

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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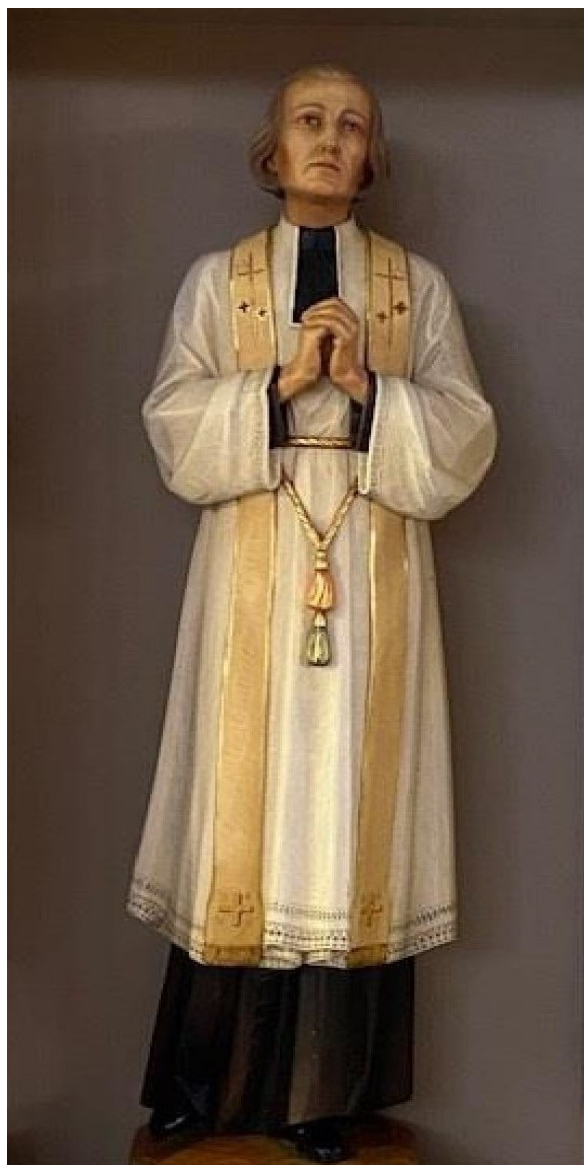
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCCHARIST

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 TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER “LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY”

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

In today's Gospel (Luke 11:1-13), we encounter one of the most intimate moments in the life of Jesus, His prayer. The disciples, moved by the depth and serenity of His communion with the Father, ask, “Lord, teach us to pray.” What follows is not merely instruction, but a divine invitation: Jesus offers them, and us, the very words that echo through the heart of every Christian, the Lord's Prayer.

This Sunday's readings draw us deep into the mystery and power of prayer. From Abraham's bold intercession for Sodom (Genesis 18:20-32), to Paul's assurance that we are rooted in the life of Christ (Colossians 2:12-14), to Jesus Himself revealing the character of the Father as both attentive and generous—Scripture speaks to us about a God who listens, who responds, and who transforms.

Prayer: The Language of Relationship

Prayer, dear friends, is not magic. It is not a transaction or a manipulation of divine will. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, “Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God” (CCC 2559). It is fundamentally relational—a dialogue born from love, trust, and faith. Like Abraham, who dares to speak on behalf of others, we are invited into bold, honest, and persistent conversation with the Lord.

In a world increasingly filled with noise, isolation, and anxious striving, prayer becomes the sacred space where the soul breathes. St. Teresa of Avila, the great mystic and Doctor of the Church, wrote, “Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God, frequently conversing in secret with Him who, we know, loves us.” What a liberating truth: we are not speaking into the void, but to a Father who knows, understands, and delights in us.

God's Generosity Knows No Bounds

Jesus encourages us to pray with persistence—not because God is reluctant, but because prayer deepens our desire and readies our hearts to receive. “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you” (Luke 11:9). These are not mere promises of material blessings, but assurances of spiritual abundance.

The early Church Fathers understood this deeply. St. Augustine once said, “God does not delay to hear our prayers because He has no mind to give; but that, by enlarging our desires, He may give us the more largely.” Often in prayer, we come seeking solutions, but God gives us something greater—Himself.

