

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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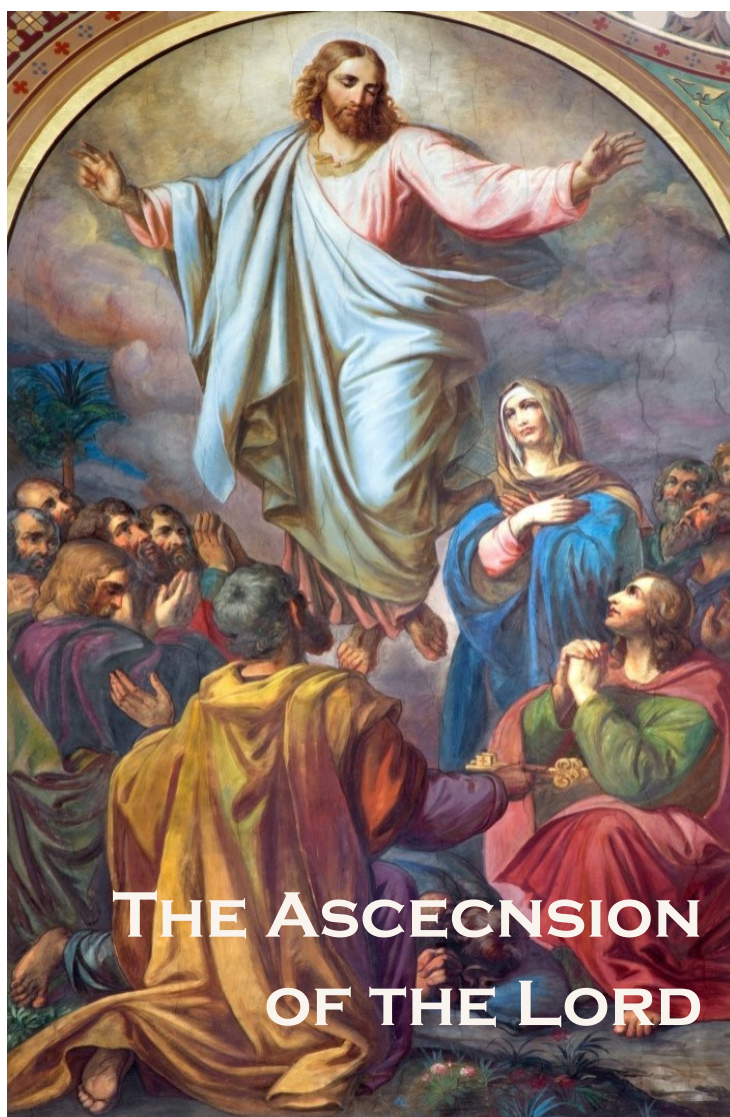
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCCHARIST

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 ASCENSION: CHRIST EXALTED, MISSION ENTRUSTED

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord marks a profound moment in salvation history – forty days after Easter, Christ ascends into heaven, not to abandon us, but to lift humanity toward God. In the words of Pope St. Leo the Great, “Christ’s ascension is our uplifting, and the hope of the Body is raised where the glory of the Head has gone before.” Today’s celebration is not an ending, but a beginning: the beginning of the Church’s mission in the world.

The Mystery of the Ascension: Glorified Yet Present

The Gospel of Luke tells us that before ascending, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand the Scriptures, commissioning them as witnesses to repentance and forgiveness “beginning from Jerusalem” (Luke 24:47). Then, He blesses them and is “carried up into heaven” (v. 51). Unlike a farewell, this is an empowerment.

In Acts 1:1-11, Luke narrates again how Jesus is “lifted up,” and the disciples stand gazing into the sky until two angels confront them: “Why do you stand looking up?” This gentle rebuke is the hinge between contemplation and mission. We are not called merely to adore, but to act—carrying Christ’s light into a world often shadowed by confusion, loneliness, and despair.

St. Augustine wrote, “You ascended before our eyes, and we turned back grieving, only to find You in our hearts.” Though Christ is enthroned in glory, He is also mystically and sacramentally present in His Church, especially in the Eucharist and in the lives of believers. His physical departure makes way for a more intimate presence through the Holy Spirit.

The Eyes of the Heart Enlightened

St. Paul, writing to the Ephesians, prays “that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened” (Eph. 1:18). What a beautiful image: a heart that sees! In a world driven by external metrics of success and fleeting digital images, Paul invites us to perceive deeper realities—“the hope to which he has called you,” and “the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe” (vv. 18-19).

The same power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him “at the right hand” (v. 20) is alive in the Church. The Ascension does not render Jesus distant; rather, He now reigns above every worldly power, and yet dwells in every willing heart. Theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar described the Ascension as “Christ’s cosmic embrace of creation,” gathering all things into divine life.

