

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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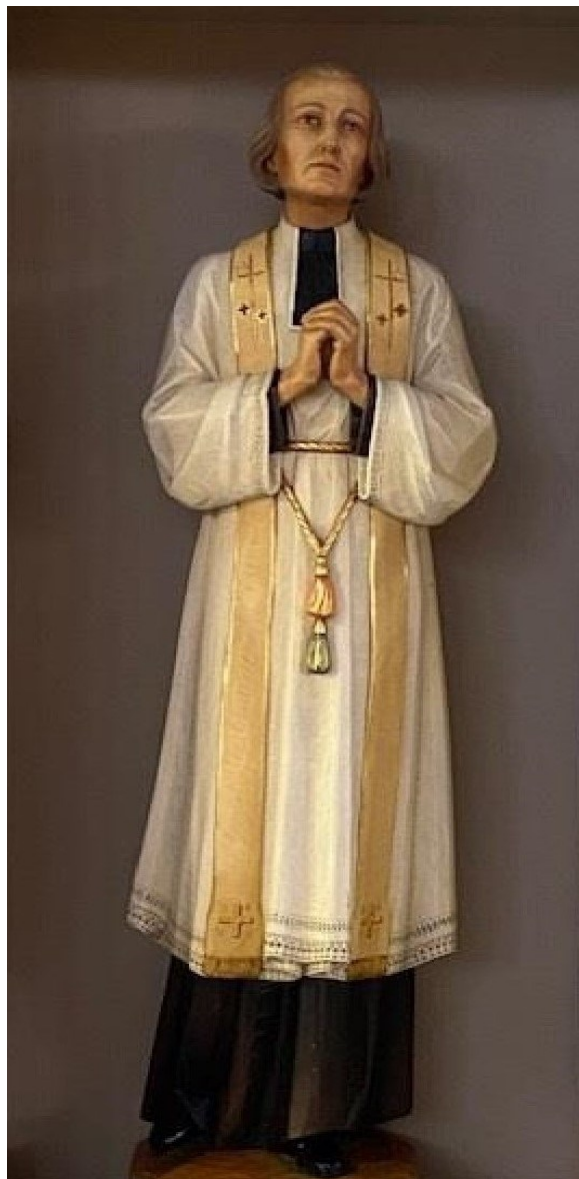
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

HEALING, JUSTICE & MERCY

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time offers a powerful message of God’s healing, justice, and mercy. The readings call us to recognize how God restores both our physical and spiritual brokenness and challenges us to live lives that reflect God’s concern for the marginalized.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah proclaims a message of hope to a broken and fearful people: “Say to those who are of a fearful heart, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you” (Isaiah 35:4). This passage comes from a section of Isaiah often called the “Book of Consolation.” Israel, having faced exile and desolation, receives a promise of God’s intervention. This intervention is not just political but involves holistic healing. The imagery that follows—of the blind seeing, the deaf hearing, and the lame leaping—depicts the coming of God’s kingdom in which all forms of brokenness are restored. In theological terms, this reflects God’s eschatological promise. The future salvation will manifest physically, morally, and spiritually. This passage reminds us that God is a God who saves not only spiritually but also restores the wholeness of creation. Often, we face situations that paralyze us with fear or despair.

The psalmist echoes the themes of Isaiah, declaring God’s justice for the oppressed: “The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow” (Psalm 146:8-9). Psalm 146 presents a God who is deeply involved in the lives of the most vulnerable. This is no distant or indifferent deity, but a God who actively seeks justice and protection for those on the margins of society. The psalm emphasizes trust in God over human rulers or systems that ultimately fail.

In the second reading, James admonishes his community for showing favoritism to the wealthy: “Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?” (James 2:5). James is fiercely practical in his epistle. Here, he points out a common human failing—judging people based on external wealth or status. Theologically, this highlights an important aspect of the Kingdom of God: it turns human expectations upside down. Jesus came for the poor, the marginalized, and the downtrodden, and His ministry emphasized lifting up the least in society. Wealth is not inherently bad, but James warns that when we value it over faith, we distort God’s vision for humanity.

The Gospel reading presents Jesus healing a man who is deaf and has a speech impediment. (Mark 7:33-34). In this miracle, Jesus physically restores the man’s ability to hear and speak, but there is a deeper spiritual

significance. This healing is symbolic of the mission of Jesus: to open the ears of people to hear God’s Word and to free their tongues to proclaim the Gospel. The use of “Ephphatha” (an Aramaic word meaning “be opened”) shows how Jesus’ miracles transcend the physical realm, pointing to the spiritual restoration of humanity.

Church Fathers like Origen saw this miracle as a symbol of the Christian journey. We are all spiritually deaf and mute until Christ opens our ears to His Word and loosens our tongues to proclaim His truth. This reflects the role of baptism, where we are initiated into the life of faith, enabling us to hear and proclaim the Gospel. For us today, this passage is a reminder that Jesus comes to heal not only physical ailments but also the spiritual wounds that prevent us from fully hearing and speaking the truth of God. It challenges us to reflect on the areas of our lives where we are “deaf” to God’s call, or where fear prevents us from speaking the truth.

These readings come together to form a cohesive message: God is in the business of restoration, healing, and justice. He does not merely look at the externals, but seeks to heal the whole person—body, mind, and spirit.

In conclusion, this Sunday’s readings call us to transformation—both personal and societal. God’s grace is abundant, and His desire is for our wholeness. The challenge for us is to live in a way that reflects this grace, extending it to others and working for justice in our world. Let us be open to God’s healing touch and allow Him to work through us to bring His kingdom to fruition.



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We are looking for volunteers for our **11:30 am Children’s Liturgy** as well as our **RCIA program**. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact Paul LaPlume at 705-726-8007 ext. 204.



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 September 7 th	5:00 pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday September 8 th	8:00 am † James Russell Conlin Requested by: Jim & Susan Carron
	9:30 am † Julian Lacasse Requested by: Linda Lacasse
	11:30 am † Maria Thuy Mai Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
Monday September 9 th	7:00 pm † Joe Bottone Requested by: Bill & Lorraine French
Tuesday September 10 th	7:00 pm † Bridie McCormack Requested by: The McCormack Family
	7:00 pm † Jadwija Chruszczyk Requested by: Mary Kominek
	7:00 pm † Eugenio Tolfo Requested by: Antonio Tolfo
	7:00 pm † Tomy Malayil Requested by: Shinto Joseph
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Whitney Brownridge Requested by: Angela Brownridge
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Andrea Flores Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Kyle Ramdial Requested by: His Parents
Wednesday September 11 th	9:30 am † Ed Henderson Requested by: Colette Henderson
Thursday September 12 th	9:30 am † Ethel Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Friday September 13 th	9:30 am † Lawrence Kim Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am † Paul Ramia Requested by: Pam Pigott
	9:30 am † Larry White Requested by: Dan & Berna Brock
	9:30 am † Joe Spineto Requested by: Teresa Spineto



PARISH FIESTA!!!

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO REGISTER! Come join us at Shear Park on Sunday, September 15th @ 12:30pm for **food, games, prizes, a bouncy castle and live entertainment provided by, Rhythm & Grace, a family musical group joining us from Peterborough.** 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.



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.



WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

Please 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. This week, we will be hosting a guest speaker from Catholic Family Services. Everyone in the Parish 55+ is invited to hear Jenna Wickens talk about the GrandPals program.

The GrandPals Program is an intergenerational program that connects an elementary school class with a small team of GrandPals (adults 55+) to engage in weekly, open conversations providing a path for connection and learning through storytelling.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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