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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HEAVEN IN OUR HANDS

"This is the bread that came down from heaven... whoever eats this bread will live forever." John 6:58

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we stand before one of the greatest mysteries and miracles of our Catholic faith: the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The Feast of Corpus Christi invites us not only to celebrate but to awaken, to rekindle our awe, our reverence, and our gratitude for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The Gospel for this year (Luke 9:11b-17) recounts the multiplication of loaves and fishes, a miracle that prefigures the Eucharist. What began as a few loaves in human hands became abundant nourishment when placed in the hands of Christ. This is the mystery of the Mass: God takes what we offer, our time, our prayers, our ordinary selves and transforms it through the Eucharist into divine life and grace.

The Gift Beyond All Gifts

St. Thomas Aquinas once wrote, *"The Eucharist is the Sacrament of love: It signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."* The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1324) affirms, *"The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life."*

We are profoundly blessed at every Mass to receive not a symbol or a sign, but Christ Himself, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. This is not a metaphor; it is a miracle. In every tabernacle, in every chalice, on every altar, the living Christ is truly present. What a staggering truth: Heaven touches earth, and the Lord of the Universe enters the heart of the believer.

And yet, how easily we forget. How casually we approach this sacred encounter.

When we walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, it is not simply a line or a ritual, it is a pilgrimage of the heart. It is a time of preparation, a moment of humility. Each time we approach the Eucharist, let us do so with the excitement and wonder of someone receiving Christ for the very first time.

Let us remember a few brief but essential instructions for receiving Jesus with reverence:

• **Receive with a pure heart**: If we are conscious of grave sin, we are asked not to receive Holy Communion until we have first received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (CCC 1385). The grace of the Eucharist is most fruitful when the soul is in a state of grace.

• **Pause and pray**: When you reach the priest or minister, respond with a sincere and reverent "**Amen**" a declaration of faith.

• **Do not walk away with the host in hand**. Receive Jesus immediately, either on the tongue or in the hand and consume Him with deep reverence, right there.

• Make the moment holy: The Communion line is a sacred procession. Let your heart be silent. Let your soul prepare.

Eucharistic Miracles: The Lord Still Speaks

All over the world, Eucharistic miracles have occurred; consecrated Hosts turning to visible flesh, bleeding, or remaining incorrupt for centuries. These are not legends but documented, Church-approved signs that Christ is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. They are reminders to the forgetful heart and encouragements to the doubtful mind. Science has even confirmed that these miracles often contain human heart tissue alive, beating, and of blood type AB, matching the blood on the Shroud of Turin.

These miracles affirm what we already believe by faith. But perhaps the greatest miracle of all is the quiet one: that Christ comes to us at every single Mass, veiled in humility, waiting to be loved.

Come, Adore the Lord

As part of our Corpus Christi celebration this weekend, we invite you to a **special Eucharistic Blessing after all Masses**. Please do not miss this sacred opportunity to receive the grace and healing that flow from Christ's presence in the monstrance. Bring your burdens, your hopes, your prayers, and allow Him to bless you.

Also, we encourage everyone to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in silent adoration. Whether it is five minutes or one hour, time spent in the presence of Jesus is never wasted. In the words of St. Alphonsus Liguori:

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God, and the one most helpful to us."

The Miracle in Our Midst

Dear friends, the Eucharist is not merely a part of our Catholic life, it is our Catholic life. Let us never grow numb to the miracle. Let us never allow routine to replace reverence. Let each Communion be a first Communion. Let each Eucharist transform us, strengthen us, and send us out to be Christ for the world.

May this Corpus Christi be a feast not only of memory, but of renewal.

And may our parish of St. John Vianney shine as a community of Eucharistic love, reverence, and joy.

"O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine."

Fr. Joshy George

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.



LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP! ALSO...

We are looking for friendly volunteers to help welcome parishioners during these photo sessions. If you can lend a hand for a few hours, please sign up at the Welcome Desk after Mass. Your help will make this a warm and organized experience for everyone in our parish community.

