

# 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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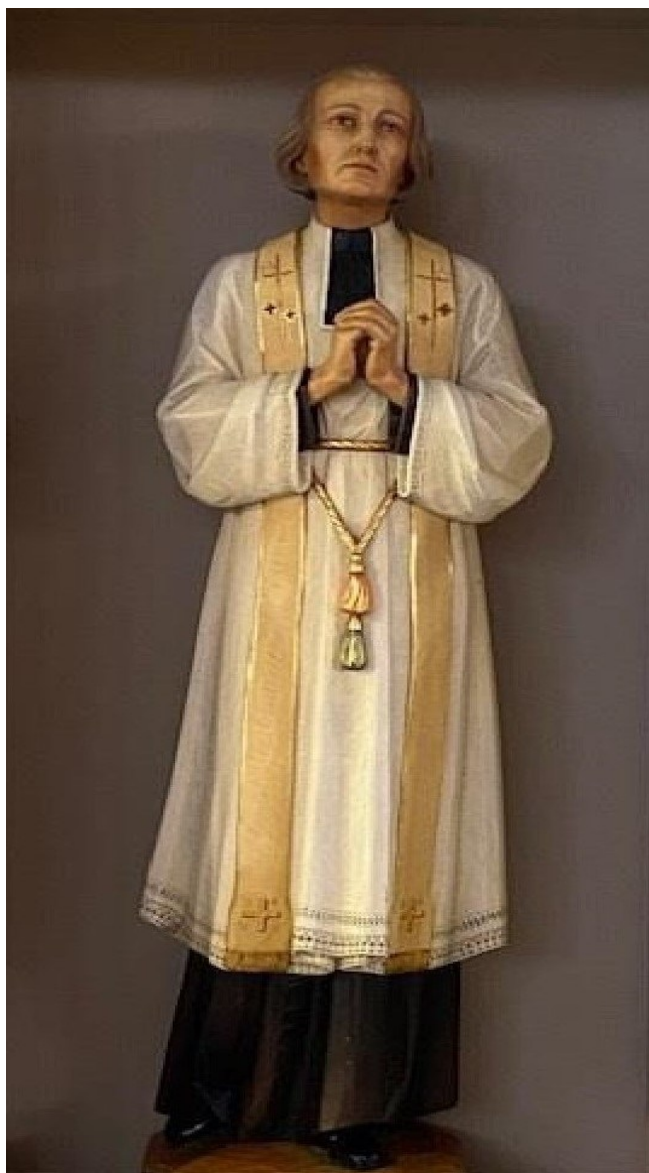
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#### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCCHARIST

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 TRUE WEALTH: FINDING LIFE BEYOND MATERIAL ABUNDANCE”

As we gather this Sunday, the Church invites us to reflect deeply on a profound truth found in the Scriptures for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C). Our readings, drawn from Ecclesiastes, Psalm 90, Colossians, and the Gospel of Luke, challenge the very way we measure wealth, success, and life's true purpose.

### The Illusion of Earthly Riches

The First Reading from Ecclesiastes starkly reminds us: “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.” (Ecclesiastes 1:2) The preacher laments the futility of human toil when focused solely on accumulating wealth. This theme reverberates in today's Gospel where Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who hoards abundant grain, building bigger barns to store his goods, only to die suddenly and lose everything.

This man's story is not merely about financial riches but about a mindset—anchoring one's security and identity in possessions, forgetting that “one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions” (Luke 12:15). The rich man's tragic end invites us to reconsider what we truly value and to whom our life belongs.

### A Call to Spiritual Wisdom and Generosity

The Church teaches us, through the Catechism (CCC 2544), that “the goods of creation are destined for the whole human race.” We are stewards, not owners, called to use earthly resources wisely and generously. Saint Augustine wisely said, “God is more truly our own than we ourselves.” Our identity and security rest not in wealth but in God's providence and love.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, exhorts believers to “set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth” (Colossians 3:2). This does not mean ignoring our earthly needs but prioritizing eternal values—charity, justice, humility, and trust in God.

### Living in Today's World: A Human Scenario

Consider the story of Maria, a single mother who works tirelessly to provide for her children. She faces daily struggles yet finds joy in simple acts of kindness—sharing meals with neighbors, volunteering at church, and nurturing her children's faith. Though materially modest, Maria's life overflows with meaning and peace.

In contrast, some might amass wealth but suffer loneliness and anxiety, never experiencing the deep satisfaction that comes from generous living. Jesus' parable challenges us to choose Maria's way—rich in what truly matters.

### Spiritual Takeaway

This Sunday, the Lord calls us to “be rich toward God” (Luke 12:21). Let us examine our attachments and ask: Are we storing up treasures for ourselves, or investing in eternal riches through love, mercy, and service? True life is found not in hoarding but in sharing, not in anxiety over tomorrow but in faithfulness today.

