

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

REJOICE SUNDAY

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday, we are called to rejoice in the midst of our Lenten journey towards Easter. This day offers us a moment of respite, a glimmer of hope, and a reminder of the joy that awaits us at the end of our penitential season.

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday (John 3:14-21), we are reminded of God's immense love for us: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." This profound statement encapsulates the core of our faith - the sacrificial love of God and the promise of eternal life through belief in His Son.

As we reflect on this love, we are called to examine our own lives. Are we living in a way that reflects this love to others? Are we embracing the light of Christ and allowing it to shine through us? St. Augustine beautifully said, "You called, shouted, broke through my deafness; you flared, blazed, banished my blindness; you lavished your fragrance, I gasped, and now I pant for you; I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst; you touched me, and I burned for your peace."

In the first reading (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23), we are shown the consequences of turning away from God - the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile of the Israelites. This serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of remaining faithful and turning back to God in times of trouble.

In our lives today, we often face challenges, temptations, and struggles that can lead us away from God. But just as the Israelites were eventually granted freedom and restoration, we too can find redemption and renewal in God's love and mercy.

Let us use this Laetare Sunday as an opportunity to reflect on our journey through Lent. Let us rejoice in the love of God, seek forgiveness for our shortcomings, and recommit ourselves to living as children of the light. As St. Ambrose once said, "Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, and the joy of grace."

May this day inspire us to walk ever closer to God, to share His love with others, and to find joy in the knowledge that we are beloved children of the Most High.



LENTEN CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on:
Tues. March 19th - 5:30 pm
 There will be 5 priests available to hear confessions on that day.



Saturday
March 9th 5:00 pm **For the people of the parish**

Sunday
March 10th 9:30 am † **Teresa & Frank Mika**
Requested by: Family
11:30 am † **Huynh Kiem Thu & Mai Viet Phu**
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

Tuesday
March 12th 7:00 pm † **Gisele Vermette**
Requested by: Lucien Dion
7:00 pm **For deceased members of the Papala Family**
Requested by: Mary Conte

Wednesday
March 13th 9:30 am † **Rachel Koevoet**
Requested by: Con Koevoet

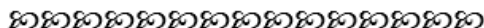
Thursday
March 14th 9:30 am † **Lawrence Kim**
Requested by: Family

Friday
March 15th 9:30 am † **Ed Henderson**
Requested by: Colette Henderson

9:30 am † **Fred Aloise**
Requested by: Maria Aloise

9:30 am † **Otilie & Deedee Mieschke**
Requested by: Conrad Mieschke

9:30 am **For living & deceased members of the C.W.L.**



A Pastoral Reference is a document sometimes requested from our parish by an individual seeking employment or volunteer work with a school board, another parish, or a chaplaincy service. If you, or someone you know, foresees a need for a Pastoral Reference, please consider becoming a volunteer with our ministries, especially the teaching ministries. This allows us to report your active involvement and commitment to the life of our parish. Teaching ministries include RCIA, RCIC, Baptism Preparation, Children's Liturgy and especially Sacramental Preparation.

Please pray for our RCIA candidates as they journey towards Baptism, Reception, the Eucharist and Confirmation this Lenten Season.

CWL General Meeting, **Monday, March 11th, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.**

Holy Week and Easter Services				
Come Worship With Us!				
Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Sat. March 23 rd	Thursday March 28 th	Friday March 29 th	Saturday March 30 th	Sunday March 31 st
5:00 pm	7:00 pm The Mass of the Lord's Supper	3:00 pm The Passion of the Lord Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm	8:00 pm	9:30 am 11:30 am
Sun. March 24 th				
9:30 am 11:30 am				

TENEBRAE
A SERVICE OF DARKNESS & LIGHT, READINGS & SACRED MUSIC
A PERFECT PRELUDE TO THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27TH - 8PM
Guardian Angels Catholic Church
115 West Street North - Orillia
Reception to follow

WELCOME WEDNESDAY IS CANCELLED NEXT WEEK (March 13)

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



Please pray for those who are sick:
Antoinette Tassone, Maria Wainright, Evelyn Herbert, Hazel Hawrish, Larry White, Brian Ballinger, Kyle Ramdial, & Whitney McWilliam



The Stations of the Cross

Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings at **7:00 pm.** during Lent. The *Stations of the Cross* will take place **Friday March 15th** and will be led by the Knights of Columbus.

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