

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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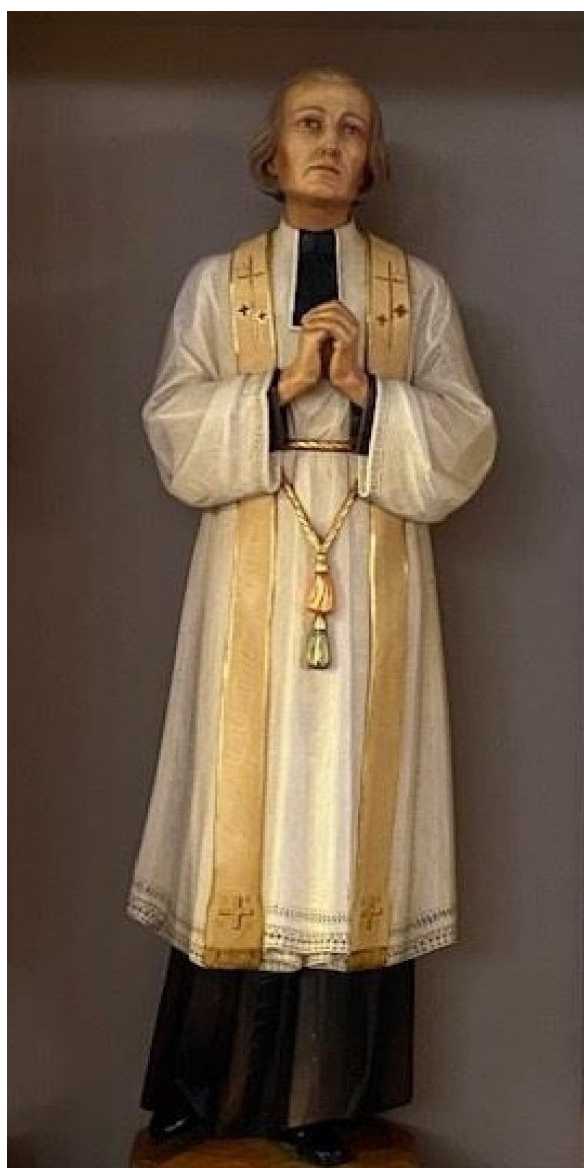
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCCHARIST

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

HOSPITALITY OF THE HEART: WELCOMING CHRIST IN OUR MIDST

This Sunday's readings invite us into one of the most tender and transformative aspects of the Christian life: hospitality, not merely of the home, but of the heart. As we gather on this 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, the Word of God opens a window into the divine mystery of encountering Christ through presence, attentiveness, and loving service.

Abraham's Tent: A Model of Sacred Hospitality

In our First Reading from Genesis 18:1–10, Abraham receives three mysterious visitors under the oak of Mamre. He hurries to welcome them, offers food and rest, and listens to them. In doing so, he unknowingly entertains God Himself. This scene is a profound biblical witness to what the Letter to the Hebrews later affirms: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2).

The Church Fathers saw in this event a foreshadowing of the Trinitarian God. St. Ambrose wrote that "Abraham saw three, but adored one", discerning in the visitation a glimpse of the divine communion.

This is not just about generosity, it's about receptivity. Abraham's tent becomes a sanctuary. His welcome opens the way for God to reveal a promise: the birth of Isaac, the son of hope.

Martha and Mary: Two Sisters, One Lord, One Lesson

In Luke 10:38–42, we meet Martha and Mary, two sisters who each respond to Jesus' visit in different ways. Martha is busy with the duties of hospitality, while Mary sits at the feet of the Lord, listening. When Martha expresses frustration, Jesus gently affirms Mary's choice: "Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

This Gospel does not dismiss service, but it reorders our priorities. Jesus does not criticize Martha's work, but her anxiety and distraction. True hospitality is not just about doing, it is about being present. St. Augustine beautifully comments, "Martha was busy serving One who needed nothing... Mary chose to be filled at the table of the Word."

How often do we allow our busyness, even in service, to crowd out the Lord's presence? In our over-scheduled lives, this Gospel is a gentle call to re-center ourselves, to sit at Jesus' feet, to listen, to be present.

The Mind of Christ: A Theological Insight

The Second Reading from Colossians 1:24–28 offers a key that binds these themes. St. Paul speaks of the mystery that has been hidden for ages: "Christ in you, the hope of glory." This is the mystery that Mary perceived at Jesus' feet and that Abraham sensed beneath the oaks of Mamre.

