

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



“BAPTISM: A GATEWAY TO GOD’S LOVE AND MISSION”

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marking the conclusion of the Christmas season and the beginning of Christ’s public ministry. This feast invites us to reflect on the significance of Jesus’ baptism and its implications for our lives as baptized Christians.

The First Reading from Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 introduces the image of God’s Servant, chosen and upheld by Him, filled with the Spirit, and bringing justice to the nations. This Servant is gentle yet resolute, a light to the nations, opening blind eyes and setting captives free. This prophecy finds its fulfillment in Jesus, who begins His mission at His baptism, not in power and might, but in humility and obedience to God’s will.

In the Second Reading, Acts 10:34-38, Peter proclaims the universal scope of Jesus’ mission: “God shows no partiality.” Jesus, anointed by the Holy Spirit, goes about doing good and healing all who are oppressed by evil. Through baptism, we too are anointed and called to share in this mission, carrying Christ’s light into the world.

The Gospel from Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 reveals the profound moment when Jesus, in solidarity with sinners, steps into the Jordan. As He prays, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father’s voice proclaims, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” This divine affirmation reminds us that, through our baptism, we share in Christ’s identity as beloved children of God.

Insights

Baptism is not merely a ritual; it is the gateway to a new life in Christ. St. Gregory of Nazianzus once wrote, “Baptism is God’s most beautiful and magnificent gift.

... We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift.” In baptism, we are cleansed of sin, receive the Holy Spirit, and are incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church.

Jesus’ baptism was not for the forgiveness of His sins—He had none—but to identify with humanity and inaugurate the path of salvation. By descending into the waters of the Jordan, He sanctified all

waters for our baptism, opening the way for us to enter into communion with God.

Practical Applications...

1. Rediscover Your Baptismal Identity

Take time to reflect on the grace of your baptism. In prayer, hear the Father’s voice affirming you as His beloved child. Let this truth shape your sense of self-worth and purpose.

2. Live Out Your Baptismal Mission

Baptism commissions us to be Christ’s hands and feet in the world. As we go about our daily lives, let us strive to “do good and heal,” as Jesus did, bringing light to those in darkness and hope to the oppressed.

3. Strengthen Your Commitment to the Church

Baptism makes us part of a family—the Church. Participate actively in the life of our parish, whether by joining a ministry, supporting outreach efforts, or simply building relationships with one another.

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us remember the words of St. John Paul II: “We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father’s love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son.” May this feast inspire us to renew our baptismal promises and courageously live as God’s beloved children, carrying His love into the world.

Let us pray for one another as we journey together in faith, ever grateful for the grace of baptism and the joy of belonging to Christ.



Join us for a 13-day European Pilgrimage this coming September. We will be visiting Italy, Vatican City, Switzerland, France, Spain and Portugal. More details will be coming soon. Please call the parish office if you wish to put your name down.



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Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday January 11 th | 5:00 pm For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday January 12 th | 8:00 am † Maria Senerez Requested by: Family |
| | 9:30 am † Dalio & Grazia Catallo Requested by: Gina & Emma Catallo |
| | 11:30 am † Denis Schaub Requested by: Scott & Anita Curran |
| Monday January 13 th | 7:00 pm For the deceased members of The Knights of Columbus |
| Tuesday January 14 th | 7:00 pm † Laurie & Elizabeth Landry Requested by: Sherri Biehl |
| | 7:00 pm † Tom Hogenbirk Requested by: Suzanne Emdin |
| | 7:00 pm † John Emdin Requested by: Suzanne Emdin |
| | 7:00 pm † Joao Alves Requested by: Family |
| | 7:00 pm For the special intentions of Kyle Ramdial Requested by: Natasha Ramdial |
| Wednesday January 15 th | 9:30 am † Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise |
| Thursday January 16 th | 9:30 am † Ken MacDonald Requested by: Irene MacDonald |
| Friday January 17 th | 9:30 am † Sherri Ann Gaudon Requested by: Amala Paul |
| | 9:30 am † Helia, Jose & Manuel Duarte Requested by: Family |
| | 9:30 am † Betty Emdin Requested by: Suzanne Emdin |
| | 9:30 am † Yudhi Maldonado Requested by: Filomena Sousa |



It's time to start using your **2025 Envelopes**. Boxes are available for pickup in the vestibule. Please ensure you put your name and address on the first 3 envelopes beginning with January 1st, 2025.

PLEASE DISCARD ANY UNUSED 2024 ENVELOPES
Thank you for your continued support!



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.



The Knights of Columbus of St. John Vianney Church Council # 10370 presents:
THE 2025 Council Basketball Free Throw Competition

Saturday January 25th, 2025 at
St. John Vianney Catholic School GYM at 9:30 a.m.
393 Innisfil Street, Barrie Ontario

- Girls and Boys 9 to 14 years old (age as of January 1st, 2025)
 - Players can register at St. John Vianney Catholic School between 9:30 and 9:40 a.m. (registration tables in front of the gym) on Saturday Jan. 25th, 2025
 - All Contestants must complete the registration / entry form (signed by their parents or guardian) id provide proof of age (birth certificate, health card or passport) Winners go onto the District finals in February
- Please contact Brother Kyle at kmtilley_1@hotmail.com if you have any questions.



Thank you to the CWL for donating \$1000 to our new Youth Ministry. Your donation will go a long way in creating lots of faith filled fun!



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. On Wednesday, January 15th, **we have planned a TRANSIT TALK, to be led by a representative from the City of Barrie**. Mark your calendars. Invite your friends. We welcome you to take this opportunity to find out more about *Transit on Demand, Mobility Transit* as well as *free rides for seniors!*



Please join us after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Masses for Fellowship. Volunteers are members of the parish. We hope to see you there!

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Yudhi Maldonado &**
† **José Flor**



Please pray for those who are sick:

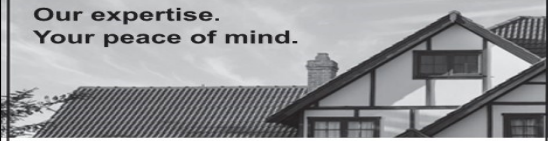
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