

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

EMBRACING THE SPIRIT: UNITY IN DIVERSITY AND THE CALL TO HOLINESS

As we gather on this 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are invited to reflect on the richness of our faith as revealed in today's readings. The Scriptures challenge us to embrace the diverse gifts of the Spirit, to foster unity in our community, and to pursue holiness in our daily lives.

In the First Reading from the Book of Numbers (11:25-29), we witness the Spirit of God descending upon the elders of Israel, enabling them to prophesy. However, when Joshua expresses concern that two men, Eldad and Medad, are prophesying in the camp, Moses responds with a profound insight: "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!" (Num 11:29). This passage reminds us that God's Spirit is not limited to a select few but is given freely to all who are willing to receive it.

The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 19:7, 9, 11-12, 13) echoes this theme, celebrating the law of the Lord as perfect, reviving the soul. The beauty of God's revelation in our lives is that it guides us, enlightens our minds, and nourishes our hearts. It calls us to recognize that each of us has a role to play in the body of Christ, contributing our unique gifts for the common good.

In the Second Reading, St. James (5:1-6) warns against the dangers of wealth and the exploitation of the poor. He calls us to reflect on our priorities and the ethical dimensions of our daily lives. In a world often driven by materialism, we are reminded to cultivate generosity and compassion. Our faith is not merely a private affair; it compels us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8).

The Gospel passage from Mark (9:38-43, 45, 47-48) presents a moment where the disciples express their concern about someone casting out demons in Jesus' name who does not belong to their group. Jesus' response is revolutionary: "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me" (Mark 9:39). This teaches us that the Kingdom of God is broader than our understanding and that we should embrace those who serve in different ways, fostering unity amidst diversity.

Throughout history, Church Fathers like St. Augustine have emphasized the importance of community in the life of faith. Augustine wrote, "No one can be a Christian alone." Our faith flourishes in community, where love, respect, and acceptance are foundational. Today's readings challenge us to break down barriers and recognize the working of the Holy Spirit in unexpected places and people.

In our daily lives, we might encounter individuals from different backgrounds, beliefs, and lifestyles. Rather than

being quick to judge or exclude, let us open our hearts to see the goodness of God's work in them. This openness not only enriches our faith but also reflects the inclusive love of Christ.

Moreover, as we consider the warnings in James about the dangers of wealth, let us examine our own lives. Are we using our resources to build up the community? Are we attentive to the needs of the marginalized among us? The call to holiness is not just personal; it is communal. It invites us to engage actively in compassion and justice.

As we leave this gathering today, let us take to heart the message of unity and the call to holiness. May we be inspired to celebrate our diverse gifts, to support one another in our spiritual journeys, and to reach out to those in need. Let us pray for the grace to be instruments of peace and love in our families, workplaces, and communities.

May the Lord bless us and keep us united in His love, as we strive to live out our faith with authenticity and joy.

AMEN.



St. John Vianney C.W.L. 29th Annual Christmas Market will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The Catholic Women's League Christmas Market, a.k.a. Bazaar, is a great annual community event enjoyed by many. Plan to purchase your seasonal items including beautiful outdoor greenery planter, 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. As well, take a break and enjoy a tasty plated lunch in the Tea Room for only \$10 per person between 11am and 1:30pm. Fresh home baked items for the market may be dropped off Thursday November 14, or Friday November 15 and dates and times for all other items will be arranged.

If you have a business, please consider donating items for the draw table or other prizes. This is a great way to promote your services and our Parish.

To arrange your donations of this year's preserves and jams, knitting, weaving, craft items, religious items, woodworking, Christmas decorations, and household items in clean, good, and working order for the New to You table (no clothing or books), contact Helen Russell at 705-734-1346.



FIRST FRIDAY

Friday October 4th is the first Friday of the month. First Fridays have traditionally been associated with

devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament. To appropriately observe First Fridays there will be Eucharistic Adoration following the 9:30 am Mass until 11:00 am when Benediction will be given.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday September 28 th	5:00 pm † Joseph Pisani Requested by: Rosa Rocha
Sunday September 29 th	8:00 am † For the People of the Parish 9:30 am † Alice Neves Requested by: Maria Barreto 11:30 am † For the deceased members of the Macdonnell Family Requested by: Rosemarie Macdonnell
Monday September 30 th	7:00 pm † Fernand Aubé Requested by: Lucion Dion
Tuesday October 1 st	7:00 pm † Nancy Keays Requested by: Les Budai 7:00 pm For the special intentions of Whitney Brownridge Requested by: Angela Brownridge 7:00 pm For the special intentions of Fr. Bartek Requested by: Jenny Mas 7:00 pm For the special intentions of Angelica Szymon Requested by: Jenny Mas
Wednesday October 2 nd	9:30 am † John Arksey Requested by: The Pisani Family
Thursday October 3 rd	9:30 am † Lawrence Kim Requested by: Family
Friday October 4 th	9:30 am † Frank & Marina Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior 9:30 am † Fred Aloise Requested by: Mary Cremin 9:30 am † Bob McParland Requested by: Jeanne Sibley 9:30 am For the special intentions of The Homeless and those living with addiction Requested by: Eric & Marlane Ramsbottom



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).



The Confirmation Link is 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 has already taken place. Please call the parish office if you missed the dates.

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.

The 2024-2025 RCIA process has begun!

For those who have registered, please join Paul after the 11:30am Sunday Mass.

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



There is a special collection today for the **NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA**. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Thank you for supporting this important work.



WELCOME WEDNESDAY

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.

KIDS CONNECTION

Children's Liturgy has resumed! We welcome children from grades Jk-3 to join us at the 9:30am & 11:30am Masses.

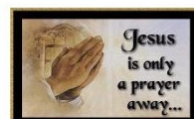


FELLOWSHIP IS BACK!!!

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 WITH US!

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit the Welcome Desk to fill out a yellow card.



Please pray for those who are sick:

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