

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
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

“THE GREATEST TRAGEDY IN LIFE IS NOT DEATH, BUT A LIFE WITHOUT PURPOSE.” – VICTOR FRANKL

As we gather on this 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings of today invite us to reflect deeply on our spiritual journeys. They remind us that life, with its trials and tribulations, is not just an existence to endure, but a calling to purpose and fulfillment rooted in our relationship with God.

In the first reading from 1 Kings, we encounter the prophet Elijah, who, after a monumental victory over the prophets of Baal, finds himself fleeing into the wilderness, overwhelmed and despondent. He prays for death, feeling that he has failed in his mission. Yet, God meets him in his moment of despair, providing sustenance through an angelic messenger. The nourishment received by Elijah—both physical and spiritual—gives him the strength to continue his journey.

This narrative resonates with our own experiences of struggle and doubt. Today, it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the burdens we carry: the pressures of work, family responsibilities, and the chaos of everyday life. Like Elijah, we may find ourselves yearning for relief, longing for escape. However, God invites us to pause and recognize His presence in our midst. The angel’s message is clear: “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you” (1 Kings 19:7). In our moments of exhaustion, we are reminded that God provides us with what we need to continue our journey.

The psalmist echoes this sentiment beautifully: “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit” (Psalm 34:18). This assurance is particularly relevant today, as many feel isolated in their struggles. Our faith community is called to be a haven of support, embodying God’s love and compassion. When we gather in worship, we are reminded that we are not alone; God walks with us through our trials.

St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians offers us further guidance on how to navigate our daily lives. He urges us not to grieve the Holy Spirit and calls us to live in love, imitating Christ in our interactions with others. “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32).

In a world often marked by division and conflict, our call to embody kindness and compassion becomes

even more crucial. Our actions can either reflect God’s love or contribute to the despair that surrounds us. As we strive to love one another as Christ loves us, we create ripples of hope in our communities. The challenge is to be intentional in our relationships, practicing forgiveness and understanding. This is how we become instruments of God’s peace in a fractured world.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus declares Himself the Bread of Life, stating, “I am the bread that came down from heaven” (John 6:41). In a society that often prioritizes material wealth and fleeting pleasures, Jesus invites us to seek nourishment that transcends the physical. He offers us eternal sustenance that fills the deepest longings of our hearts.

As we approach the Eucharist, we are reminded that this sacrament is not just a ritual but a profound encounter with Christ. In receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, we are strengthened to live out our faith in the world. We become bearers of His love, called to share this life-giving bread with those who hunger for hope and meaning.

As we reflect on these readings, let us embrace the invitation to draw closer to God. In our moments of despair, may we seek His presence, knowing that He provides the strength we need for our journeys. Let us be a community that embodies love and compassion, actively seeking to uplift one another in our struggles. Finally, may we approach the Eucharist with open hearts, recognizing the profound gift of Christ, the Bread of Life, who nourishes us for our mission.



**ARE YOU INTERESTED
IN BECOMING A
CATHOLIC?**

Have you or someone you know ever considered becoming a Catholic? If so, the RCIA process is for you. This process begins each fall and runs with weekly meetings up to and including the Easter season. For those who are not baptized and for those of other Christian denominations who are already baptized, the RCIA/RCIC (children ages 6 and up) process are a wonderful response to the Lord’s call to His disciples to “Come and See”. If you are interested in joining the RCIA/RCIC process for the fall of 2023 please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Paul Laplume, our Lay Pastoral Associate (705) 726-8007 Ext. 204.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday August 10th 5:00 pm For the special intentions of **Valerie Capri Teolis**
Requested by: Andrew Teolis
- Sunday August 11th 8:00 am **For the People of the Parish**
- 9:30 am † **Leopold Babic**
Requested by: Maria Pushavetz
- 11:30 am For the living and deceased members of **The Schlumberger Family**
Requested by: The Schlumberger Family
- Monday August 12th 7:00 pm † **Salvatore Pisani**
Requested by: Rosa Rocha
- Tuesday August 13th 7:00 pm † **Jim & Phil Taylor**
Requested by: Family
- Wednesday August 14th **NO MORNING MASS**
7:00pm **Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed**
- Thursday August 15th 9:30 am † **Lawrence Kim**
Requested by: Family
- Friday August 16th 9:30 am † **Joe Bottone**
Requested by: Knights of Columbus
- 9:30 am † **All Souls in Purgatory**
Requested by: Marianne Strong
- 9:30 am **For the living and deceased Members of the CWL**



NEW MASS IN INNISFIL

Interested volunteers are welcome to attend a Planning Meeting on August 20th right after Mass, around 7:30pm.



ANNUAL MASS FOR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wish to invite all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** In Barrie, the Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery 208 Sunnydale Road Barrie, ON Bishop Boissonneau will be the celebrant. *In the event of rain, Mass will be celebrated at St. John Vianney Church*

Please note - There will be no morning Mass this Wednesday, August 14

ROSARY SUNDAY A LIVING PILGRIMAGE



SUNDAY, SEPT 8TH 2024

Rosary Sunday on Sept. 8th is an annual pilgrimage to honour Blessed Mother Mary. This year also coincides with the 40th anniversary of the Papal visit to Martyrs Shrine by Saint John Paul II. This year, his Grace, Bishop John Boissonneau, will be the celebrant. A bus is available for parishioners & families, departing from St John Vianney Church at 10:45am to Martyrs Shrine. Tickets are available after all Masses at a cost of \$20 including return trip & admission to Martyrs Shrine.

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.



The parish office will be closed at noon on Fridays throughout the summer.



CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA

This weekend is the annual collection for Canadian Missions. Catholic Missions in Canada and the selected dioceses in Northern Canada will benefit from your generosity to sustain and extend the Catholic faith to isolated, poor and hard-to reach mission areas in our country. Thank you for supporting this important work! Envelopes are available at the back of the church.



Please pray for those who are sick:

Darryl Brown & Stan Gomboc

Let's Celebrate!

Community
Music Food Fun



Register for our Parish Fiesta:

- Shear Park (across the road)
- Sunday, September 15th
- 12:30 to 3:00 pm
- bring a blanket or lawn chair

God has blessed us. Rejoice!

We look forward to celebrating with you! Registration for our Parish Fiesta will be \$5.00. Only one registration will be needed per family, couple or person. Registration will take place after all the Masses starting this weekend.

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