

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
(and after our
Weekday Masses)

OFFICE HOURS

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

EMBRACING THE GIFT OF PEACE

As we light the second candle of Advent, symbolizing peace, the readings remind us of God's promise to restore and renew, even in the midst of turmoil. On this Second Sunday of Advent, we reflect on the theme of peace—a peace we desperately need in a world marked by unrest, war, and the suffering of the innocent. Today's readings offer us profound hope and a call to action as we prepare for the coming of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

In Baruch 5:1-9, we hear a vision of restoration: Jerusalem is invited to shed her sorrows and wear the robe of righteousness. God promises to guide His people in joy and safety. This passage reminds us that even in our darkest moments, God is preparing a way for peace. Baruch's vision invites us to trust in God's providence and His promise to bring justice and healing to all who suffer.

In the second reading (Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11), Paul's gratitude and intercession overflow with joy as he prays for the Philippians to grow in love and righteousness. His assurance that "the one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion" reminds us that God's peace is not an abstract hope but a work in progress within us and through us.

In Luke 3:1-6, John the Baptist echoes Isaiah, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord by straightening crooked paths and leveling uneven ground. These images speak to the transformative power of repentance and justice. Advent invites us to examine our hearts and the systems we inhabit, asking: Where can we smooth the way for Christ's peace?

Relevance to Daily Life

These readings speak powerfully to our current world, where peace often feels elusive amid personal struggles, fractured relationships, and global tensions. Baruch's imagery invites us to trust in God's promise of restoration even in dark times. Paul's prayer challenges us to cultivate inner peace through love and moral clarity. John's message calls us to examine our lives, asking: What paths in our hearts and communities need to be straightened?

In our parish of St. John Vianney, this Advent season can be a time of renewal. Are there strained relationships that need healing? Can we offer kindness to someone

struggling? How can we bring peace to our homes, workplaces, and community?

Practical Steps for Peace

1. Pray for Peace: Prayer is powerful. Let us lift up our broken world, asking God to bring healing where there is division.

2. Act Justly: As the Catechism teaches, "Peace is the work of justice and the effect of charity" (CCC 2304). Advocate for justice, especially for the vulnerable and oppressed.

3. Seek reconciliation: Take steps to mend broken relationships, offering forgiveness or seeking it.

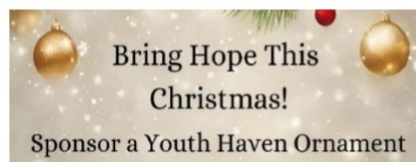
3. Be Peacemakers: Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). Begin with small gestures of reconciliation and kindness in your daily life.

As St. Francis of Assisi prayed: "Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith."

May we be clothed in the peace of Christ and share His light with a world longing for hope.



Ladies of the Parish, you are cordially invited to attend the CWL December 9th General meeting and Christmas Social after the 7 pm Mass. We ask members to bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. We will be singing and dancing to the tune of Jerusalem. Come join us for Faith, Fellowship and Fun. ***If you have not paid your yearly dues, please see a member after one of the weekend Masses.***



We are currently collecting **new** socks, hats, and mittens for our Youth Haven Warming Tree,

located in the Church Hall. Please take a custom-made ornament to hang on your tree, and return with the requested item listed on the sticker. More than one item of the same would be greatly appreciated. All **new** items will be wrapped by our youth and donated on your behalf.

About

Youth

Haven:

Founded in 1987, Youth Haven provides shelter and support for homeless youth in Barrie. Now located on Wellington Street, it offers 16 emergency care beds and 5 transitional beds. Serving youth aged 16-24, Youth Haven also supports at-risk youth across Barrie, Orillia, Midland, and beyond.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly, Youth Minister, at 705-726-8007 Ext. 205.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday
December 7th 5:00 pm † **Tina Rashid**
Requested by: Paul Rashid

Sunday
December 8th 8:00 am **For the People of the Parish**

9:30 am † **Fred Aloise**
Requested by: Maria Aloise

11:30 am † **Joseph Hien Tran & Anton Anh Nguten**
Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families

Monday
December 9th 7:00 pm † **Witold Kolkiewicz**
Requested by: Andy Fuks

Wednesday
December 11th 9:30 am † **Marina Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Thursday
December 12th 9:30 am † **Lawrence Kim**
Requested by: Family

Friday
December 13th 9:30 am † **Francisco Reis**
Requested by: Pam Pigott

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



ADVENT CONFESSIONS

On Dec. 18th starting at 6:30 pm, there will be an Examination of Conscience followed by Confessions (6 priests will be available). This is in addition to our usual Confession times. Please note:

Tues. Dec. 24th: No Confessions
Wed. Dec. 25th: No Confessions



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday Dec. 24th
Christmas Eve
4:00 pm 6:00 pm, & 8:00 pm

Wednesday Dec. 25th
Christmas Day
9:30 am & 11:30 am

Tuesday Dec. 31st
New Year's Eve
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Wednesday January 1st, 2024
New Year's Day
9:30am & 11:30 am

2025 Donation Envelopes will be available for pick up starting next weekend.



Join us for our annual St. John Vianney FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROL SING!

Join us on Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. for a Christmas music celebration for all ages followed by refreshments in the hall.



Please join us this weekend as we pray for our Confirmation Candidates. May God bless them on their journey to the Sacrament.



Rosary lovers from our parish and St. Mary's will be gathering on December 12th @ 10:00am in our Parish Hall. All are welcome to join us for coffee and conversation.

The **2024-2025 SUNDAY MISSALS FOR ADULTS** are available at the Welcome Desk in the vestibule 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)



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.

We have planned an information event for caregivers on Wednesday, December 11. Many parishioners have people who depend on us, or we know someone who gives care. Whether you are helping family members, friends, the young or the old, come hear how to be more resilient in the loving service you give.

Mark your calendars. Invite your friends. Jenna Wickens from Catholic Family Services will be here at 10:15 am on Wednesday, December 11. Do this for you, so you can better help others!



Dear Parishioners,

There have been several emails going around saying that I need money. Please know, these emails are not from me. None of our priests or staff members would ever email anyone asking for money. Please disregard and delete any emails of this nature, they are a scam. *Fr. Joshy George*



Please pray for those who are sick:

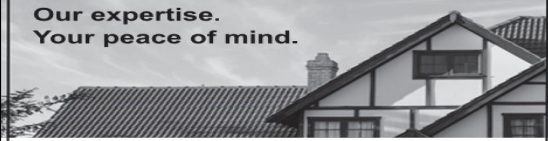
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