	5:00 pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday January 14 th	9:30 am † Iona Csizmadia Requested by: Family
	11:30 am † Len Shirose Requested by: Christine Liggett
Tuesday January 16 th	7:00 pm † Tom Hogenbirk Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
Wednesday January 17 th	9:30 am † John & Betty Emdin Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
Thursday January 18 th	9:30 am † Peter & Dorothy Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Friday January 19 th	9:30 am † Jose Senra Requested by: Sousa Family
	9:30 am † Manuel Lopes Requested by: Sousa Family
	9:30 am † Carlos Sousa Requested by: Sousa Family
	9:30 am † Manuel Pereira Requested by: Pereira Family

UPDATE ON FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

At the beginning of November, we announced a new project for the parish which will enhance our worship space. We are excited to be able to offer new projectors and screens in the church which will allow everyone access to the words of the hymns during Mass. In addition, we are planning to use audio-visual equipment 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 work is almost complete by Music Pro.

Thank you to those who have already generously contributed to our project. As of today's date, we have raised \$ **20,367.00**.

I request all of you to prayerfully consider this important matter and help us to reach our goal of \$62,000.00. If you wish to donate, special blue donation envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Welcome Wednesday Gathering is CANCELLED this coming week - January 17



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 C.W.L. will be holding their General Meeting on Monday January 15th 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.



Couples wishing to be married must contact the pastor at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office at (705) 726-8007 to book an appointment.

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre Invites Cancer Patient and Caregivers to a Day of Retreat to Experience God's Healing Love

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Registration is at 8:30am and the cost is \$45.00. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre is located at 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga.

For more information, please contact: Jean at 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

Remembrance Announcements

† Alan Jackson † Patricia Smrcka



Please pray for those who are sick:

Kyle Ramdial, Assunta Nero
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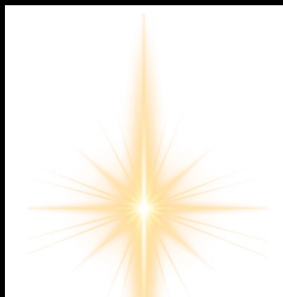
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