

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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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

“BE READY: FAITH THAT WAITS, FAITH THAT ACTS”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we journey deeper into the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year, the Word of God this Sunday invites us to reflect on one of the most profound dimensions of Christian discipleship: vigilant and persevering faith. The Scriptures today gently but urgently summon us to live each day in joyful expectation of the Lord’s return, trusting in His promises and actively preparing our hearts, our homes, and our world for His Kingdom.

Faith: The Assurance of Things Hoped For

The Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews offers us a magnificent portrait of biblical faith. It is not mere optimism or wishful thinking, but as the author writes, “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). Abraham, our father in faith, exemplifies this trust. He “obeyed and went out, not knowing where he was going” (v.8), guided only by God’s word and the hope of a promise not yet fulfilled. His journey was not just geographical—it was spiritual, an act of surrender to divine providence.

Faith is not passive. It propels us into movement. It stretches us beyond comfort zones. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, “Faith is a personal adherence of the whole person to God... and a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed” (CCC 150). Abraham’s story is the story of every believer called to walk into the unknown, trusting in the One who leads.

A People Prepared for Salvation

The First Reading from the Book of Wisdom recalls the night of the Passover, when the children of Israel awaited liberation from slavery in Egypt. “That night was made known beforehand to our ancestors” (Wisdom 18:6), so that their courage would not fail, even in the dark. They trusted that God would act, just as He had promised.

Today, we are a new people awaiting a new deliverance—not from Pharaoh, but from sin, fear, and spiritual death. The Psalmist exclaims, “Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield” (Psalm 33:20). It is in this waiting that our faith is refined, as gold is tested by fire (cf. Sirach 2:5).

Where Your Treasure Is...

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells His disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom” (Luke 12:32). What a tender and assuring word! God’s desire is not to withhold, but to give. And yet, this divine generosity calls for a response. Jesus immediately urges us to “sell your possessions, give alms... make purses that do not wear out” (v.33). In other words, detach from the fleeting and invest in the eternal.

We live in a world addicted to accumulation—possessions, achievements, status. But Jesus teaches us that true treasure lies in the heart that gives, the spirit that watches, and the soul that serves. St. Augustine famously said, “God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them.” Are we clinging too tightly to what passes away?

The Vigilant Servant and the Returning Master

Jesus concludes the Gospel with a parable of a servant awaiting the return of his master. “Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes” (Luke 12:37). The master does something unexpected—he girds himself and serves the servants! This image foreshadows the Eucharist and the self-emptying love of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve (cf. Mark 10:45).

The lesson is clear: watchfulness is not idleness, but readiness through loving service. As the Lord warns, “From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required” (Luke 12:48). We, who have received faith, grace, and truth, must live as faithful stewards—caring for the poor, proclaiming the Gospel, and building a world that reflects God’s justice and peace.

Modern Discipleship: Living with Eternal Purpose

Imagine a woman named Teresa, a quiet presence in her parish who dedicates her evenings to visiting the homebound and praying with the dying. She once said, “I don’t know when the Lord will come, but I want Him to find me loving someone.” Her life may not be on social media or in the headlines, but she is a beacon of what Jesus is asking today.

We are called to live not in fear, but in hope—not with anxiety, but with purpose. Whether we are parents raising children in the faith, workers upholding ethics in the marketplace, or students pursuing wisdom with humility—we are all waiting, and working, for the Master’s return.

Conclusion: Living in the Light of the Kingdom

Dear friends, let us not live as if we have endless time. The Lord’s coming is certain, though the hour is unknown. St. Cyril of Jerusalem wrote, “Let us await the Savior daily, not in word only, but also in deed.”

On this 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time, may we renew our commitment to vigilant discipleship. May our hearts be filled with faith like Abraham, our lives marked by charity, and our spirits awake to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The Kingdom is near, the Master is at the door. Let Him find us ready.

“Blessed are those servants whom the master finds alert.” (Luke 12:37)

In Christ,

Fr. Joshy George

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday
August 9th 5:00 pm † **Santina Sferrazza & Gianfranco Bracci**
Requested by: Assunta Stumpo
- Sunday
August 10th 8:00 am For the **deceased members of the Knight of Columbus**
9:30 am † **Ron Collingbourne**
Requested by: SJV Knights of Columbus
11:30 am For the **deceased members of the Da Silva Family**
Requested by: Lurdes Da Silva
- Monday
August 11th 7:00 pm For the **living and deceased members of the CWL**
- Tuesday
August 12th 7:00 pm † **Helene Vaillancourt**
Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
7:00 pm † **Mark Hesselink**
Requested by: Melanie Dunn
7:00 pm For the **deceased members of the Aloise Family**
Requested by: Maria Aloise
7:00 pm For the special intentions of the **Olga Harmazy**
Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
- Wednesday
August 13th 9:30 am † **Paul Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior
- Thursday
August 14th 9:30 am For the **People of the Parish**
- Friday
August 15th 9:30 am † **Lawrence Kim & Family**
Requested by: Anna Kim
9:30 am † **Ed Henderson**
Requested by: Colette Henderson
9:30 am For the special intentions of the **Analilian Rios**
Requested by: Lydia Harmazy

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*



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.



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, 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. Wednesday, August 13th is the last day to register. Busing information will be shared with those wishing to attend.**



Youth Night – Grades 9–12

Join us for a special Youth Night on **Saturday, August 16th from 6:00–8:00 PM** at St John Vianney Church. We'll make a pasta dinner together, play a fun game, reflect on what it means to be *known and loved by God*, and spend quiet time in prayer before the tabernacle.
All high school teens welcome!

Edge Night – Pizza & Games in the Park – Grades 5–8

Join us for our next **Edge Night** on **Wednesday, August 13th from 6:00–7:30 PM** at the park! We'll enjoy **pizza, games, and freezies**, share a short reflection about our faith, and catch up on how your summer is going.
Open to all students in **Grades 5 to 8** — bring a friend and come hang out!



2ND ANNUAL PARISH FIESTA

Save the date! On Sunday, September 7th we will be holding our 2nd Annual Parish Fiesta. Once again we will be using the park across the street for food, music and lots of fun. Stay tuned for more details!



Women's Group:

Join us on Tuesday, August 12th, for a relaxed evening of fellowship and conversation. Refreshments will be provided, and participants are welcome to bring something to share. Come as you are — all ages welcome! We meet on the second Tuesday of each month after the 7:00 PM Mass.



Please pray for those who are sick:

Agnes Cooper Berard



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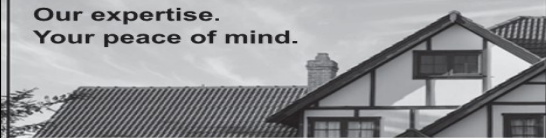
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