

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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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



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

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES – JUNE 29, 2025

“Two Pillars, One Church: Love Transformed, Grace Redeemed”

Today, on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the Church invites us to behold two towering yet profoundly human figures upon whose witness, blood, and transformation the Body of Christ, the Church, has been firmly built. They were not saints because they were flawless, but because grace found them, called them, and never let go. In their lives, we find the great paradox of Christian discipleship: brokenness redeemed, weakness made strength, and ordinary men entrusted with the extraordinary.

Peter and Paul: Contrasting Journeys, One Mission

In Acts 3:1-10, we encounter Peter not in a boat as the fisherman of Galilee, but at the temple gate as a fisher of men. He heals a man lame from birth, not with silver or gold but “in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk” (v.6). The same Peter who once denied Jesus now fearlessly proclaims His power. His transformation is not the result of self-confidence, but divine forgiveness and Pentecostal fire.

Paul, by contrast, recounts in Galatians 1:11-20 his call not from the seashore but from zealous persecution. He confesses: “I was violently persecuting the Church of God” (v.13), but the One who set him apart ‘before his birth’ revealed His Son to him. Here, Paul is echoing the prophet Jeremiah, revealing a truth that undergirds every Christian vocation: God’s call is not an afterthought. It is written into the fabric of our being.

Peter and Paul represent two ways of coming to Christ; one through weakness and shame, the other through zeal and misdirection, but both lead to surrender. St. Augustine would later write: “There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future.”

“Do You Love Me?” — Love Restored, Mission Commissioned

In John 21:15-19, we find the risen Lord inviting Peter into a painful but healing dialogue. Three times Jesus asks, “Do you love me?” not to shame Peter, but to restore him. With each confession of love, Jesus entrusts him with the care of His flock: “Feed my sheep.”

Jesus does not ask, “Will you never fail me again?” or “Will you be perfect from now on?” He asks only this: “Do you love me?”

This is the foundation of Christian ministry and witness. It is not based on perfection, knowledge, or power, but love—fragile, persevering, grace-filled love. As Pope Benedict XVI once said, “Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.”

The Church: A Symphony of Mercy and Mission

The Second Vatican Council reminded us that “the Church, which comprises the faithful scattered throughout the world, is one in the Holy Spirit” (Lumen Gentium, 13). Peter and Paul are signs of that unity-in-diversity. Peter, the apostolic rock (cf. Matthew 16:18), and Paul, the evangelist to the nations, are not opposing symbols but complementary gifts.

They teach us that no one is beyond redemption and no mission is beyond possibility. In our world, often polarized and wounded, the Church must still embody what they lived: bold proclamation and humble service, truth spoken in love, and lives poured out for the Gospel.

A Word for Us Today

We live in a time when many may feel disqualified by past mistakes, by present weaknesses, by spiritual weariness. But today, the Church reminds us that sanctity is not for the perfect, but for the available. Like Peter, we may have failed. Like Paul, we may have wandered far. Yet, the Risen Christ still asks each of us: “Do you love me?”

If we say yes, even hesitantly, He entrusts us with His mission: in our homes, our schools, our workplaces, our parishes. The miracle is not that He chooses the strong, but that He strengthens the ones He chooses.

As St. John Chrysostom said of Peter and Paul: “The heavens are not so bright when the sun shines as the earth made beautiful by these two lights.” May their courage inspire us. May their faith embolden us. And may their love of Christ ignite our hearts anew.

Blessings in Christ,

Fr. Joshy George



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. Alternately, you may scan the appropriate **QR code** located on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday June 28 th	5:00 pm ✠ Giovanna D'Antonio Requested by: OECTA
Sunday June 29 th	8:00 am ✠ Larry Giroux Requested by: Patrick Fogarty High School
	9:30 am For the special intentions of The Larin Family Requested by: Claude Larin
	11:30 am ✠ Paul Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
Monday June 30 th	7:00 pm ✠ Patrick O'Reilly Requested by: Family
Tuesday July 1 st	MASS WILL BE AT 9:30 AM (No Evening Mass)
Thursday July 3 rd	9:30 am ✠ Jose Gomez Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
Friday July 4 th	9:30 am ✠ Lawrence Kim & Family Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am ✠ Frank Marina & Paul Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
	9:30 am ✠ Aaron MacDonald Requested by: Catherine Landry
	9:30 am ✠ Larry White Requested by: Family



Welcome Wednesday Summer Plans!

The Welcome Wednesday Drop-In at the church will take a summer break. Everyone interested in a mid-week social gathering please come to **Tyndale Park on Wednesdays at 10:30 am**. Bring a lunch and a possibly a favourite chair. See you there!

Welcome Wednesday - July and August
Tyndale Park - 45 Tyndale Road, Barrie
For more information contact:
Mary Johnston
705-719-0351

The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 1st in observance of **Canada Day**. **PLEASE NOTE MASS WILL BE AT 9:30 AM** that day. There will be no Tuesday Evening Mass.



September 12th.

SUMMER HOURS - The parish office will be closed at noon on Fridays throughout the summer. Regular office hours will resume on Friday,



For nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1:37
Congratulations to all the graduating classes of 2025!
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Youth Corner!

🙌 **THANK YOU to Our Children's Liturgy Volunteers**
-We are grateful to our wonderful teacher volunteers for sharing Christ's love with the children of our parish.

👧 **Children's Liturgy continues this summer at the 9:30am Mass (most Sundays).**

📌 **For dates and updates, please check the info board in the church hall.**

Kelly ~ Youth Minister



New Women's Group: Mary's Mantle

All women of the parish are warmly invited to the first gathering of Mary's Mantle, a new women's group dedicated to building community and deepening our faith together under the loving protection of Our Lady.

Join us on Tuesday, July 8th, after the 7:00 PM Mass for an evening of fellowship, refreshments, and connection. This will be a relaxed opportunity to get to know one another and help shape the direction of the group as we begin this journey together.

Come as you are — all ages welcome!



Join us for Fellowship after the 9:30am & 11:30am Masses!

Please note, there will be no Fellowship throughout the summer months but will resume in September.



Tip Tap Pay for Offertory

The Archdiocese of Toronto has partnered with Tip Tap Pay to allow parishioners to support their parish with a simple tap. For an end-of-year tax receipt for these donations, use your smart phone to scan the parish QR Code to register. You only need to register once in order to receive the end-of-year tax receipt. (You must use a physical Debit/Credit card for tax receipts purposes) 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!



Please pray for those who are sick:

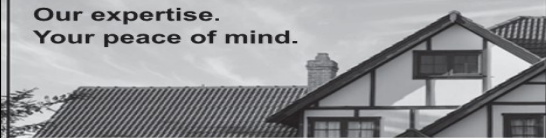
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