As Pope Francis reminded us, “God's love is gratuitous; it is not bought or earned.” When we open our hearts and hands to others, we embrace the true wealth that lasts forever.

### In Conclusion

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time offers a powerful spiritual mirror reflecting our priorities. Let us heed Jesus' warning and wisdom, living as generous stewards of God's gifts, trusting that our ultimate treasure lies not in possessions but in our relationship with God and neighbor.

May St. John Vianney Parish community grow in grace and charity, becoming a beacon of hope and true richness in Christ.

**“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”**  
— Luke 12:34

*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 Sunnysdale 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*



### Join Us At 2025 Kempenfest!

Your St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus are once again hosting The Oasis Patio at Kempenfest. We will be there until Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. This event is one of our major yearly fundraisers, proceeds from which support our charitable donations to the parish and many local charities. We hope to see you there!



This 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 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be honouring our Patron Saint with

**MASS AT 9:30AM followed by Fellowship. PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE NO 7:00 PM MASS.**



### 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



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00 pm For the special intentions of <b>Sebastian Cullo</b> Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
Sunday August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 am ✠ <b>Raymond Fontaine</b> Requested by: Christine Fontaine  9:30 am ✠ <b>Ron Collingbourne</b> Requested by: KofC JJ Murphy Assembly  11:30 am ✠ <b>Henry Hahn Tran &amp; Anton Anh Nguyen</b> Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families
Monday August 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9:30 am</b> For the special intentions of <b>Mark Fordy</b> Requested by: Lydia Harmazy <b>(NO EVENING MASS)</b>
Tuesday August 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm For the <b>People of the Parish</b>
Wednesday August 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am ✠ <b>Marg Nixon</b> Requested by: The Nixon Family
Thursday August 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am For the deceased members of the <b>Aloise Family</b> Requested by: Maria Aloise
Friday August 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am ✠ <b>Lawrence Kim &amp; Family</b> Requested by: Anna Kim  9:30 am ✠ <b>Roy McGann</b> Requested by: Christine Liggett  9:30 am For the special intentions of the <b>Henrik Erison</b> Requested by: Lydia Harmazy



### A special thank you from Fr. Innocent...

Fr. Innocent would like to express his heartfelt appreciation for each and every parishioner at St. John Vianney Church. You all blessed him immeasurably in his time here, and he is truly grateful. Fr. Innocent thoroughly enjoyed his visit last weekend and is looking forward to seeing you all again!



## Mission Co-op

This weekend we welcome **Rev. Fr. Shaji M. Lucka, CSC, National Director of Holy Cross Family Ministries Canada**. Fr. Shaji currently resides at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown, within the Diocese of Hamilton. He is looking forward to speaking this weekend about the good works of his Ministry. If you are interested making a donation, you will find envelopes at the back of the church.



During this **Jubilee Year of Hope**, the Church calls us to become living signs of mercy in a world in need of healing. **The Corporal Works of Mercy** are tangible ways to respond to this call, offering hope through compassionate action. Rooted in Christ's words in *Matthew 25:35-40*, these works call us to see and serve Jesus in those most in need:

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...*

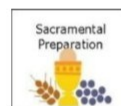
*sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me... just as you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me."*

The Corporal Works of Mercy include:

- **Feed the hungry** -by sharing food or supporting food banks and community meals (St. Vincent de Paul)
- **Give drink to the thirsty** -by providing clean water or advocating for those without access.
- **Clothe the naked** -by donating clothing or supporting shelters..
- **Shelter the homeless** -by offering hospitality or contributing to housing efforts.
- **Visit the sick** -by offering time, prayers, and comfort to the ill and suffering.
- **Visit the imprisoned** -by reaching out with dignity and mercy to those who are incarcerated.
- **Bury the dead** -by showing respect for life by attending funerals and supporting the grieving.

In each of these acts, we encounter Christ and become instruments of His mercy. As *Pilgrims of Hope*, let us renew our commitment to serve others with love. Even the smallest act of kindness can bring light into dark places and reveal the nearness of God's healing grace in this Holy Year.

*"Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands, but ours, no feet, but ours. Ours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out upon the world. Ours are the feet with which He goes about doing good. Ours are the hands with which He blesses His people."* St. Teresa of Avila



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.



For **ADULTS** interested in becoming Catholic, please 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

### † Patricia Scicluna

Funeral Mass will be held at St. John Vianney on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am



*Please pray for those who are sick:*

Agnes Cooper Berard

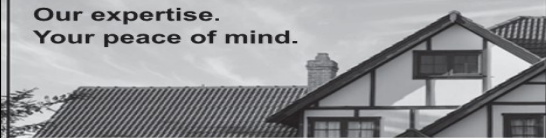


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