

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

THE FIRE THAT PURIFIES: FOLLOWING CHRIST WITHOUT COMPROMISE

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel (Luke 12:49-53) are startling: *"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"* We often think of Jesus as the Prince of Peace, yet here He speaks of division, even within families. How are we to understand this apparent contradiction?

1. The Fire of Christ's Mission

The "fire" Jesus speaks of is not the fire of destruction, but the fire of **divine love and purification**. St. Catherine of Siena once said, *"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire."* This fire is the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:3), burning away selfishness, sin, and fear, so that God's truth can shine in and through us.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah (Jer 38:4-6, 8-10) faces persecution for speaking God's word. He is thrown into a cistern for daring to challenge the complacency of leaders. Jeremiah's courage prefigures the mission of Jesus, who endured rejection to bring God's purifying message.

2. The Cost of Discipleship

The Letter to the Hebrews (Heb 12:1-4) reminds us: *"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."* Following Christ means perseverance in the face of opposition, sometimes even from those closest to us.

Christ does not seek division for its own sake; rather, division happens when truth confronts falsehood, when the Gospel challenges comfort zones. As St. John Paul II wrote in *Veritatis Splendor* (n. 101), *"The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it."* This witness often meets resistance.

3. A Faith That Burns Bright

Our world often prefers a lukewarm faith; one that doesn't disturb or demand. But Jesus calls us to a faith that is alive, courageous, and willing to stand apart when necessary. Think of a young Catholic in a secular workplace who refuses to compromise moral integrity; or a parent teaching children the faith despite cultural pressures. These daily choices to stand with Christ keep the fire burning.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: *"The way of perfection passes by way of the Cross. There is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual battle"* (CCC 2015). To walk with Christ is to accept the refining fire that makes our hearts more like His.

4. Encouragement for the Journey

The saints remind us that God never leaves us in the struggle. St. Augustine wrote, *"Our hearts are restless until they rest in You."* The unrest we sometimes feel when living the Gospel in a resistant world is actually a sign that the fire of the Holy Spirit is alive within us.

So, dear brothers and sisters, let us not fear the fire Christ brings. Let it cleanse our hearts, rekindle our zeal, and make us courageous witnesses in a divided world. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI: *"The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."*

Practical Takeaway for This Week:

Ask yourself each day: *"Where is Christ calling me to stand firm today, even if it costs me?"* Then, pray for the grace to let the Holy Spirit's fire burn brightly in you.

Fr. Joshy George CMI

In Christ,

Fr. Joshy George

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday August 16 th	5:00 pm † Mary & Fred Spratt Requested by: Christine Liggett
Sunday August 17 th	8:00 am † Anton & Maria Dolinar Requested by: Th Kokelj Family
	9:30 am † Shirley Richard Requested by: Bob Richard
	11:30 am † Bernadette Livingston Requested by: OECTA
Monday August 18 th	7:00 pm For the deceased members of the Aloise Family Requested by: Maria Aloise
Tuesday August 19 th	7:00 pm † Roy McGann Requested by: Christine Liggett
	7:00 pm † Dave O'Donnell Requested by: Family
Wednesday August 20 th	9:30 am † Peter Wijesinghe Requested by: Christopher & Erica Wijesinghe
Thursday August 21 st	9:30 am † Lawrence Kim & Family Requested by: Anna Kim
Friday August 22 nd	9:30 am † Francis Loyola Requested by: Family



For **ADULTS** interested in **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.



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.



LOCAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10370 RECEIVES TOP AWARD

The St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus Council has received the distinction of **Star Council**, the international organization's top award for local councils. This award recognizes excellence in program activity, membership growth (185% of quota), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting, and Safe Environment compliance. The Parish would like to congratulate them on winning this award and thank them for all they do for our community. For information on joining the Knights of Columbus please contact Jim Smith, details can be found on the back of the bulletin.



Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine Sunday, August 24, 2025

Registration is now closed. Those of you who signed up should have received an email from Steph Maher with busing details and admission information. If you did not, please pick up an information sheet from the Welcome Desk. For those of you taking the bus, please visit the parish office to pay the \$30 busing and admission fee. We accept cash, Debit and Credit. Thank you!



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!



CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA

This weekend is the annual collection for Canadian Missions. Catholic Missions in Canada and the selected dioceses in Northern Canada will benefit from your generosity to sustain and extend the Catholic faith to isolated, poor and hard-to reach mission areas in our country. Thank you for supporting this important work! Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Gerry Frigault, † Shane Lacey,
† Angela Lagace and † Touch Mom**



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