

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



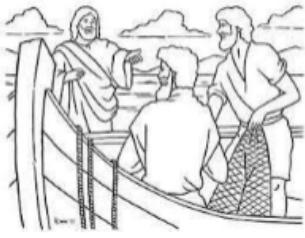
CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday
4:00pm - 4:45pm

OFFICE HOURS

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

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



ACCEPTING THE CALL TO FOLLOW

In today's Gospel, we hear the powerful words of Jesus as he calls the disciples, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). These words echo through the ages, inviting each of us to consider our own response to the call of Christ in our lives. Are we willing to leave behind our nets, our comfort zones, and follow Him wholeheartedly?

As we reflect on this call, we are reminded of the words of the great Saint Augustine, who said, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." This restlessness, this yearning for something more, is a universal experience, and it is ultimately a yearning for God.

The readings of today remind us that God's call is not reserved for a selected few, but for all who are willing to listen and respond. In the first reading, Jonah is sent to the people of Nineveh to call them to repentance, and they respond wholeheartedly. Their example challenges us to consider how we respond to God's call in our own lives.

How can we apply the message of today's readings to our daily lives? Perhaps we can start by taking a moment each day to listen to God's call. This might come in the form of a quiet

prompting in prayer, a nudge to reach out to someone in need, or a sense of direction in making an important decision. Let us remain open and attentive, ready to respond as the disciples did, leaving all to follow Christ.

In the words of Mother Teresa, "I know God won't give me anything I can't handle. I just wish he didn't trust me so much." As we reflect on these words, let us remember that God equips those He calls. We have the strength and grace to respond to His call, whatever it may be.

May this Sunday be a reminder that each of us is called to be a witness to the love and mercy of Christ in our own unique way. Let us embrace this call with courage and trust, knowing that God walks with us every step of the way.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead!

**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



RCIA CLASSES RESUME THIS WEEK

**There will be an RCIA meeting
this Sunday, January 21st at
12:30pm and also an extra class
on Sunday, January 28th at 12:30pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday
January 20th 5:00 pm For the special intentions of
Auriel Johnston & Family
Requested by: Keith & Eve Kinns & Family
- Sunday
January 21st 9:30 am For **the people of the Parish**
11:30 am † **Kazia Szpila**
Requested by: Gene & Mary Cudney
- Thursday
January 25th 9:30 am † **Jim & Phyl Taylor**
Requested by: Family
- Friday
January 26th 9:30 am † **Sadie Jackson**
Requested by: Evelyn Herbert



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.



Please join us after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Sunday Masses for fellowship & refreshments. Hosts are volunteers from the parish. We hope to see you there!



SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

It's not too late to register for these sacraments. Please visit our parish website at www.stjohnvianneyba.archtoronto.org for information and registration packages or come to the parish office during regular office hours.

Pastoral Letters of Reference

If you foresee that you will require a pastoral letter of reference from the pastor for the purpose of applying for a position within the Catholic School Board or to become a Confirmation sponsor or Godparent, it is essential that you introduce yourself to the priest well in advance so that he can get to know you. A letter of reference is meant to attest that a person is a "practicing Catholic", one who regularly attends Sunday Mass with the Parish Community and is actively involved in the parish. A priest who does not have some acquaintance cannot satisfy such a request.

WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

Please come join us at our Welcome Wednesday Drop-In for videos, activities and plenty of conversation. We meet every Wednesday from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.



CALLING ALL GARDNERS AND PLANT ENTHUSIASTS!

We are looking to form a group of volunteers to help beautify the church with some new greenery. If you have a green thumb and would like to share your talent and love of plants, please call the parish office.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

† Sadie Jackson



Please pray for those who are sick.

Kyle Ramdial, Assunta Nero & Steve McBride

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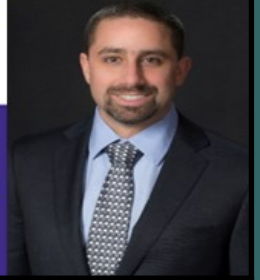
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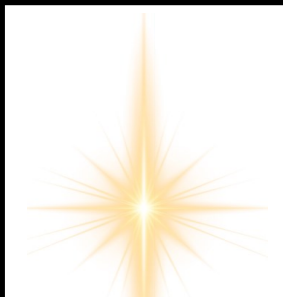
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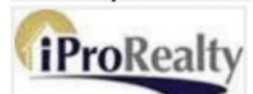
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