# 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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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 (and after our Weekday Masses)

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm Closed from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for lunch

## LIVING FAITH IN SMALL SACRIFICES

Today's readings offer us a profound meditation on faith, sacrifice, and trust in God's providence.

In **1 Kings 17:10-16**, we meet the widow of Zarephath, who is down to her last portion of flour and oil. Despite her poverty, she heeds the prophet Elijah's request to make a meal. Incredibly, through her humble offering, God's providence ensures that her jar of flour and jug of oil never run dry. This story reminds us of Jesus' words: "Give, and it will be given to you" (Luke 6:38). The widow's faith was not about grand gestures, but about trusting God with what little she had.

In **Hebrews 9:24-28**, the writer reflects on Christ's ultimate sacrifice. Jesus, by offering himself, did away with the need for repeated offerings. His one-time sacrifice extends mercy and salvation to all who believe. This passage invites us to see how our sacrifices, however small, connect with Christ's. When we give of ourselves—our time, love, or resources—we participate in His love and are reminded of His promise to redeem all things.

The Gospel passage from **Mark 12:41-44** brings these themes of humility and sacrifice to their fulfillment. Jesus observes a poor widow putting two small coins into the temple treasury. Unlike the wealthy who give out of their abundance, she gives all she has. Jesus tells us she has "put in more than all those who are contributing" because she gave from her need, not her surplus. This powerful lesson calls us to look not at the quantity of our giving, but at the quality of our trust in God's provision.

These readings tell us about the value of even the smallest sacrifices made in faith. Whether we are offering our talents in service, helping those in need, or simply taking time to listen to others, our generosity—however modest—reflects our trust in God's abundance. In today's world, where we are often judged by what we have, Jesus invites us to shift our focus to *how* we give, encouraging us to embrace humble service and genuine generosity in all we do.

This weekend, we also pause to remember **Remembrance Day**, honouring those who sacrificed their lives in service to others. Let us keep in our prayers all the souls of the faithful departed, and especially those who died serving our country. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

Let us pray: Loving Father, we thank You for the example of faith shown by the widows in today's readings. Help us to live with a spirit of generosity, offering what we have and trusting in Your providence. May we honour the sacrifices of those who have gone before us, especially those who gave their lives for peace and freedom. Welcome them into Your loving embrace and grant us the grace to live each day as instruments of Your love. Amen.



The Catholic Women's League Christmas Bazaar is a great annual community event enjoyed by many. Come out and enjoy all the sales and unique gifts available for purchase on November 16 between 9am and 2pm.

Donations of crafts and baked goods for the bazaar can be made in the hall between 10am and 2pm from November 11-15th.

This is a cash only event.



Saturday November 9 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday November 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am For the special intentions of <b>Mary Cremin</b> Requested by: Mary Cremin
	9:30 am For the <b>deceased members of the</b> Lacasse Family Requested by: Linda Lacasse
	11:30 am <b> </b>
Monday November 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm 🕆 <b>Mabel, Peter, Violet &amp; Lionel</b> Requested by: Erica Wijesinghe
Tuesday November 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm For the special intentions of <b>Paola Cruz</b> Requested by: Paola Cruz
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of <b>Ana Katalina Moran Cruz</b> Requested by: Paola Cruz
Wednesday November 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am 🕆 <b>Genevieve &amp; Ray McAndrews</b> Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Thursday November 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am 🕆 <b>Lawrence Kim</b> Requested by: Family
Friday November 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am 🕆 <b>Carlos Sousa</b> Requested by: Eugenia Amaral
	9:30 am 🕆 <b>Shawna Hill</b> Requested by: Jack & Dorothy Hill
	9:30 am 🕆 <b>Fred Aloise</b> Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am 🕆 <b>Ed Henderson</b> Requested by: Colette Henderson
	9:30 am 🕆 <b>Aurele Daigle</b> Requested by: Family
	9:30 am For the living and deceased members of the C.W.L.
	9:30 am For the special intentions of <b>Caroline Harmazy</b> Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
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## Monday Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> is REMEMBRANCE DAY

We are proud to dedicate this day to honouring the courageous men and women who sacrificed, served, and continue to serve their country.

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. "They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them."



The **2024-2025 SUNDAY MISSALS FOR ADULTS** are available at the Welcome Desk in the vestibule following Mass at a cost of \$5.00.

SUNDAY MISSAL FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS 2024-2025 will be available at the Welcome Desk in the vestibule at a cost of \$10.00 each. (Recommended for ages 7-adult limited quantities available).





## Youth Ministry Surveys Available!

Attention parents and youth in grades 5-8! We invite you to share your thoughts on our Youth Ministry programming by filling

out a survey available at the welcome desk <u>AND</u> on our website. Your feedback is invaluable as we prepare for our Youth Launch in January. Completed surveys can be returned to the Welcome Desk in the Parish foyer. Please return completed surveys by Sunday December 1st If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly, our Youth Minister, at 705-726-8007 ext. 205 or email <u>kluvisotto@archtoronto.org</u>. Thank you for your support!

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





## <u>St. John Vianney Parish CWL Annual</u> <u>Membership Drive for 2025</u>

Annual Dues are \$37.00 payable by cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to St.

John Vianney CWL. For your convenience payment can be made: In person at General Meetings, Annual Christmas Bazaar; after all masses from Nov 16 to Dec 8th/24 OR dropped off at the church office.

**REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

## **P** Raymond Stone



Please pray for those who are sick: Avery Maset, Victor Dionisio, Marcel Risi, Linda Pritchard, Denise Foster, and Charles Pace

