

# 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



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2024

HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL  
LEO  
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### **My Dear Brothers and Sisters, Praised be Jesus Christ.**

Christmas offers us a blessed opportunity to reflect on the immense love of God, made manifest in the mystery of the Incarnation. The birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, fulfills the promise of the Annunciation and reveals God's unconditional love, bringing hope and joy to our lives. The Word became flesh (cf. Jn 1:14-18), scattering the darkness of sin and filling our hearts and communities with light and newness of life.

Jesus Christ, though eternal and one with the Father, chose to descend into our wounded world, born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem. He became one of us, walking among us as our friend, brother, teacher, and Savior. Why did He do this?

**1. To Save Us and Reconcile Us to God** (cf. CCC 457). Sin alienates us from God, yet Jesus came to rescue us from darkness and death. At Christmas, let us humbly acknowledge our sins and embrace the saving love of Christ.

**2. To Reveal God's Love** (cf. CCC 458). God's response to our rejection was love, never abandonment. His infinite love reaches out to us, offering us another chance to be embraced by His mercy. How do we welcome and share this love?

**3. To Be Our Model of Holiness** (cf. CCC 459). Jesus shows us the path to holiness, calling us to imitate Him in daily life. Are we striving for holiness, convinced of our call to become saints?

**4. To Make Us Children of God** (cf. CCC 460). Through Jesus, we are adopted into God's family and called to partake in His divine nature. Do we live in gratitude for this grace, especially through the sacraments?

This Christmas coincides with the Jubilee Year of "**Pilgrims of Hope,**" a time of renewal proclaimed by Pope Francis. On Christmas Eve, the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica will be opened, inaugurating this special year. On December 29, I will celebrate Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, joining bishops worldwide in proclaiming the hope and love of Christ. I invite you to join us in prayer and witness to this unity in faith.

As you celebrate Christmas with Mass, meals, and the exchange of gifts, remember that Jesus, born in a humble manger, is the greatest gift of all. Let us become gifts of love, reconciliation, and peace to those around us.

A Blessed Christmas to you and your loved ones!

**Yours sincerely in Jesus with Mary,**

*Frank Cardinal Leo*

Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto



### **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>, 2024. 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 registrations pamphlets for parishioners wishing to begin pre-authorized monthly giving.

**Thank you for your continued support!**



*Mass Intentions*  
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday  
December 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00 pm **For the People of the Parish**

Sunday  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 am † **Raymond Fontaine & † Jean Grech**  
Requested by: Christine Fontaine

9:30 am † **Pam Nail**  
Requested by: Dan & Berna Brock

11:30 am † **Valentina & Daniel Morgado**  
Requested by: Mike & Maria Hardie

Monday  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm † **Helene Vaillancourt**  
Requested by: Suzanne Emdin

Tuesday  
December 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm **Christmas Eve Mass**

6:00 pm **Christmas Eve Mass**

8:00 pm † **Jeffrey Kritsch**  
Requested by: Sandra Kritsch

Wednesday  
December 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am For the special intentions of **Eric & Marlaine Ramsbottom & Family**  
Requested by Eric & Marlaine Ramsbottom

11:30 am For the special intentions of **Fr. Jose Koluthara**  
Requested by Eric & Marlaine Ramsbottom

Thursday  
December 26<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † **Lawrence Kim**  
Requested by: Family

Friday  
December 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † **Ed Henderson**  
Requested by: Colette Henderson

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

9:30 am † **Daniel Waslen**  
Requested by: The Baker Family

9:30 am For the special intentions of **Chi Man Wong**  
Requested by: The Madigan Family



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

At this holy time of year, filled with family togetherness and heartfelt sharing- may the love, joy, and peace of Baby Jesus be in your hearts and homes.

On behalf of the parish staff, I would like to extend my wishes for a blessed Christmas and a wonderful year to come.

Fr. Joshy George, Pastor

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S HOLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Eve  
4:00 pm 6:00 pm, & 8:00 pm

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**Wednesday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Day  
9:30 am & 11:30 am

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**Tuesday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**  
New Year's Eve  
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

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**Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**  
New Year's Day  
9:30am & 11:30 am



**Sacraments** **CONFIRMATION & RCIA.**  
*Our RCIC program is now closed to new applications.*

**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.

**ADULT AND YOUNG CATHOLIC MISSALS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME DESK**



There will be **NO WELCOME WEDNESDAY** this week or next. Our gatherings will resume on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and will run from 10:00am - 1:00pm.



Please join us after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Sunday Masses for fellowship & refreshments. Hosts are our SJV parishioners. We hope to see you there! *This will be our last gathering for 2024, please join us on January 12<sup>th</sup> when we resume.*

**The Parish Office will be closed at noon on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> and all day Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>**



*Please pray for those who are sick:*  
Stephanie Fidelix, Richard O'Brien, Robert White, Christine Haslam, Alfred Loveys, Tom Garisto, Inge Carpenter, Reanice Allen & Kyle Ramdial

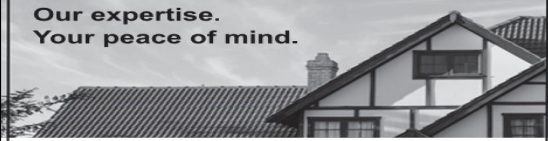


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