

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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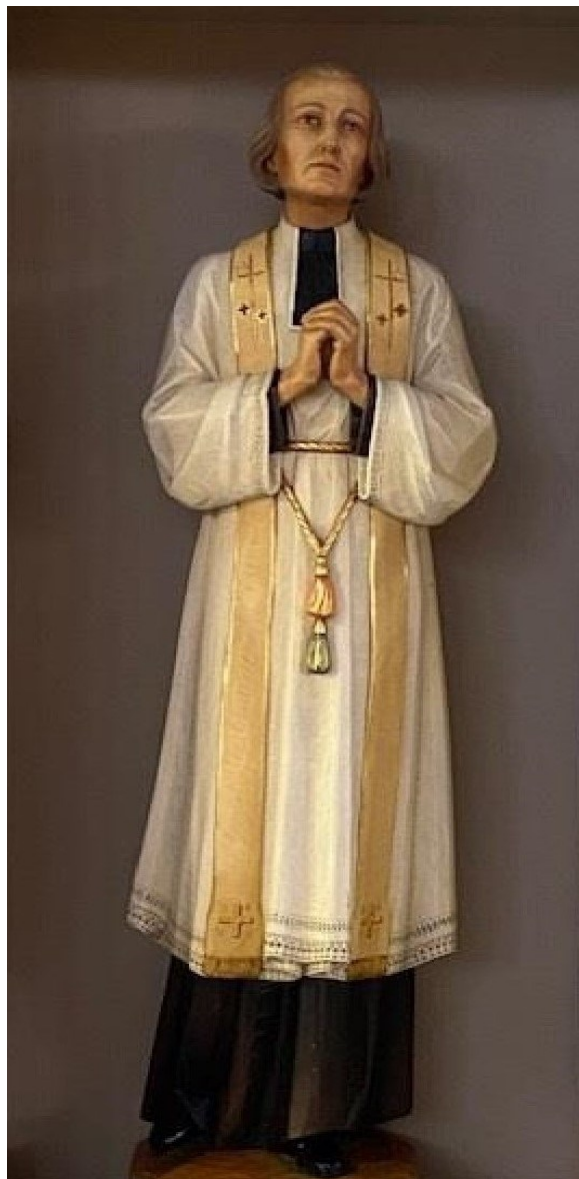
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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 BREAD OF LIFE: A CALL TO WISDOM AND COMMUNITY

As we gather on this 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 18th, 2024, we are invited into a profound encounter with the Scriptures that beckon us to reflect on the essence of wisdom, the nourishment of life, and the communal bonds that shape our spiritual journey.

Wisdom's Invitation (Proverbs 9:1-6)

The Book of Proverbs introduces Wisdom personified, depicted as a woman inviting all to her banquet. This passage illustrates that wisdom is not merely abstract knowledge but a way of being that fosters life. In our current age, where distractions abound and the pursuit of success often overshadows deeper truths, this invitation is more relevant than ever. We are called to lay aside immaturity—not just in terms of age, but in our spiritual and moral decision-making. Wisdom invites us to engage with the world thoughtfully and reflectively, to seek not just knowledge but understanding. As Albert Einstein once said, "Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it."

The Taste of Goodness (Psalm 34)

As we respond to Wisdom's call, we encounter the psalmist's invitation: "O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him" (Psalm 34:8). This verse encapsulates the essence of our experience with God—it is not merely a conceptual understanding but a lived reality. In our daily lives, tasting the goodness of the Lord can be seen in the moments of grace that punctuate our struggles and joys. It calls us to recognize the presence of God in the simple acts of kindness, in the beauty of creation, and in the love shared among family and friends. As we navigate the complexities of modern life, marked by division and uncertainty, the psalmist reminds us to find joy and refuge in the goodness of God.

