

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 Jubilee Year and the Season of Lent: A Journey of Hope and Renewal

“The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy.” Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction #17

When Pope Francis opened the Holy Doors in St. Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve, he inaugurated the Jubilee Year 2025. The Jubilee Year is a sacred time in the Catholic Church that occurs every 25 years. It is a period of renewal, a chance to grow closer to God, and an opportunity to seek His mercy and forgiveness. The theme for the upcoming Jubilee Year, *Pilgrims of Hope*, emphasizes the journey that all people of faith are called to undertake, focusing on trust in God and perseverance in His promise. *Pilgrims of Hope*, encourages us to place our trust in God’s infinite love and compassion. Pope Francis teaches that true hope comes from God’s kindness, which offers healing and renewal to all.

The Jubilee Year calls us to deepen our faith through the Lenten practices of *prayer, fasting, acts of charity*, and seeking God’s grace. These spiritual practices help us experience God’s love more fully and open our hearts to transformation and reconciliation.

Lent: A Pilgrimage of Hope through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

Lent is a journey, much like being a pilgrim during the Jubilee Year. To be *Pilgrims of Hope* during Lent, we must trust in God’s mercy, which is always greater than our shortcomings. Prayer is a vital part of this journey, helping us strengthen our faith and recognize the areas in our lives that need healing. Spending time in personal prayer, attending Mass, and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation bring us closer to God. These acts remind us that God welcomes us with open arms, offering us forgiveness and a fresh start

Fasting means giving up certain comforts to focus on God, a way to remove the obstacles that get in our way, that is something that we are perhaps too attached to. It helps people rely more on their faith and less on material things. During this Jubilee Year, fasting is a way to renew one’s heart and grow stronger in self-discipline and trust in God. When

combined with prayer and the Jubilee Indulgence, fasting becomes a meaningful way to experience God’s mercy.

Helping others is another important part of Lent and the Jubilee Year. In the Bible, the Jubilee was a time of forgiveness, when debts were erased and captives were set free. As *Pilgrims of Hope*, we share Christ’s light by serving others and showing kindness. Giving to the poor, volunteering, and supporting charitable causes are ways we can live out our faith. These acts of charity (almsgiving), remind us that our mission as Christians is to bring hope to others and to reflect God’s love in our actions. The Holy Father also asks us to reflect on our role in addressing unjust social structures that exclude or oppress our brothers and sisters.

The Jubilee Year and Lent both call us to be *Pilgrims of Hope*—people who trust in God’s promises and extend His mercy to others. By fully embracing the Lenten journey, we walk the path of hope, preparing to receive the full blessings of this sacred year.

- How can I deepen my trust in God’s mercy and become a true *Pilgrim of Hope* during this Jubilee Year?
- In what ways can I use prayer, fasting, and acts of charity to bring hope and renewal to those around me this Lent?
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For more information about Jubilee 2025 go to our Parish website

<https://stjohnvianneyba.archtoronto.org/>



THE LENTEN SEASON

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season in which we prepare ourselves to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ by drawing closer to him through good works, repentance, prayer, and fasting.

This year, Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on **Wednesday, March 5th**. There will be two Masses – one at 9:30 a.m. and the other at 7:00 p.m.



CALLING ALL KIDS in Grade 4 and above. We are looking for more **Altar Servers**. If you are interested, please fill out a registration form at the Welcome Desk and hand it to the volunteer once completed. **THANK YOU!**

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday March 2 nd	8:00 am † Denise Burgess Requested by: David Burgess
	9:30 am † Janina & Eugeniusz Fuks Requested by: Andy Fuks
	11:30 am For the People of the Parish
Monday March 3 rd	7:00 pm † Laurie & Elizabeth Landry Requested by: Catherine Landry
Tuesday March 4 th	7:00 pm † Paul Nowlan Requested by: Angelito Mitra
	7:00 pm † Joaquim Da Costa E. Silva Requested by: Family
	7:00 pm † For the special intentions of The Hogenbirk Boys Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
Wednesday March 5 th	9:30 am † Irena Dzenkauskiene Requested by: Family
	7:00 pm ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
Thursday March 6 th	9:30 am † Marshall & Doris Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Friday March 7 th	9:30 am † Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am † Marg Nixon Requested by: The Nixon Family
	9:30 am † Frank, Marina & Paul Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
	9:30 am † For the special intentions of Leann Muxlow Requested by: Suzanne Emdin



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



As has become a parish tradition, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Parish Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, March 4th** in the parish hall from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This will be a great time to get together as a church community and enjoy a delicious dinner as we enter the season of Lent. The dinner will include pancakes, sausages, baked beans, dessert, and tea, coffee and juice. The cost is \$10 for adults with children under 16 free. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend, but not at the door. Payment can be made by cash, credit or debit card. Any monies surplus after the cost of supplies has been covered will be donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please join us for this fun evening.

WELCOME WEDNESDAY

Please note, there will be **NO** Welcome Wednesday Gathering this week due to Ash Wednesday.



Friday, March 7th 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.



Please note: We have changed the time for Mass on **Wednesday, March 12th** - there will be **NO MORNING MASS**. Mass will be celebrated at **7:00 pm**. This change is for one week only. Mass will resume it's normal Wednesday time the following week.



The Stations of the Cross

Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings at **7:00 pm**. during Lent. The *Stations of the Cross* will take place **Friday March 7th** and will be led by the Lectors.

Please join us at 6:00 pm for a simple dinner of soup and bread. All proceeds will go to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Save the Date: On Saturday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "A Day With Mary" will be taking place at Villanova College in King City. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address for the adults and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music and fellowship, and we hope you will consider joining the Cardinal Archbishop and so many others who love the Blessed Mother.



Please join us after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Masses for Fellowship. This week's hosts are members of the parish.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

† Everdina Robinson & † Frank McCorry



Please pray for those who are sick:

Please call the parish office if you wish to have your name or the name of a loved one placed on this list.

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