

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

Sunday
8:00am 9:30am &
11:30am

Monday & 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 CANADA DAY MESSAGE
FROM ARCHBISHOP
FRANCIS LEO**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Canada Day to all. As we celebrate Canada's founding in 1867, we welcome the opportunity to give thanks to God for His abundant blessings from sea to sea and pray that He continues to bless, protect, and guide us.

The *Collect* (Opening Prayer) for our Canada Day Liturgy acknowledges God's reign in our country and His care for us^[1], reminding us that God not only *creates*, but He also *sustains* (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church/CCC 301). It is through the very *act of creation* that God reveals Himself to us, giving us access through the "natural light of reason" to come to know, love and serve Him faithfully and fruitfully.^[2]

The *Collect* continues, praying for "wisdom to those who govern... respect for human life and dignity to every citizens," it ends with the desire for justice, unity, and peace in our country.^[3] Contained within these two triplets—wisdom, respect and dignity, justice, unity, and peace—there is an important insight into Catholic Social Doctrine; namely the close connection between life ethics and social ethics.^[4] For justice, unity and peace to exist, good governance, respect for life and the dignity of Canadians is necessary; this is a foundational principal of the Church's social teaching. Pope Francis puts it succinctly writing: "Issues relating to life are intrinsically connected to social questions. When we defend the right to life, we do so in order that each life—from conception to its natural end—may be a dignified life, one free from the scourge of hunger and poverty, of violence and persecution."^[5] The interconnectedness of issues surrounding life and the complexity of social ills can never be separated. Historically the denial of human rights and dignities has led to social upheavals and in some cases the catastrophic loss of human life.

As a community of faith, we strive to build up the Kingdom of God, and we are reminded of the passage from St. Matthew, "Whatever you did for

the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40; cf. Mt 25:31-46). This is more than a moral axiom to be applied in desperate situations and circumstances; it is a profound Christological truth that points first to the Lordship of Jesus Christ; second to the reality that we are created in the image and likeness of God; and third, the responsibility to care for one another. When we reflect on the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, we are struck by the love of God which moved Him to humble Himself, to embrace the poverty of the human condition so that He might raise us up and we might participate in His divine life (cf. CCC 460). The *mandatum* in St. John's Gospel to love one another as He has loved us (cf. Jn. 13:34-35), is an invitation to abide in the love of God and extend His communion to all we meet.

In my Pastoral Letter, "Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond all Other Things," I invited the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto to take concrete measures to make the Kingdom present and undo some of the modern-day distortions we experience daily. I proposed a list of twelve efforts, one for each month. During the month of July, I suggested that we seek out opportunities to spread and strengthen the Kingdom of God by working intentionally for truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love and peace. I would like to take this opportunity to renew that invitation and pray that we take seriously our baptismal call to holiness and service as a Church.

On this Canada Day we celebrate with joy the founding of our country and acknowledge with humility the mission we have been given by Our Lord himself. As citizens of God's Kingdom and of this world as well, we recognise the abundant blessings we have been given here in Canada and strive to extend those blessings to others. Let us never tire of seeking God's glory, of desiring to fulfill His holy will, of embracing His purpose for our lives and for our world, of reaching out and making a difference in the lives of our fellow Canadians. May God bless you and your families and friends on this Canada Day. St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Canada, pray for us.

**SINCERELY YOURS IN JESUS WITH MARY,
MOST REV. FRANCIS LEO
METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO**

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday
June 29th 5:00 pm † **Michele Aprile**
Requested by: The Pisani & Aprile Families

Sunday
June 30th 9:30 am **For the People of the Parish**
11:30 am † **Manuel Ferandes**
Requested by: Family
11:30 am † **Baby Emilia Fidelix**
Requested by: Her Parents

Monday
July 1st **NO EVENING MASS**

Tuesday
July 2nd 7:00 pm † **Allen Ellis**
Requested by: Sheila Ellis
7:00 pm † **Jane Orsulack**
Requested by: Mary Johnston

Wednesday
July 3rd 9:30 am † **Jose Gomes-Garcia**
Requested by: Lydia Harmazy

Thursday
July 4th 9:30 am † **Lawrence Kim**
Requested by: Family

Friday
July 5th 9:30 am † **John Balazs & Sons**
Requested by: Linda & Michelle Hodgins
9:30 am † **Frank & Marina Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior
9:30 am † **Dao Von Dieu**
Requested by: Thuy Le
9:30 am For the special intentions of **Eric Ramsbottom**
Requested by: Evelyn Herbert



Next weekend, Fr. Jorge Fernando Duarte Amaro, IMC. will be here to speak to us about the good works of The Consolata Missionaries.



The office will be closed on Monday, July 1st in observance of Canada Day. There will be NO evening Mass.



For with God, nothing will be impossible. Luke 1:37

Congratulations to all the graduating classes of 2024!
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



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.



2025

Parents, mark your calendars! Information sheets for the 2024-25 First Communion and Confirmation programs have been distributed to our 6 feeder schools. If your child will be in grade 2 for First Communion or grade 7 for Confirmation during the next school year, please keep an eye out for these handouts. If your child does not attend one of our schools, the same information can be found in the vestibule and on the parish website.

The **2023-2024 Missals** are back on sale at the welcome table.



SUMMER HOURS

The parish office will be closed at noon on Fridays throughout the summer. Regular Friday office hours will resume on Friday, September 6th.



JUST A REMINDER, THERE WILL BE NO FELLOWSHIP THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Emilia Luisa Rego Fidelix**

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