The Real Fruit of Prayer: Transformation

Many people wonder: “Why pray if God already knows what I need?” The answer lies in the truth that prayer changes us. It shapes our hearts to reflect God's heart. It purifies our motives, increases our humility, and attunes us to the promptings of the Spirit. As Pope Benedict XVI once wrote, “Prayer is not an escape from reality or a withdrawal from the world... it is rather the opposite: it is a power that opens the world, it is a force of hope.”

Consider a mother kneeling at night for her children, or a young man discerning his vocation in silence, or a community gathered in Adoration—these are not passive moments. These are moments where eternity breaks into time, where God draws near and works mysteriously within.

Bringing Prayer into Daily Life

Each of us is called to cultivate a rhythm of prayer—not just in church, but in our homes, our commutes, our trials, and our joys. Even a brief, sincere act of prayer—a whispered “Thank You,” a silent “Help me,” or a reverent “Be with me”—can become a moment of grace. God does not demand eloquence, but honesty.

Let us teach our children the value of prayer, not only by our words, but by our example. Let us form our families as domestic churches, where prayer becomes the foundation of every decision and the strength in every storm. Let us also become intercessors like Abraham—pleading for our world, our Church, our loved ones, and even for our enemies.

Conclusion: A Heart That Prays Is Never Alone

My dear brothers and sisters, the world today urgently needs praying hearts. In a time of war, unrest, moral confusion, and spiritual fatigue, the most revolutionary thing we can do is to pray. As St. John Vianney, our patron, once said, “Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself.” Let us immerse ourselves in this love, confident that God listens, answers, and walks with us.

May this week be a renewed invitation to open your heart to the Father in trust and simplicity. And may the words, “Lord, teach us to pray,” always remain on our lips, not as a question of doubt, but as a declaration of desire.

In Christ and through Mary,
Fr. Joshy George



ANNUAL MASS FOR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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*

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday
July 26th 5:00 pm For the **People of the Parish**

Sunday
July 27th 8:00 am ✠ **Ana & Paul Kokelj**
Requested by: Family

9:30 am ✠ **Al Rasevych**
Requested by: Linda Lacasse

11:30 am ✠ **Vincenzo & Maria Linardi**
Requested by: Josie Linardi

Monday
July 28th 7:00 pm ✠ **Margherita Carbone**
Requested by: Family

Tuesday
July 29th 7:00 pm ✠ **Ed & Denise Wild**
Requested by: Emily Furtado

7:00 pm For the special intentions of
Kyle Ramdial
Requested by: Natasha Ramdial

Wednesday
July 30th 9:30 am ✠ **Paul Aloise**
Requested by: Maria Aloise

Thursday
July 31st 9:30 am ✠ **Lawrence Kim & Family**
Requested by: Anna Kim

Friday
August 1st 9:30 am ✠ **Jim Newton**
Requested by: Mary Newton

9:30 am ✠ **Larry White**
Requested by: Family

9:30 am ✠ **Frank, Marina & Paul Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

9:30 am ✠ **Caterina Bertucci &
Vito Servello**
Requested by: Family



Pilgrimage to 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 Reconciliation, Holy Mass with Cardinal Leo, a rosary procession, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Fellowship. **If you are interested in going, please visit the parish website and follow the registration link or you may sign-up at the Welcome Desk.**



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



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/>.



Next weekend, we celebrate the feast of St. John Vianney. We will have the relic on display for anyone wishing to venerate after the Masses. On Monday, August 4th, we will honouring our Patron Saint with **MASS AT 9:30AM** followed by Fellowship. **PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE NO 7:00 PM MASS.**



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.



Friday, August 1st 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.



Interested in becoming Catholic? If so, the RCIA process is for you. 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.

YOUNG ADULT HIKING PILGRIMAGE

Join us for a pilgrimage hike to Martyrs' Shrine for the Jubilee Year of Mercy on August 17th. Hikers of all levels welcome! Contact Elyse Schweighofer for more details at 249-989-1689

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† Raymond Bolech

Funeral Mass will be held at St. John Vianney on Wednesday, July 30th @ 11:00am



Please pray for those who are sick:

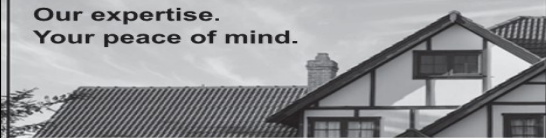
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