Walking Wisely (Ephesians 5:15-20)

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, urges us to "be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise" (Ephesians 5:15). This exhortation challenges us to consider the quality of our lives and the choices we make. He encourages us to be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns, and giving thanks to God in all circumstances. In today's world, where the pace of life can lead to superficiality and fragmentation, Paul's words are a clarion call to cultivate intentionality in our relationships and our

spiritual practices. The act of giving thanks and uplifting one another in the community fortifies us against the divisive narratives that permeate our society. It echoes the wisdom of Maya Angelou, who said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

The Bread of Life (John 6:51-58)

Finally, we arrive at the Gospel of John, where Jesus proclaims, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven" (John 6:51). This declaration invites us into a deeper relationship with Christ, emphasizing the necessity of communion with Him for true life. As we reflect on this passage, we recognize the Eucharist as the source of our spiritual nourishment, a sacrament that transcends time and space, allowing us to partake in the divine life of Christ. In our current context, where many experience spiritual hunger and existential crises, Jesus' invitation to "eat of this bread" becomes a source of hope and renewal. It challenges us to seek not only physical sustenance but spiritual fulfillment, reminding us that in Christ, we find our identity and purpose. As Mother Teresa famously stated, "We cannot give what we do not have. If we want to give love and peace and joy, we need to have those things in our hearts."

A Journey of Communion

As we reflect on these readings, we are reminded of our journey toward wisdom, the call to community, and the nourishment we receive from Christ, the Bread of Life. The invitation to partake in this banquet is not just for ourselves but for the world around us. Let us embrace the call to wisdom, live filled with the Spirit, and nourish our souls in communion with Christ.



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 2024 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

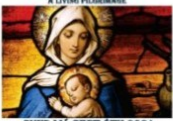
Saturday August 17 th	5:00 pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday August 18 th	8:00 am † Joe Bottone Requested by: Evelyn Herbert
	9:30 am † George & Barb Partland Requested by: The Partland Family
	11:30 am † Fr. Fred Schmidt Requested by: The Callaghan Family
Monday August 19 th	7:00 pm † Giuseppina Pisani Requested by: Rosa Rocha
Tuesday August 20 th	7:00 pm † Larry White Requested by: Mary Kominek
	7:00 pm † Dave O'Donnell Requested by: Marg O'Donnell
	7:00 pm † Joe Bottone Requested by: Graham & Catherine Webb
Wednesday August 21 st	9:30 am † John & Joyce Keays Requested by: Nancy Keays
Thursday August 22 nd	9:30 am † Lawrence Kim Requested by: Family
Friday August 23 ^d	9:30 am † Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am † Larry White Requested by: Mike & Maria Hardie
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Martin Cremin Requested by: Mary Cremin



PARISH FIESTA!!!

Come join us at Shear Park on Sunday, September 15th @ 12:30pm. 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.

ROSARY SUNDAY



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.



St. John Vianney C.W.L. 29th ANNUAL BAZAAR Saturday November 16, 2024 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Plan to purchase your seasonal items including beautiful greenery outdoor planters, delicious home baking & preserves, hostess gifts, jewellery & religious items as well as, unique handmade gifts, stocking stuffers, decorations and knitted & crochet items to keep you warm. The ever popular 'New to You' table will be back again this year. A tasty plated lunch in the Tea Room will be available for only \$10 between 11am and 1:30pm.

The CWL parish event would love your donations of this year's preserves and jams, knitting, craft items, religious items, Christmas decorations, and household items in clean, good, and working order for the "New to You" table (no clothing or books). Fresh home baked items for the market may be dropped off Thursday November 14th, or Friday November 15th. Dates and times for all other items to be arranged.

If you have a business, please consider donating items for the draw table or other prizes **Thank you from your C.W.L.!**

Contact the CWL at stjohnvianneyCWL@gmail.com or 705-726-8007 ext 208 for more information.

NEW MASS IN INNISFIL

Just a reminder, there will be a planning meeting this Tuesday evening, August 20th, right after Mass (roughly 7:30pm), here, at St. John Vianney Church.



You are invited to the annual Fall Gala for Martyrs' Shrine

This event is taking place September 21, 2024, from 5-10 PM at the Brooklea Golf & Country Club in Midland. As we approach the 100th anniversary of Martyrs' Shrine in 2025-2026, please help support the revitalization and renovation of the Shrine. Our Fall Gala aims to bring the local community together for a night of fellowship and festivity. We would be honored to have you be a part of this celebration!

For more info and to purchase tickets, please go to <https://martyrs-shrine.com/fall-gala>

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.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† Roy Bookalam & † Paul Breton

Please pray for those who are sick:



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