

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

NURTURING THE CALL...

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, the readings for Year B invite us to reflect on the profound relationship between Jesus as the Good Shepherd and his flock, emphasizing the theme of vocation and our response to God's call. This day also coincides with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, highlighting the importance of discerning and fostering vocations within the Church.

In the Gospel of John (John 10:11-18), Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. This metaphorical imagery vividly portrays the sacrificial love and care that Jesus, the ultimate Shepherd, has for his followers. St. Augustine, a revered Church Father, beautifully articulates this concept by stating, "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men."

Furthermore, the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:8-12) showcases the boldness of Peter as he proclaims Jesus Christ as the cornerstone of salvation. This passage emphasizes the role of the Church in nurturing and guiding individuals towards their vocations, echoing the sentiments of St. John Chrysostom who said, "To destroy is easier than to build, and to lose is easier than to save. Such is the great

difference between the Creator and the destroyer."

As we commemorate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, it is essential to recognize that each of us has a unique calling from God. Whether it be to the priesthood, religious life, marriage, or singlehood, discerning our vocation requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's will. Tertullian, an early Christian theologian, reminds us, "The testimony of a good conscience is the glory of a good life."


In our daily lives, we are called to emulate the qualities of the Good Shepherd by demonstrating compassion, selflessness, and a willingness to lay down our lives for others. As Pope Francis once said, "The ability to serve others is inseparable from the joys of true love." By actively discerning and living out our vocations, we contribute to the flourishing of the Church and the world around us.

Let this Fourth Sunday of Easter and World Day of Prayer for Vocations serve as a reminder of our responsibility to heed God's call, follow the example of the Good Shepherd, and nurture the seeds of vocation within ourselves and others. As we journey on our individual paths of discernment, may we find strength in the words of St. Teresa of Avila, who said, "Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul."

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday April 20 th	5:00 pm For the people of the par
Sunday April 21 st	9:30 am For † Joseph Gioi Mai & De Thi Le Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families 11:30 am For † Fr. Fred Schmidt Requested by: Anonymous
Tuesday April 23 rd	7:00 pm † Elizabeth MacMillan Requested by: The Pisani Family 7:00 pm † Shelia Margaret Correa Requested by: The Pisani Family 7:00 pm † Myungyoon La Requested by: Family
Wednesday April 24 th	9:30 am † Ida Provenzano Requested by: Fiorenzo & Maria
Thursday April 25 th	9:30 am † Lawrence Kim Requested by: Family
Friday April 26 th	9:30 am † May Belanger Requested by: Fred & Hazel Hawrish 9:30 am † Michele Aprile Requested by: The Pisani & Aprile Families

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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.

WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT
Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga on Saturday May 9, 2024
Theme: Attitude with Gratitude
Time: 8:30 am – 3:00pm Cost: \$45.00 includes lunch
For more information: contact: Jean 905-2785229 or office@qoa.ca

PRO-LIFE APOLOGETICS EVENING

The Knights of Columbus are excited to have Keturah Duhmaine, from CCB (The Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform), speaking on how we can compassionately & effectively respond to the challenges that are presented in our world today when faced with life issues. To be held at the KOC hall - 93 Berczy St, Barrie on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 7-9 p.m. Please contact Michael Mora, Life Director for the Knights of Columbus Council 1626, with any questions. mike_mora@hotmail.com



Infant Baptism

Baptismal Preparation Kits (Registration Forms) are available for download from our parish website (www.StJohnVianneyBA@archtoronto.org) or pick one up from the parish office. Baptisms usually take place twice a month on a Sunday at 1:00 pm (please check on specific dates with the parish office). Attendance at a baptism preparation class (virtual class via Zoom) is mandatory before baptism takes place. Please fill in the applicable form(s) and submit them to the parish office and a staff member will call you to discuss dates.



Please join us after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Sunday Masses for fellowship & refreshments. This week, our hosts are the staff and students of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School. We hope to see you all there!



Please pray for those who are sick:
Arnold Ziegler, Kyle Ramdial

And for those who have died recently:

† May Belanger

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