

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



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: TRANSFORMING STRUGGLES INTO HOLINESS

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we reflect on Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—a family that was not shielded from struggles but sanctified through them. From the manger in Bethlehem to the flight into Egypt and the loss of Jesus in the temple, they endured trials with unwavering trust in God’s plan. Their holiness was not the absence of hardship, but their steadfastness in listening to and doing the will of the Father.

Reflection on the Readings

In the first reading from Sirach (3:2-6, 12-14), we are reminded of the importance of honouring and caring for our parents, especially in their old age. This is not merely a commandment but a path to personal and familial blessing. It calls us to embody love, patience, and respect in our homes—a challenge that, when embraced, reflects God’s grace.

St. Paul’s words in Colossians (3:12-21) provide the blueprint for family life: compassion, kindness, humility, forgiveness, and above all, love. He also reminds us of the need for mutual respect and understanding in family roles, rooted in Christ’s love. Families thrive not when they are perfect, but when they are grounded in these virtues.

The Gospel (Luke 2:41-52) tells the poignant story of Mary and Joseph searching for the young Jesus, who stayed behind in the temple. This moment reveals the tension and growth in family relationships. Mary’s response shows her trust in God’s larger plan, even when it was not fully understood.

Relevance to Daily Life

Today, families face many challenges—financial stress, misunderstandings, separations, and the pressures of modern life. But the Holy Family teaches us that holiness is found in how we respond to these struggles. By imitating their example, we learn to embrace trust, forgiveness, and perseverance in the face of trials.

For those enduring brokenness—be it separation, single parenthood, or estranged relationships—know that God has a plan for you. The struggles you face are not the end but a stepping stone to holiness. Like the Holy Family, God calls you to surrender your pain and trust in His providence.

To parents: Be patient with your children, even when they test your limits, and lead them with faith and love.

To children: Honour and cherish your parents, especially in their weaknesses. This is a gift not just to them but to yourself.

To those experiencing family breakdown: God is close to you. Your struggles, though painful, are a pathway to deeper sanctity if you surrender them to Him.

The Holy Family became holy because they listened and acted upon the will of the Father, despite the cost. This is our call, too. Following God’s will is not easy, but it transforms our challenges into opportunities for grace. Today, let us ask for the intercession of the Holy Family, that our homes may reflect their trust, their love, and their holiness.

May your struggles lead you closer to Christ, who walks with you through every trial. Take heart—God is with you, and through Him, all things can be made holy.



FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, January 3rd 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.

NEW YEAR’S HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

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
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 8:00 am † **Elizabeth Landry**
December 29th Requested by; Kieran & Debby Ewing

9:30 am **For the People of the Parish**

Tuesday 5:00 pm **New Year's Eve Mass**
December 31st

Wednesday 9:30 am **Solemnity of Mary**
January 1st 11:30 am **Solemnity of Mary**

Thursday 9:30 am † **Patricia Smrcka**
January 2nd Requested by: Family

Friday 9:30 am † **James Albert Gingerich**
January 3rd Requested by: The St. Michael the Archangel School Community

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

9:30 am † **Frank, Marina & Paul Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



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 1st, 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!



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

Fr. Joshy and the staff send New Year wishes to everyone in the parish. May 2025 be a grace filled, blessed and happy one for you!



Sacraments

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

Our RCIC program is now closed to new applications.



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

ShareLife Supports the SJV Community!

We are happy to share, that our St. Vincent de Paul Society has been approved to receive a \$5000 grant to put towards feeding the less fortunate in our community. This funding was made possible through the generous donations of people like you. Thank you for your continued support of those in need!



The SJV Knights of Columbus are teaming up with other local service organizations to launch a new program called, **CRIBS for KIDS**. If you are interested in learning more, please email Nick at nick.hamiltonpiercy@rogers.com or approach one of the members after Mass.

ADULT AND YOUNG CATHOLIC MISSALS AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME DESK



Craft & Cocoa in the Hall

Join us after the 11:30am Mass on **JANUARY 5TH** for a relaxing couple of hours of crafting in the church hall! Whether you knit, crochet, or bring your own craft, come enjoy some creative time with fellow parishioners. We'll have hot chocolate and popcorn to keep you warm and cozy. All are welcome!



The Parish Office will be closed at noon on December 31st & all day January 1st.



There will be **NO FELLOWSHIP** this weekend or next but will resume on January 12th after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Masses.



Please pray for those who are sick:

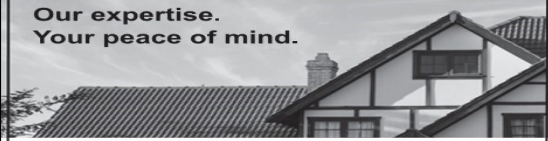
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