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	Mass Interitions
Saturday June 21 st	5:00 pm & Giovanna D'Antonio Requested by: Kyle & Patti Tilley
Sunday June 22 nd	8:00 am 🏵 Ron Collingbourne Requested by: Fred & Hazel Hawrish
	9:30 am ŵ Joseph & Irene Balogh Requested by: Family
	11:30 am 🕆 Larry Giroux Requested by: Willa, Marcia & Stephen Wilson
Monday June 23 rd	7:00 pm 압 Theresa Abspoel Requested by: Family
Tuesday June 24 th	7:00 pm & Deedee & Ottilie Mieschke Requested by: Conrad Mieschke
	7:00 pm 압 Patrick O'Reilly Requested by: Family
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Vilma Chee Foon Requested by: Arlene Chee Foon
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Rory Sutter Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
Wednesday June 25 th	9:30 am � Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
Thursday June 26 th	9:30 am 🕆 Everdina Robinson Requested by: Family
Friday June 27 th	9:30 am 🕆 Lawrence Kim & Family Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am ŵ Richard Sutton Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am For the deceased members of the Spineto, Ricci & Manzo Families Requested by: Teresa Spineto
	9:30 am 🕆 Maria & Henrique Albernaz

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The registration process for **FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & RCIC** has begun. Information on these sacramental programs and their corresponding application links can be found on our website.





St. John Vianney Parish has been blessed with the immense generosity of one of its faithful parishoners. Through their love of Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament, they expressed a desire to purchase for us, a new Monstrance (as shown on the cover). It is their hope that this beautiful piece of art will add to our Adoration experience.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 9:30AM & 11:30AM MASSES!



The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Jubilee Year

Each year, on the Friday following the Solemnity of Corpus Christi—this year, June 27—the

Church celebrates the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This feast honors the boundless, tender love of Christ, a love that is both human and divine. As Pope Francis writes in his encyclical *Dilexit Nos*, the heart of Jesus is "a blazing furnace of divine and human love" and "a synthesis of the Gospel," where we discover both who God is and who we are meant to be.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, under the theme *Pilgrims* of Hope, we are invited to set out with hearts renewed—trusting that Christ walks beside us with compassion and mercy. As the Holy Father reminds us, "hope is born of love," and that love springs from the Sacred Heart, pierced for our sake and open to all.

To journey as pilgrims of hope is to anchor ourselves in this love—a love that heals, reconciles, and gives us strength to face the world with joy and courage. The Sacred Heart leads us homeward, into the embrace of God's infinite mercy. As we continue this Jubilee journey, may the Sacred Heart of Jesus draw us deeper into love, and send us out as joyful witnesses of hope. **Reflection**: How is the Sacred Heart of Jesus inviting us to grow in love, joy, and hope as we continue our journey of faith during this Jubilee Year?

Sacred Heart of Jesus, overflowing with love and light, open my heart to the joy of Your presence. Shape my thoughts with Your wisdom, my words with Your kindness, and my actions with Your mercy. May I walk with confidence and joy as a pilgrim of hope, sharing Your love with the world around me. Amen.

<u>SUMMER HOURS</u> - The parish office will be closed at noon on Fridays throughout the summer, starting on June 27th. Regular Friday office hours will resume on Friday, September 5th.



Tip Tap Pay for Offertory

The Archdiocese of Toronto has partnered with Tip Tap Pay so that

parishioners can help support their parish with a simple tap. Simply tap the 'tiptap' device to give. That's it! For an endof-year tax receipt for your 'tiptap' gifts, scan the parish QR Code right away with your smart phone and register your payment. You only need to register once in order to receive a tax receipt. (ONLY physical Debit/Credit cards are available for tax receipts) We will be launching this new program on the weekend of July 5th & 6th. You will find the device and the QR code at the Welcome Desk. Thank you for your kind heart and for supporting our parish!

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wilson Munoz, & Margherita Carbone & & Lawrence Martin



Please pray for those who are sick: Joby George, Stephen Azevedo, Kyle Ramdial & Susan Jibin

