

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

A CALL TO RENEWAL

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, as we journey closer to the solemn celebration of Easter, let us reflect deeply on the readings appointed for today. In the Gospel of John (12:20-33), Jesus speaks of the grain of wheat that must fall to the ground and die in order to bear much fruit. This powerful metaphor reminds us of the sacrificial nature of Christ's mission and invites us to consider our own willingness to die to self in order to bring forth abundant life in Christ.

As we ponder these words, let us also contemplate the words of Saint Paul in his letter to the Hebrews (5:7-9), where he speaks of Christ's obedience and his suffering, which ultimately led to his glorification. Through his obedience, Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. This challenges us to reflect on our own obedience to God's will and our willingness to embrace the crosses in our lives, knowing that through them, we too can share in Christ's glory.

In this Lenten season, I urge all parishioners to participate in the Lenten retreats on March 18th and 19th, where we can take time to reflect on our spiritual journey and draw closer to God. The opportunity for Lenten Confession on the 19th beginning at 5:00 pm, is a chance for us to experience the healing and forgiveness that God offers us. Let us not let this holy season pass by without taking advantage of these grace-filled moments.

Let us heed the words of the prophet Jeremiah (31:31-34), who speaks of the new covenant that God will make with his people, a covenant of forgiveness and mercy. As we approach the sacrament of Confession, let us open our hearts to receive God's grace and allow ourselves to be renewed and transformed by his love.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we be inspired by the example of Christ, who willingly laid down his life for us, and may we

strive to imitate his obedience and selflessness in our own lives. Let us embrace the crosses that we bear, knowing that through them, we can experience the joy of resurrection and share in Christ's eternal glory.

In the words of Saint Augustine, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." Let us take comfort in the knowledge of God's infinite love for us and allow it to guide us on our journey of faith. May this Fifth Sunday of Lent be a time of profound spiritual renewal and transformation for each of us. Amen.



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 22nd** and will be led by the **Lectors.**

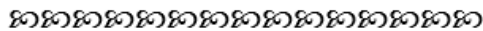


LENTEEN CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on:
Tues. March 19th - 5:00 pm
 There will be 5 priests available to hear confessions on that day.



- Saturday
March 16th 5:00 pm † **Marlene Pereira**
Requested by: The Pereira Family
- Sunday
March 17th 9:30 am **For the people of the parish**
11:30 am † **John Paul Dempsey**
Requested by: Dempsey Family
- Tuesday
March 19th 7:00 pm † **Blazenka Skracic**
Requested by: Zdenko Skracic
7:00 pm † **Bridie McCormack**
Requested by: Deirdra Cullingford
- Wednesday
March 20th 9:30 am † **Rachel Koevoet**
Requested by: Con Koevoet
- Thursday
March 21st 9:30 am † **Lawrence Kim**
Requested by: Family
- Friday
March 22nd 9:30 am † **Joe DaCosta**
Requested by: Mario Sousa
9:30 am † **Mario Ventura**
Requested by: Mario Sousa
9:30 am † **Bridget Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



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.



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday!

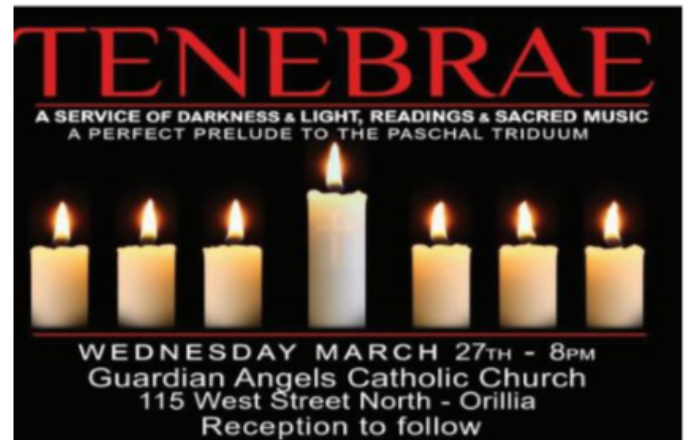
ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign.

Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Our parish goal this year is **\$290,500.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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

Holy Week and Easter Services <i>Come Worship With Us!</i>				
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

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!



REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

- † Robert Hodgins (March 13/24)
- &
- † Joseph Padfield (February 17/24)



Please pray for those who are sick:

- Isabel Zurego-Crickard,
- Antoinette Tassone, Maria Wainright, Evelyn Herbert, Hazel Hawrish,

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