From Gaze to Mission: A Life Transformed

Consider the everyday believer—the parent who teaches the faith at home, the caregiver who shows love to the sick, the young person discerning purpose, or the senior

who quietly offers decades of prayer. Each one, by baptism, shares in Christ’s ascended life and mission. The Ascension reminds us that our true destiny is not merely earthly security, but divine union. And our calling is not passive waiting but faithful witnessing.

St. John Paul II said, “The Ascension directs our gaze to heaven, to show us that the ultimate goal of our journey is the Father.” But the way to the Father runs through our streets, our workplaces, our homes—wherever the Gospel can be lived, spoken, and shown in love.

An Invitation to Hope and Action

In a time marked by global unrest, social isolation, and rapid change, the Ascension proclaims an unshakable truth: Christ reigns, and we are His witnesses. Our task is not to “stand looking up” in paralysis or nostalgia, but to live now as citizens of heaven, loving this world into healing and holiness.

As we celebrate the Ascension, let us remember the final words of Jesus: “You are witnesses of these things... I am sending upon you what my Father promised” (Luke 24:48-49). The Spirit will come. Until then, let us wait in joyful hope—and get to work.

“Let us then be on our way with hearts lifted high, for where the Head has gone in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.” —St. Leo the Great



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Please join us on Sunday, June 8th after the 9:30am & 11:30am Masses as the Knights of Columbus will be serving up their famous Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. Breakfast is part of the regular Fellowship Sunday program. Pancakes and sausages, syrup, tea, coffee, and juice will be served. All are welcome!



Friday, June 6th 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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday May 31 st	5:00 pm ✠ Angelo Mongillo Requested by: Sam, Maria & Family
Sunday June 1 st	8:00 am For the People of the Parish
	9:30 am ✠ Huynh Kim Ut & Huynh Kiem Thu Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen
	11:30 am The deceased members of the Da Silva Family Requested by: Lurdes Da Silva
Monday June 2 nd	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Jeannette Espinoza Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
Tuesday June 3 rd	7:00 pm ✠ Larry White Requested by: Family
Wednesday June 4 th	9:30 am ✠ Peter Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Thursday June 5 th	9:30 am ✠ Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Cristiana Aloise & Benjamin Solomon Requested by: Maria Aloise
Friday June 6 th	9:30 am ✠ Frank, Marina & Paul Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
	9:30 am ✠ Bessie Papala Requested by: The Conte Family
	9:30 am ✠ Lawrence Kim & Family Requested by: Anna Kim



Parents, please encourage your boys and girls to become altar servers in our parish. Children who will be in grade 4 or older by next fall are needed especially at the 5 pm Saturday Mass, and the Sunday 8 am and 9:30 am Masses.

Please fill in a Registration form at the Welcome Desk in the foyer.



Coffee Fellowship

Please join us after the 9:30am & 11:30am Masses for Fellowship. This week's hosts are members of the St. Peter's Secondary school community.

WELCOME WEDNESDAY

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.



Zumba Night – June 25 | 6:30–8:00 PM | \$15

Join us for a fun, adults-only **Zumba Night** to support our Youth Ministry! Cost is **\$15 per participant** (cash only). Enjoy snacks for purchase, a bake table, and a silent auction. **Tickets will be available for purchase after Mass in the church hall.** We're also seeking **baked goods** and **prize donations for our silent auction table.** Please contact Kelly 705-726-8007 Ext. 205 if you'd like to contribute.

Let's dance for a great cause!

EDGE

🐾 **Roar into Faith!**

👑 **SJV – Camp of the Real King**

📅 **July 21–25 | ⌚ 9 AM–1 PM | 💰 **\$90****

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📄 **Register on our website under Youth Ministry**

LIFE TEEN

🔥 **Life Teen Youth Night**

📅 **Saturday, June 7**

⌚ **6:00–7:30 PM | 🎯 Grades 9–12**

💰 **No cost – 🍕 Pizza for supper!**

Come hang out, build faith, and connect with friends.
All high school teens welcome!



REMINDER:

The Church in Canada expects:

At Holy Communion, remember to bow your head and then say "AMEN" out loud. Please, stand still, and take the host in your mouth immediately!

Do NOT walk away carrying the host.



PARISH FAMILY PHOTO DIRECTORY

As part of our Jubilee Celebration, we invite you to participate in our free parish family photo directory program. **Sign up sheets will be available at the Welcome Desk BEFORE and AFTER all the Masses.** Sign up to receive a free photo directory! Portraits will be available for purchase at the time of your appointment.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **Francis Loyola**



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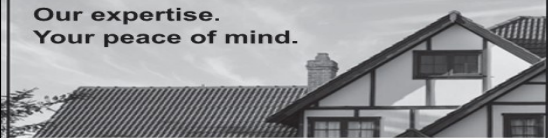
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