

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



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the ***Sunday of the Word of God***, instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 to emphasize the importance of Scripture in our lives. It is a day to reflect on the beauty and power of God's Word, which enlightens, guides, and strengthens us in our journey of faith. As the Holy Father reminds us, *"A Christian's life is marked by the decisive encounter with Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, and the Holy Scriptures are the book through which we constantly deepen our relationship with Him."*

Our readings this Sunday beautifully highlight the transformative power of God's Word and call us to embrace it with open hearts and minds.

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

In our first reading, we find the people of Israel gathered to hear the Book of the Law being read aloud by Ezra. The scene is profound: men, women, and children stand in reverence, listening attentively. As they hear God's Word, they are moved to tears, recognizing their need for renewal and God's mercy. Yet, Ezra encourages them not to weep but to rejoice, saying, *"The joy of the Lord is your strength."*

This passage reminds us that God's Word is not meant to burden us but to bring us joy and transformation. It invites us to approach Scripture with reverence, knowing that in it, we encounter the living God who desires to renew our hearts and give us strength.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, presents the beautiful image of the Church as the Body of Christ. He reminds us that we are all part of one body, each with unique gifts and roles to fulfill. *"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it."*

This message is especially relevant in our parish community. Each of us has a role to play—whether in ministry, service, or prayer. When we recognize

and appreciate our gifts and those of others, we build a stronger, more united community. Let us ask ourselves: How am I contributing to the Body of Christ? Am I supporting my fellow parishioners in their spiritual journey?

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In today's Gospel, Jesus stands in the synagogue of Nazareth and reads from the scroll of Isaiah, proclaiming, *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to bring good news to the poor."* He boldly declares that this prophecy is fulfilled in their hearing. This moment marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry—a ministry of healing, liberation, and hope.

Jesus' mission is not just a historical event; it is ongoing in our lives today. He speaks to us through Scripture, calling us to be instruments of His Good News in our families, workplaces, and communities. As St. Jerome famously said, *"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."* This Sunday, let us renew our commitment to immersing ourselves in the Word of God and living it out in practical ways.

Practical Reflections for Our Lives

1. **Make Scripture a Daily Companion:** Set aside time each day to read and reflect on the Bible. Even a few minutes can bring clarity, strength, and peace.
2. **Live the Word:** Let Scripture inspire your actions—whether through kindness, forgiveness, or service to others.
3. **Share the Word:** Encourage family members and friends to explore the Scriptures, perhaps by joining a Bible study or reflecting together on Sunday's readings.
4. **Find Joy in God's Word:** Like the people in Nehemiah's time, allow God's message to fill you with hope and strength, even amid life's challenges.

As we celebrate this ***Sunday of the Word of God***, may we rediscover the joy and wisdom found in Scripture and allow it to shape our hearts and lives. Let us echo the words of the Psalmist: *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* (Psalm 119:105)

May the Word of God continue to inspire and guide us as we walk together in faith.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday January 25 th	5:00 pm † Jim & Phyl Taylor Requested by: Family
Sunday January 26 th	8:00 am For the People of the Parish 9:30 am † Enrico & Ada Pellegrino Requested by: Gina & Emma Catalo 11:30 am † Maria Thuy Mai & Joseph Hien Tran Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families
Monday January 27 th	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Allan Weishar Requested by: Allan Weishar
Tuesday January 28 th	7:00 pm † Maria Linardi Requested by: Josie Linardi 7:00 pm † Joseph PJ, † Joseph PK & † Joseph PD Requested by: The Jose Family 7:00 pm For the special intentions of Kyle Ramdial Requested by: Natasha Ramdial 7:00 pm For the special intentions of Leann Muxlow Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
Wednesday January 29 th	9:30 am † Diane Jost Requested by: Scott & Anita Curran
Thursday January 30 th	9:30 am † Wacek (Wally) Barabasz Requested by: Mary Kominek
Friday January 31 st	9:30 am † Karl Amm Requested by: The Rosary Apostolate 9:30 am † Cecile Simard Requested by: Evelyn Herbert 9:30 am † Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise



Jubilee of Youth 2025

Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for the pilgrimage of a lifetime! We will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from July 23rd to August 5th, 2025. Please contact youth@archtoronto.org to receive the pilgrim information package and detailed itinerary.



2025 Donation Envelopes are available for pickup in the vestibule. **(Please discard any 2024 envelopes)**
Thank you for your ongoing contributions to our Parish!



Dates for Regional Jubilee Mass Celebrations

With 2025 being the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Archdiocese of Toronto has designated some parishes as pilgrimage sites and all are invited to plan a visit as a parish or as an individual in the coming months.

There is a special Jubilee Mass to be celebrated by Bishop John A. Boissonneau on Thursday January 30 at 7 pm at St Mary's Parish in Barrie. All are invited to attend. Confessions will be available before Mass.

There is a special Jubilee Mass to be celebrated by Cardinal Leo on Tuesday February 4 at 7 pm at St Padre Pio's Parish in Woodbridge. All are invited to attend. Confessions will be available before Mass.



Dear Parishioners,
Once again, 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*



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 to 1:00 pm.

Join us on **Wednesday, February 5th** for a guest speaker from the **Barrie Public Library**. Did you know that Barrie has three branches? Did you know that they loan out more than just books? Come join us to learn more about what the Barrie Public Library has to offer!

Please join us after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Masses for Fellowship. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting this weekend.



REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Maria Persand, † Margaret Murphy & † Baby Stoppa**



Please pray for those who are sick:

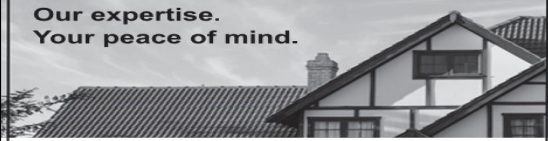
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