

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

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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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Fourth Sunday of Lent



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



“REJOICE, O JERUSALEM! BE JOYFUL, ALL WHO WERE IN MOURNING!” (ISAIAH 66: 10)

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally called Laetare Sunday, is a time of joyful anticipation amidst our Lenten journey. Today’s readings call us to reflect on transformation, reconciliation, and the boundless mercy of God. We are reminded that we are all on a journey back to the Father. No matter how far we have strayed, no matter how broken our past, God calls us home. Will we respond?

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 5:9A, 10-12 – A NEW BEGINNING

“The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.”

After forty years of wandering, the Israelites finally enter the Promised Land. Their long exile in the wilderness has ended, and for the first time, they eat the produce of the land instead of manna. This marks a profound moment: their identity is no longer that of slaves but of a free people in covenant with God.

Lent is our own journey of leaving behind our “Egypt”—our past sins, failures, and regrets. The Lord wants to “roll away” our disgrace and lead us to a deeper trust in Him.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21 – BECOMING NEW IN CHRIST

“If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away.”

St. Paul reminds us that reconciliation is at the heart of our faith. We are not merely sinners trying to do better—we are new creations in Christ! Through His sacrifice, Christ has reconciled us to the Father and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

This means that Lent is not only a time to seek God’s forgiveness but also to extend it to others. Is there someone we need to forgive? Is there a relationship that needs healing? Reconciliation is not just an individual act—it is the mission of the Church.

GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32 – THE FATHER WHO RUNS TO US

The Parable of the Prodigal Son is a story of rebellion, repentance, and redemption. But at its core, it is a story of the Father’s unconditional love.

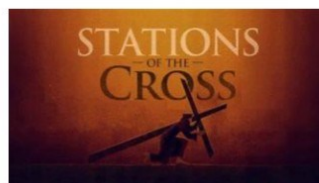
The younger son, blinded by pride, demands his inheritance, squanders it, and falls into misery. The elder son, though outwardly obedient, harbors resentment. Yet, the heart of the parable is the Father—watching, waiting, and running to embrace his lost child.

This Lent, we are invited to examine our hearts. Are we like the younger son, lost in sin but afraid to return? Or are we like the elder son, dutiful but bitter? The Father calls both to the same banquet.

God does not wait passively for our return—He runs to meet us. Will we let Him embrace us?

As we enter this final stretch of Lent, let us rejoice in the mercy of God. Let us embrace the freedom He offers and welcome the grace of reconciliation. Whether we see ourselves in the prodigal son or the elder brother, the Father’s invitation remains the same: **“Everything I have is yours. Come and share in My joy.”**

Holy Week and Easter Services				
Come Worship With Us!				
Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Sat. April 12 th	Thursday April 17 th	Friday April 18 th	Saturday April 19 th	Sunday April 20 th
5:00 pm	7:00 pm The Mass of the Lord’s Supper	3:00 pm The Passion of the Lord	8:00 pm	8:00am 9:30 am 11:30 am
Sun. April 13 th		Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm		
8:00am 9:30 am 11:30 am				



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 April 4th** and will be led by the Youth Ministry.

We invite you to join us at 6:00 pm for a simple meal of soup and bread.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday March 29 th	5:00 pm People of the Parish
Sunday March 30 th	8:00 am † Regina Grikstine Requested by: Maria Asadoorian
	9:30 am For the special intention of The Fidelix Family Requested by: Family
	11:30 am † Irv White Requested by: Marg White-Jacobs
Monday March 31 st	7:00 pm † Francis Benwick Requested by: Maria Hardie
Tuesday April 1 st	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Susan Jibin Requested by: Family
Wednesday April 2 nd	9:30 am † Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
Thursday April 3 rd	9:30 am For the special intentions of Steve Gardon Requested by: Ross Armstrong & Janice Martin
Friday April 4 th	9:30 am † Frank, Marina & Paul Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
	9:30 am † Ermelinda Melo Requested by: The Sousa Family

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.



LENTE

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on:

Thursday, April 3rd starting at 6:00 pm.

All three of our priests will be available to hear confessions on that day.



Have you ever wondered what an **UNANNOUNCED MASS** is? An Unannounced Mass offers the same graces as an Announced Mass, the only difference is the priest will choose the date the intention will be prayed for. If you would like to have a Mass for someone and do not have a date preference, please know this is an option for you. These Masses are \$10 each and we will happily provide a card for you if needed. Please call or visit the parish office for more information.



**Community of Hope Outreach:
Seniors Calling Service**

This new project is funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP), which provides funding for projects that make a difference in the lives of seniors in their communities.

This calling service is for persons aged 55+ who may be socially or physically isolated and are looking for support, or a friendly person to talk to. We are looking for volunteers and participants to take part in this much needed program.

If you would like to find out more information, please call Suzanne at 647-448-8873 or email her at outreach@beingwith.org.



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday!

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign.

Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Our parish goal this year is **\$294,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



Holy Martyr's of Japan Parish in Bradford will be hosting a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 12th starting at 8:30am. The Retreat Director will be Rev. Charles Nahm, Opus Dei. For more information, please see the poster on the bulletin board in the vestibule.



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

† Antonio Barbaro † Michelina Gross



Please pray for those who are sick:
Susan Jibin, Angelo Mongillo, Ron Collingbourne, Marg White-Jacobs, Bob Westhaver, Patrick Quinn, Nicole Quinn & Rebecca Gibbs

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