

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)

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"FEED MY SHEEP": EASTER RENEWAL IN ACTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Easter season is a beautiful time of **renewal and mission**, and today's readings stir our hearts to live with **courageous faith, humble love, and bold witness**. In these weeks of Easter joy, the Church does not allow us to remain idle; instead, we are called—like Peter and the apostles—to rise up and **proclaim Christ's resurrection** in word and deed, in our homes, workplaces, and community.

1. Called to Witness: Strength in the Face of Opposition

In our **First Reading (Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41)**, we see Peter and the apostles standing before the authorities, boldly declaring: *"We must obey God rather than human authority."* Despite being flogged and warned, they leave "rejoicing that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name."

This is **the mark of a true disciple**—someone who bears witness, even when it's hard or inconvenient. As St. Teresa of Calcutta wisely said:

"God does not require that we be successful, only that we be faithful."

Today, many of us face quieter but no less real challenges: standing up for truth in the workplace, showing integrity when it costs us something, or living out our faith in a society that can seem indifferent or even hostile. The apostles remind us: **our joy is not in worldly success but in faithfulness to Christ.**

2. The Cosmic Vision: Christ, Worthy of Praise

The **Second Reading (Revelation 5.11-14)** lifts our eyes from the trials of earth to the **heavenly throne room**, where countless angels proclaim:

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

This vision reminds us that **our worship connects us to the entire cosmos**. Every time we come to Mass, we join this great chorus of praise. Amid life's worries, this reading helps us remember: **Christ reigns. He is victorious. He is worthy of our trust.**

St. Augustine once said:
"To sing is to pray twice."

Let us continue to bring all we are—joys and sorrows—into the Eucharist, uniting ourselves with the Lamb who gives us hope and strength.

3. Love Restored: Peter's Redemption and Our Call

In the **Gospel (John 21.1-19)**, we meet Jesus on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias, where He lovingly restores Peter after his denial. Three times Jesus asks Peter, *"Do you love me?"* and three times Peter responds, *"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."* With each affirmation, Jesus commissions him: *"Feed my lambs... Tend my sheep... Feed my sheep."*

This is a **Gospel of restoration and commissioning**. Peter, broken and ashamed, finds mercy and a new mission. How often in our own lives do we feel like failures in faith—through sins, weaknesses, or discouragement? But Jesus never tires of calling us back, healing us, and entrusting us again with His work.

As Pope Francis reminds us:

"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness."

Every one of us has a role in tending Christ's flock. Whether it's through parenting, caring for an elderly parent, mentoring a colleague, or simply offering a listening ear, **we are shepherds in the small and great tasks of daily life.**

Bringing It Home: What Does This Mean for Us Today?

- **Faithfulness Over Fear:** Like the apostles, let's prioritize **faith over fear** in our decisions, even when it's countercultural.
- **Praise that Sustains:** Let's make our participation in the Mass more intentional, remembering we are part of a cosmic chorus of worship.
- **Shepherding in Small Ways:** Each of us is called to "feed the sheep" around us. This week, ask: Who needs my kindness? Who is God asking me to serve or encourage?

As we continue our Easter journey, may today's message inspire each of us to embrace our calling with **renewed courage and love**. Let's walk forward, remembering these words of St. John Paul II:

"Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ."

Rosary lovers from our parish and St. Mary's will be gathering on May 16th @ 10:00am in our Parish Hall. All are welcome to join us for coffee and conversation.

This weekend, a representative from the **Rosary Apostolate** will be speaking after all the Masses. There will be a table set up in the hall with information for all those interested in learning more. There will also be a volunteer present to answer any questions you may have.



CONGRATULATIONS

to those boys and girls who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend and next! Our prayers are with you as you continue to walk in faith with Jesus guiding your steps.



Catholic Education Week May 4-9, 2024

Catholic Education Week 2025 begins on Sunday, May 4, 2025. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday May 3 rd	5:00 pm † Angelo Mogillo Requested by: OECA
Sunday May 4 th	8:00 am For the People of the Parish 9:30 am † Ana Miriam De Montes Requested by: Family 11:30 am † Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
Monday May 5 th	7:00 pm † Ron Collingbourne Requested by: Les & Mary Watts 7:00 pm † Hank & Theresa Abspoel Requested by: Family
Tuesday May 6 th	7:00 pm † Aadhya Udayan Requested by: Sridivya Subburathinam 7:00 pm † Maria Thuy Mai & † Joseph Hien Tran Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families 7:00 pm † Omarr Syed Requested by: Arlene Chee Foon 7:00 pm For the special intentions of Paola Cruz Sanchez Requested by: Family 7:00 pm For the special intentions of Michael Ierati Requested by: The Fata Family
Wednesday May 7 th	9:30 am † Frank Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Thursday May 8 th	9:30 am † Bohdan Harmazy Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
Friday May 9 th	9:30 am † Martiniano Bangcoy Requested by: Lily Jesseau 9:30 am † Anne Paolozzi Requested by: Christopher Paolozzi 9:30 am † Fernando Aviz Requested by: Family 9:30 am † Jorge Francisco Requested by: Family 9:30 am † For the deceased members of The Conte Family Requested by: The Conte Family 9:30 am For the special intentions of All Mothers Requested by: Lydia Harmazy



WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

Please come 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.



Edge Camp Registration is Now Open!

Calling all students in **grades 5–8** — Edge Camp is coming, and registration is officially open! Don't miss out on this awesome experience. For more details or to sign up, please contact **Kelly, our Youth Minister.**

Be sure to register soon to save your spot!

☺ *Stay tuned for more info on our Summer Church Camp happening in July!*

Join us for a fun, hands-on evening decorating plant pots and planting seeds or flowers to take home! As we create, we'll reflect on how we can plant "seeds of faith" 🌱 in our lives and in others—a meaningful way to grow both our gardens 🌿 and our relationship with God ✝️. We can't wait to grow with you! ❤️

📖 **Matthew 17:20 (NIV):**

"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you." ✨

Date & Time:

📅 **Wednesday, May 7th, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

🍪 **Refreshments & Snacks Provided**



The CWL continues to collect old buttons, jewelry, and pickle, relish, and mayonnaise jar lids for the Tuesday Morning Crafts and the annual bazaar.

The Tuesday Morning Craft group meets from 9:30am – 12:30pm. **Please note: This week we will meet on MONDAY, MAY 5th not Tuesday.**

St. John Vianney Catholic Women's League Presents

The Spring Tea Saturday, May 31, 2025

The Tea runs from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m., doors open 11:30 a.m.

Location: St. John Vianney Parish Hall, 13 Baldwin Lane.

Cost: \$25/person - Non-refundable

Tickets will go on sale after all the Masses starting this weekend.

This weekend is the second collection for ShareLife



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

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

† Ignazio Craparotta, † John Cooper,
† Cheryl Quinn & † Ron Collingbourne



Please pray for those who are sick:

Bob Westhaver, Emily Healy, Leonard Vanspall,
Agnes Berard Cooper, Prima Parent, Susan Jibin
and Marg White-Jacobs

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