

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

EMBRACING DIVINE **LOVE**

On the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B, let us reflect on the profound message of love, unity, and peace that resonates through the Scriptures. In a world plagued by division, conflict, and suffering, the words of Jesus in John 15:9-17 remind us of the transformative power of love: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love."

Reflecting on the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48), we witness the inclusive nature of God's love. Peter realizes that God shows no partiality and that His love extends to all people, regardless of their background or circumstances. In a world struggling with issues of discrimination and prejudice, this message serves as a powerful reminder of the universality of God's love.

Drawing from the wisdom of St. Teresa of Calcutta, who once said, "Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier," we are urged to be agents of love and reconciliation in a fractured world. Just as Jesus calls us to love one another, regardless of our differences, we are called to transcend barriers and build bridges of understanding and compassion.

In today's society, rife with conflicts and injustices, the message of unity and love remains as pertinent as ever. The words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Lord, make me an

instrument of your peace," echo the sentiment of seeking harmony amidst chaos. By choosing a path centered on God's love, we can sow seeds of reconciliation and healing in a world torn apart by strife.

In a time where the media bombards us with tales of division, war, and atrocities, it is crucial to renew our commitment to love as the Heavenly Father's unconditional gift to us. Just as St. Maximilian Kolbe selflessly sacrificed himself for a stranger in Auschwitz, we are called to emulate such radical love in our daily lives, fostering understanding and forgiveness in the face of hatred and animosity.

Let us meditate on the words of Mother Angelica, who said, "God's love is like a river, constantly flowing, constantly giving." By immersing ourselves in this divine love, we can find the strength to overcome the darkness that plagues our world and embrace a future built on unity, compassion, and peace. May this Sunday inspire us to choose the path of love and reconciliation, bringing light to a world in need of healing and hope.



C.W.L. Spring Tea

Your CWL is hosting a "Pretty in Pink" Tea on June 1st in the church hall. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. There will be live entertainment, door prizes, and fun. Don't miss it. Tickets are \$25 each and available after each Mass beginning THIS weekend or by calling Vivian Loveys at 705-719-2247. Dressing in pink clothing is encouraged.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday May 4 th	5:00 pm † Amelia & Eduino DaSilva Requested by: Family
Sunday May 5 th	9:30 am † Sam & Robyn Waskies Requested by: Linda Lacasse
	11:30 am For the People of the Parish
Tuesday May 7 th	7:00 pm † Bohdan Harmazy Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
	7:00 pm † Omarr Syed Requested by: Arleen Chee Foon
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Mary Newton Requested by: Patricia Scicluna & Sandra Gibson
Wednesday May 8 th	9:30 am † Ed Henderson Requested by: Colette Henderson
Thursday May 9 th	9:30 am † Frank Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Friday May 10 th	9:30 am † Mary & BJ Ronan Requested by: Suzanne Prior
	9:30 am † Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am † Lawrence Kim Requested by: Family
	9:30 am For the deceased members of The Conte Family Requested by: Mary Conte



Catholic Education Week
May 5, 2024
"We Are Called To Love"

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 – 10, 2024), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca.

CONGRATULATIONS



to those boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion last weekend and for those who will be celebrating this weekend! Our prayers are with you as you continue to walk in faith with Jesus guiding your steps.

Today, there will be a special collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.



Holy Spirit Parish in Barrie is organizing a bus for **March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday, May 9th**. The bus will leave at 6:00 am from our church and we are expecting to be back around 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$65 per person if we get all 56 seats on the bus filled. It is a coach bus with a washroom. Please spread the word and invite your family members and friends. We hope to fill the bus. If you are not able to attend but would like to support this event with a donation to help cover the cost of the bus or sponsor a youth, please let us know. For more information or book the seat, please contact Iwona at 705-241-7606 or Jacqueline at 705-229-6029.

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.



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

- † **Arnold Ziegler** – Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, May 10th @ 2:00pm
- † **Mark Donovan** – Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, May 11th @ 11:00am



Please pray for those who are sick:

Joe Liotine, Larry White, Isabel Crickard & Eric Sr. Ramsbottom

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