

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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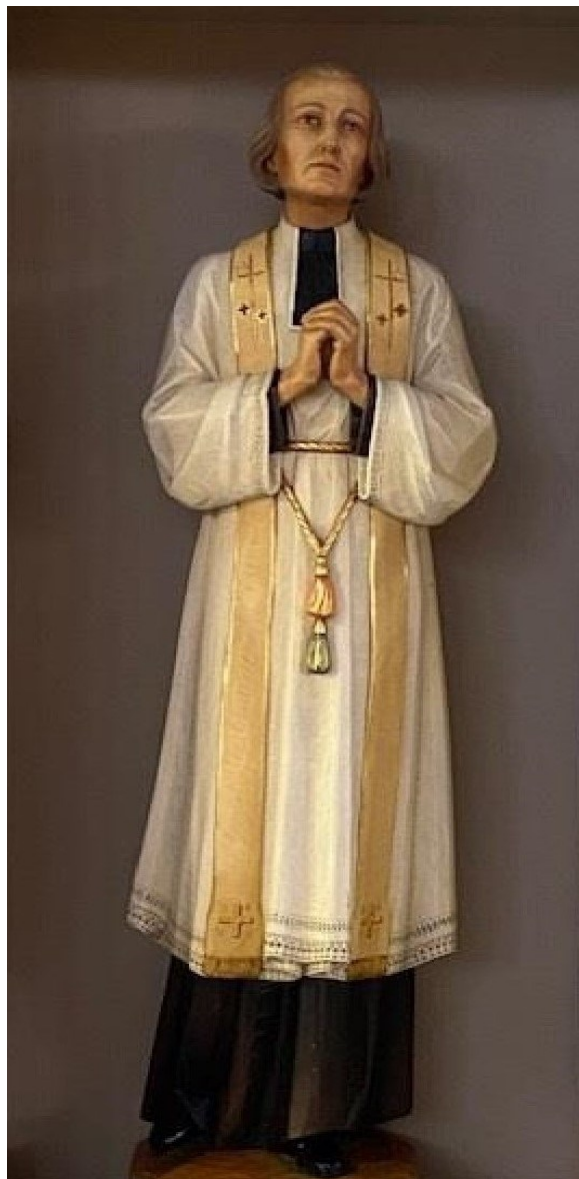
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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



EMBRACING THE BREAD OF LIFE: A CALL TO FAITH AND COMMUNITY

As we gather on this 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, we reflect on the profound themes of commitment, community, and divine sustenance. The readings for today invite us to consider our choices, the nature of our relationships, and the ultimate source of life itself.

A Choice for God

In our first reading from the Book of Joshua (24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b), we witness a pivotal moment in the history of Israel. Joshua gathers the tribes and challenges them to choose whom they will serve: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." This declaration echoes through the ages, inviting us to make a conscious decision about our faith. Today, we too are invited to choose. In an era filled with distractions and competing ideologies, the call to serve the Lord remains as relevant as ever.

Joshua's reminder prompts us to reflect on our daily choices and the influences that shape our lives. Are we following the Lord, or are we swayed by the prevailing currents of the culture around us? Our lives can often mirror the Israelites, who faced the temptation to worship foreign gods. The choices we make—whether in our families, workplaces, or communities—should reflect our commitment to God and to one another.

The Taste of Life

The Gospel reading from John (6:53, 60-69) brings us to the heart of our faith—the Eucharist. Jesus proclaims, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." These challenging words prompted many to turn away, unable to accept the reality of divine sustenance through the Eucharist. Yet, for those of us who remain, like Peter, we recognize that Jesus has the words of eternal life.

In our current life situations—the Eucharist provides a source of hope and strength. It is a reminder that in every moment of our lives, we are invited to partake of the Bread of Life, which nourishes us and unites us as a community. As St. Teresa of Avila beautifully stated, "Prayer is an act of love." When we approach the altar, we engage in a profound act of love, both for God and for each other.

Living in Forgiveness and Love

Our second reading from Ephesians (4:32-5:21-32) challenges us to embody the love and forgiveness that Christ exemplified. "Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you." Forgiveness is not merely a suggestion; it is a necessity for the health of our communities and our souls.

In practical terms, this means examining our relationships—our families, our friendships, and our parish community. Are we fostering environments of love, understanding, and grace? Or are we allowing misunderstandings and grievances to fester? As we reflect on our lives, let us remember the words of St. Francis of Assisi: "It is in giving that we receive." By extending forgiveness and kindness, we not only mirror Christ's love but also open ourselves to receiving that same love in abundance.

A Community of Witness

As we navigate our faith journey, let us remember that we do not walk alone. We are part of a vibrant community at St. John Vianney, called to witness to the love of Christ in our lives. Our actions, our choices, and our very presence in this community are a testament to our faith.

In conclusion, let us heed the words of Joshua and choose to serve the Lord wholeheartedly. Let us partake of the Eucharist with reverence and gratitude, recognizing it as our source of life. And let us commit to living out the Gospel through kindness, compassion, and forgiveness.

**MAY OUR LIVES REFLECT THE LOVE OF
CHRIST, DRAWING OTHERS TO HIM AS WE
JOURNEY TOGETHER IN FAITH. AMEN.**



**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 24th 5:00 pm **For the People of the Parish**

Sunday August 25th 8:00 am † **Joe Bottone**
Requested by: Fred & Hazel Hawrish

9:30 am † **Claudio Raposo**
Requested by: Natalie & Family

11:30 am † **Maria Henriques**
Requested by: Rennie Roberts

Monday August 26th 7:00 pm † **Fred Aloise**
Requested by: Maria Aloise

Tuesday August 27th 7:00 pm † **Larry White**
Requested by: Les & Mary Watts

7:00 pm † **Gary Zelka**
Requested by: Mary Broderick

7:00 pm † **Joe Bottone**
Requested by: Mary Kominek

9:30 am For the special intentions of **Denise Wild**
Requested by: The Castro Family

Wednesday August 28th 9:30 am † **Fred Aloise**
Requested by: Maria Aloise

Thursday August 29th 9:30 am † **Lawrence Kim**
Requested by: Family

Friday August 30th 9:30 am † **Tom Hogenbirk**
Requested by: Suzanne Emdin

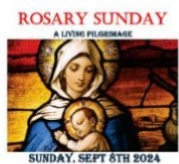
9:30 am † **Larry White**
Requested by: Family

9:30 am For the special intentions of **The Hogenbirk Boys**
Requested by: Suzanne Emdin



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 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. Mass will be celebrated outside at noon, followed by the procession of a Living Cross with Blessed Mary to the Papal Altar for a Living Rosary & Benediction.



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.



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 once again be open every Friday from 9:00am - 4:00pm starting on **SEPTEMBER 6th**.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Sabrina Cericola & Adrian Sintnicolaas** – passed away on August 15, 2024 in Kitchener, ON



Please pray for those who are sick:

Patrick O'Reilly & Darryl Brown

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