

# 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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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### 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



**THIRD SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
(GAUDETE SUNDAY)**

**“THE LORD IS NEAR; DO  
NOT BE ANXIOUS.”**

As we gather this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, the Church invites us to rejoice. The name “Gaudete” comes from the Latin word for “rejoice,” echoing the words of St. Paul in today’s second reading: *“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice”* (Philippians 4:4). It is a moment when the penitential tone of Advent gives way to joy and peace as we draw closer to the celebration of Christ’s birth.

**Reflection on the Readings**

**1. Zephaniah 3:14-18a**

The prophet Zephaniah calls Israel to shout for joy because God has removed their judgments and is in their midst. This passage reminds us that the coming of the Lord brings liberation and restoration. The image of God rejoicing over His people with gladness and renewing them in His love is a tender assurance of His peace.

**2. Philippians 4:4-7**

St. Paul urges the Philippians to *“let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.”* He reminds us that we are not to be anxious, but to bring our requests to God with thanksgiving, and in return, God’s peace will guard our hearts. This peace is not the absence of challenges but the presence of Christ within us, anchoring us through all circumstances.

**3. Luke 3:10-18**

In the Gospel, John the Baptist teaches the crowds practical ways to prepare for the coming of the Lord. His message calls for conversion—sharing with those in need, living justly, and embracing humility. John points us to the One mightier than he, Jesus, who will baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire, transforming us from within.

**Relevance to Daily Life**

These readings remind us that peace is a gift of God’s presence. It is not something we achieve by our own strength but by turning to Him in trust and prayer. In a world often filled with anxiety, division, and uncertainty, we are called to prepare our hearts for Christ by:

- Sharing our blessings with those in need, reflecting the joy of Zephaniah’s message.
- Trusting in God’s providence, as Paul reminds us to pray with thanksgiving.
- Living lives of justice and integrity, as John the Baptist challenges us.

**Spiritual Preparation for the Lord’s Coming**

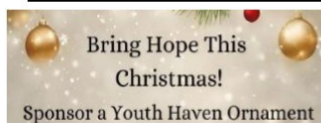
Advent is a time of preparation, not just for the festivities of Christmas but for the deeper reality of Christ’s coming into our lives. As St. Augustine said: *“You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”* Let us quiet our hearts, seek reconciliation with God and one another, and make room for the Prince of Peace to reign within us.

Friends, as we light the third candle of Advent, let its flame remind us of the joy and peace Christ brings. Take time this week to pause, pray, and reflect on the areas in your life where God is inviting you to trust Him more deeply. In the words of St. Teresa of Avila: *“Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; all things are passing, but God never changes.”*

May this Advent season lead us to a deeper encounter with Christ, who is our peace.

**“Rejoice in the Lord always. The Lord is near.”**

Blessings to you all. Let us walk together in joy and peace as we prepare for His coming!



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 5:00 pm † **Rasina Ayub**  
December 14<sup>th</sup> Requested by: Paul Rashid

Sunday 8:00 am † **Aileen Libanan**  
December 15<sup>th</sup> Requested by: Family

9:30 am For **the deceased members of The Spizzirri Family**  
Requested by: Linda Lacasse

11:30 am **For the People of the Parish**

Monday 7:00 pm † **Aileen Libanan**  
December 16<sup>th</sup> Requested by: Family

Tuesday 7:00 pm † **Reneé Marie Michelle King**  
December 17<sup>th</sup> Requested by: Graeme King

7:00 pm For **the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus**

7:00 pm For the special intentions of **Tom Garisto**  
Requested by: Mary Conte

Wednesday 9:30 am † **Joe Spineto**  
December 18<sup>th</sup> Requested by: Teresa Spineto

Thursday 9:30 am † **Lawrence Kim**  
December 19<sup>th</sup> Requested by: Family

Friday 9:30 am † **Butch & Marina Prior**  
December 20<sup>th</sup> Requested by: Suzanne Prior

9:30 am † **Angela Hughes**  
Requested by: Peggy Hughes

9:30 am † **Vittoria Conte**  
Requested by: Mary Conte

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

9:30 am For **the living and deceased members of the CWL**



**2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**  
2025 Envelopes are now available in the parish hall. To avoid any confusion, please **DO NOT USE 2025**

**envelopes until the New Year.** Please ensure you put your name and address on the first 3 envelopes beginning with January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. All those with pre-authorized monthly giving are reminded to pick up envelopes as not all envelopes are covered by your pre-authorized giving. There are registration pamphlets for parishioners wishing to begin pre-authorized monthly giving.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S HOLY MASS SCHEDULE	
Tuesday Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve 4:00 pm 6:00 pm, & 8:00 pm
Wednesday Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day 9:30 am & 11:30 am
Tuesday Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	New Year's Day 9:30am & 11:30 am



**Sacraments**

**JANUARY 5, 2025** will be the last day to register for **FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & RCIA.**

Please note: Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, we will no longer be livestreaming the 11:30 am Mass.



**ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

On Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 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. 24<sup>th</sup> & Wed. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: No Confessions**

Adult and Young Catholic **MISSALS** available at the Welcome Desk



**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.



Ladies of the Parish, you are cordially invited to attend the CWL **December 16<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Remembrance Announcements**  
† James Wiseman



*Please pray for those who are sick:*

Alfred Loveys, Tom Garisto, Inge Carpenter, Reanice Allen & Kyle Ramdial

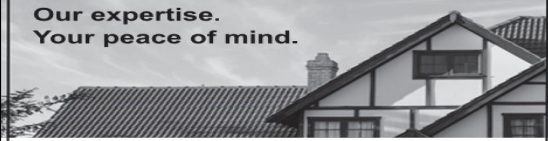


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