Karl Rahner, one of the greatest theologians of the 20th century, wrote: "The Christian of the future will be a mystic or will not exist at all." Hospitality of the heart is

ultimately a mystical disposition; it is making space for the Divine Other within us and among us.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus... It is hearing the Word of God, an attitude of silent love" (CCC 2715). Mary's example, in her stillness and attentive love, is contemplative hospitality, an interior openness to God.

Living the Word: From the Sanctuary to the Sidewalk

What does this mean for us today? In a world that values efficiency over encounter, performance over presence, and speed over silence, we are invited to become islands of holy attentiveness.

- In our homes, how often do we offer the kind of listening that heals, rather than advice that fixes?
- In our parish, can we be like Abraham, quick to welcome the stranger, the lonely, the seeker?
- In our hearts, can we be like Mary, making time each day to sit with the Lord in prayer, even amidst the many "Marthas" we carry inside?

The poet Rainer Maria Rilke once wrote, "The only journey is the one within." This Sunday, Christ journeys not only into the house of Martha and Mary, but into your heart and mine, asking gently, "Will you make room for Me, not only in service, but in stillness?"

Hospitality is not primarily about how we open our homes; it is about how we open our hearts. To God. To others. To the stillness where God speaks. As St. Benedict famously instructed in his Rule, "Let all guests be received as Christ." For indeed, every guest, every moment of prayer, every person in need is Christ Himself.

Let us not allow our lives to be too full to welcome the One who alone can fill us.



Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine Sunday, August 24, 2025

All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Archdiocese of Toronto's Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine with Frank Cardinal Leo. The program will include opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Mass with Cardinal Leo, a rosary procession, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Fellowship. **St. John Vianney Parish will be organizing a group plus possible transportation for anyone interested. More details will be available next weekend.**

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday July 19 th	5:00 pm ✠ Cheryl Quinn Requested by: Sharon & Stephan Molnar
Sunday July 20 th	8:00 am For the People of the Parish
	9:30 am ✠ Jim Spizzirri Requested by: Linda Lacasse
	11:30 am ✠ John Michael Cooper Requested by: Rosemarie Macdonell
Monday July 21 st	7:00 pm ✠ John Cotugno Requested by: Stefanie Pisani & Anthony Cotugno
Tuesday July 22 nd	7:00 pm ✠ Jeff Kritsch Requested by: Family
	7:00 pm ✠ Joan Armstrong Requested by: Ross Armstrong & Family
	7:00 pm ✠ Marg Nixon Requested by: The Nixon Family
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Maryann Weishar Requested by: Self
Wednesday July 23 rd	9:30 am For the special intentions of Luz Maria Gonzalez & Magdalena Mayorga Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
Thursday July 24 th	9:30 am ✠ Omarr Syed Requested by: Arlene Chee Foon
Friday July 25 th	9:30 am ✠ Paul Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am ✠ Marg Nixon Requested by: The Nixon Family
	9:30 am ✠ Lawrence Kim & Family Requested by: Anna Kim



ANNUAL MASS FOR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services
- Archdiocese of Toronto wish to invite all
families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to
participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful
Departed on

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

In Barrie, the Mass will be celebrated at
St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
208 Sunnydale Road Barrie, ON
Most Rev. John Corriveau will be the celebrant.
*In the event of rain, Mass will be celebrated at
St. Mary's Church*



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 bag lunch and possibly a favourite
chair. See you there!

Welcome Wednesday - July and August
Tyndale Park - 45 Tyndale Road, Barrie
For more information contact:
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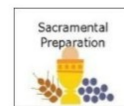
**The parish office will be closed at noon on
Fridays throughout the summer.**



Join Us At 2025 Kempenfest!

Once again this summer, your St. John Vianney
Knights of Columbus are hosting The Oasis
Patio at Kempenfest the weekend of August 1

- 4. This event is one of our major fundraisers each year,
proceeds from which support our charitable donations to
the parish and many local charities. Parishioners and their
families are invited to join us on **Friday, August 1 from
6:00 - 8:00 for "Friends and Family Knight."** There will
be live entertainment provided by local artist Kat Chabot,
food, and refreshments all on Barrie's beautiful waterfront.
If you can't make it that night, drop in anytime during
Kempenfest and say hello. For more information click on
<https://kempenfest.com/oasis-patio/>.



The registration process for **FIRST
COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & RCIA**
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.



**Is this the year to join the
Catholic Church?** If so, the RCIA
process is for you. This process
begins each fall and runs with

weekly meetings up to and including the Easter season. For
those who are not baptized and for those of other Christian
denominations who are already baptized, the RCIA process
is a wonderful response to the Lord's call to His disciples to
"Come and See". If you are interested, you may pick up a
registration form from the Welcome Desk. You may also
chat with Paul LaPlume after Mass or call him at 705-726-
8007 ext.204.

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