

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

**HOMILY OF HIS GRACE MOST REVEREND
FRANCIS LEO
METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
22 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Today, we celebrate Stewardship Sunday across the Archdiocese of Toronto. I welcome this opportunity to speak with you briefly about an important aspect of our lives as Christians, about how we express our faith both individually and as a Church, and how we live our convictions in a world that does not always understand what it means to be loved by God and actively pursue His purpose in our lives. I am speaking about stewardship and how it constitutes the path to authentic Christian living and holiness.

We gather as a community of believers and worshipers, disciples and witnesses of the Risen Christ. We desire to be in right relationship with the Lord—a relationship that is deep, personal, transformative, and redemptive. It is a life of faith and trust that colours our daily living. We want to know Him better, serve His Kingdom faithfully, and be with Him forever when our earthly journey ends. As pilgrims, we interact with many people and are invited to love and serve with the very love of Christ—even to love our enemies. This requires that we grow in His love, in virtue, and in service.

Stewardship is about this growth—in love, virtue, and service. It is about fostering an awareness of God, who calls us to abide in His presence daily, witness, and show His face to our wounded humanity. Stewardship is a crucial process, an inner attitude, and a multi-faceted approach that leads to a humble recognition of who we are, who God is, and what He desires to accomplish through and around us.

Perhaps you have never heard stewardship described as a process or way of living our Catholic faith. In the past, we often heard of stewardship in terms of sharing gifts, using our talents and resources in service of God and the community. While that is true and essential, it is not the whole story. Stewardship is more than a one-time act of giving; it is a dynamic transformation and a way of being Catholic. It is a commitment that changes life and changes lives. It is a fundamental disposition of the heart, mind, and will that strives to uncover the riches and mystery of God and serve His greater purpose for our lives.

Clarifying what true greatness is, Jesus reminds His disciples in today's Gospel: "Whoever

wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." This is the royal way, the road to the Kingdom, and the life of every authentic believer. When we see our faith as an organic growth in Christlikeness—endeavouring to imitate Him, love like Him, and serve like Him—we are true stewards of His mysteries, living stewardship in its fullest meaning. This could be as simple as inviting someone to Mass, praying the rosary, standing up for the voiceless, or bringing the Eucharist to a shut-in.

In a delightful passage of his apostolic Letter on St. Joseph, *Patris Corde*, With a Father's heart, Pope Francis explains how we are invited to give not just something but our very selves. Joseph found happiness in self-gift, not self-sacrifice. Pope Francis writes, "Our world rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility...Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice." Whatever our vocation, our self-gift will not be fulfilled if it stops at sacrifice—it must become a sign of the joy of love."

Stewardship, therefore, emerges as a divine and human endeavour, a means of sanctification, and a way of glorifying God. Self-sacrifice is part of the equation, but it leads to the serene gift of our lives for the Lord and for others. It is this self-gift that allows grace to flow through our witness into the hearts and lives of others, transforming our communities.

As we celebrate our Eucharistic and Risen Lord Jesus today, on Stewardship Sunday, I encourage you to reflect on how we are growing in love, virtue, and service. Let us seek ways to go beyond necessary sacrifices and embrace the deeper call to give ourselves fully, just as Christ did.

Praised be Jesus Christ.

The homily has been made available in video, audio and written format and is posted online for you to download at: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship

FALL FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are teaming up for a much needed food drive. The Knights will be handing out bags after the Masses this weekend and will then receive them next weekend, September 28th & 29th

Some much needed food items include; *school snacks, cereal, peanut butter, jam, Kraft Dinner, cookies, crackers, spaghetti sauce, coffee, tea, juice boxes, cakes mixes, sugar, pancake mix and syrup, canned meat, canned pasta, canned fruit, toilet paper and toiletries.*

Please be careful not to bring in expired food or pasta (we have an excess of dried pasta!)

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday September 21 st	5:00 pm † Larry White Requested by: The Knights of Columbus
Sunday September 22 nd	8:00 am † For the People of the Parish 9:30 am † Joao Silva Requested by: Maria Barreto 11:30 am † For the deceased members of the Macdonnell Family Requested by: Rosemarie Macdonnell
Monday September 23 rd	7:00 pm † Nancy Keays Requested by: Les Budai
Tuesday September 24 th	7:00 pm † Joe Bottone Requested by: the LeClair & Aitken Families 7:00 pm † Ann Hennessy Requested by: Sandra Strom & Family 7:00 pm For the special intentions of Whitney Brownridge Requested by: Angela Brownridge
Wednesday September 25 th	9:30 am † Adrian Sintnicolaas Requested by: The Knights of Columbus
Thursday September 26 th	9:30 am † Lawrence Kim Requested by: Family
Friday September 27 th	9:30 am † Bernie Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior 9:30 am † Fred Aloise Requested by: Mary Cremin 9:30 am For the special intentions of Ivana Wright Requested by: Josie Lou & David Foglia 9:30 am For the special intentions of All Children Requested by: Eric & Marlane Ramsbottom



*****HOMELESSNESS SYMPOSIUM*****

A Symposium to Educate our Community on Homelessness in Barrie
Monday, September 23, 2024
St. Mary's Church, 65 Amelia Street, Barrie
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Parish Hall

BLESSING OF PETS

Bring your pets to the back parking lot on Saturday, October 5th at 10:00am to have them blessed by Fr. Innocent. This will be our special way of observing the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4th).

RCIA Starts this Weekend!

For those who have registered for the 2024-2025 RCIA process, the first gathering takes place this Sunday after the 11:30am Mass.

If you have not signed up but are interested in learning more, please contact Paul LaPlume at 705-726-8007 ext. 204.

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.

Welcome Back Kids!

Children's Liturgy has resumed! We welcome children from grades Jk-4 to join us at the 9:30am & 11:30am Masses.

FELLOWSHIP IS BACK!!!

Please join us after the 9:30am & 11:30am Sunday Masses for fellowship & refreshments. Hosts are volunteers from the parish. We hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEER REJUVINATION!!!

This year, might you or someone you know need a pastoral reference from our parish? For instance, a teaching or chaplaincy position? One way to be recognized as an active parish member is to volunteer now in **Youth Ministry, Children's Liturgy** or some other parish service. Fill in a volunteer card at the Welcome Desk in our foyer today!

First Communion & Confirmation Links are now LIVE on the parish website!!!

stjohnvianneyba.archtoronto.org

This year, our application process has gone digital. Paper forms will NOT be distributed to our feeder schools. If you require assistance, please contact the parish office.

FIRST COMMUNION (Gr. 2, 3 or 4)

Registration and the first class will take place at the church on the following dates:

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH AT 7:00 PM
OR

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH AT 1:00 PM

CONFIRMATION (Gr. 7 or 8)

Registration and the first class will take place at the church on the following dates:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4th AT 7:00 PM
OR

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5th AT 1:00 PM

Be sure to complete the online application BEFORE the registration event.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Concetta Marinucci** & † **Josef Czika**

Please pray for those who are sick:
James Dietrich, Kyle Ramdial
& Patrick O'Reilly

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