

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.

OUR PARISH TEAM

PASTOR

Fr. Joshy George C.M.I.
705-726-8007 Ext. 202
JoshyGeorge@archtoronto.org

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Fr. Arun Davis C.M.I.
705-726-8007 Ext. 212
ADavis@archtoronto.org

Fr. Eduardo Lopez
705-726-8007
ELopez@archtoronto.org

LAY PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Paul LaPlume
705 726-8007 Ext 204
PLaplume@archtoronto.org

OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS

Wendy Gordanier
705-726-8007 Ext 201
WGordanier@archtoronto.org

Anita Curran
705-726-8007 Ext. 203
ACurran@archtoronto.org

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Marilyn Reesor
705-726-8007 Ext 206
MReesor@archtoronto.org

YOUTH MINISTER

Kelly Luvisotto
705-726-8007 Ext 205
KLuvissotto@archtoronto.org

CONTACT US

Phone: 705-726-8007

Email: stjohnvianneyba@archtoronto.org

***Emergency due to death or serious illness, press 9.



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 CALL TO TRUE DISCIPLESHIP: COUNTING THE COST

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Word of God this Sunday (Wisdom 9:13–18; Philemon 9–10, 12–17; Luke 14:25–33) speaks directly to the heart of what it means to follow Christ in the real, daily struggles of our lives. Jesus does not sugarcoat discipleship. He tells the large crowd: *“Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple”* (Luke 14:27). These words challenge us deeply, but they also invite us into a more authentic freedom and joy.

Wisdom and the Mystery of God’s Ways

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that human understanding is limited: *“For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail”* (Wis. 9:14). St. Augustine once wrote, *“We are talking about God. What wonder is it if you do not understand? For if you do understand, it is not God you understand.”* True discipleship begins with humility: acknowledging that we cannot grasp everything about God’s plan, but we can entrust our lives to Him.

The Cost of Following Jesus

In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks us to “count the cost” of discipleship. This is not to discourage us, but to help us recognize that following Him requires real commitment. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the great theologian, called this *“the cost of discipleship.”* He warned against what he called “cheap grace,” a faith that demands nothing. Instead, he says, *“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”*

For us today, this “dying” often means letting go of selfishness, resentments, or comforts that prevent us from fully loving God and neighbor. Parents know this cost when they sacrifice time and energy for their children. Workers know it when they choose integrity over convenience. Young people know it when they stand for what is right among peers. Each of us is invited to ask: *What cross am I called to carry in my discipleship?*

The Letter to Philemon: A Lesson in Christian Brotherhood

St. Paul’s short but powerful letter to Philemon shows what Christian discipleship looks like in real relationships. Paul appeals to Philemon to welcome Onesimus, not as a slave, but as a brother in Christ. The Gospel changes human ties, it transforms master and servant into brothers, strangers into family. In a world marked by division and exclusion, the Church is called to be a home where all are welcomed as beloved children of God.

A Word for Today

In our present times, when life can feel burdensome and uncertain, Jesus reminds us that discipleship is not a half-hearted affair. He does not ask for perfection but for wholehearted trust. To be His disciple is to place Him above all else; not to diminish our love for family, but to deepen it. By putting Christ first, all our other loves find their proper meaning.

As Pope Francis reminds us: *“Discipleship is not a program, but a continual following of Jesus who loves us, forgives us, and always walks with us.”*

Parish Fiesta – A Celebration of Unity and Joy

Today, after the 11:30 am Mass, we joyfully invite everyone to our Parish Fiesta; a time of music, food, games, and fun for all ages! This is more than just a social gathering; it is a living witness of our parish as one family, united in Christ. Let us celebrate the gift of community, sharing in unity, love, and joy.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have worked tirelessly to make this event possible: our dedicated parish staff, our many generous volunteers, and especially the Knights of Columbus, who have graciously prepared the food for us. Your efforts are a true sign of service and love.

This celebration also marks the kick-off of our support for Youth Ministry. In the coming year, we hope to expand our youth programs and other parish ministries, nurturing the faith of the next generation. If you would like to contribute or donate toward this year’s Youth Ministry or to help cover the expenses of this event, please contact the parish office.

Your generosity is an investment in the future of the Church. Together, let us continue to build a parish where faith is alive, love is visible, and Christ remains at the heart of all we do.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. Joshy George, CMI



“Blessed is She”

Women's Group:

Join us on Tuesday, September 9th, 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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday September 6 th	5:00 pm ✠ Joseph Wickramasinghe Requested by: Family
	5:00 pm For the special intentions of Krystyna & Jurek Kulik Requested by: Mary Kominek
Sunday September 7 th	8:00 am ✠ Paul Kokelj Requested by: Family
	9:30 am ✠ Henry Hahn Tran & Anton Anh Nguyen Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families
	11:30 am For the deceased members of the Da Silva Family Requested by: Lurdes Da Silva
Monday September 8 th	7:00 pm For the living and deceased members of the CWL
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Andrea Flores Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
Tuesday September 9 th	7:00 pm ✠ Jorge Francisco Requested by: Family
Wednesday September 10 th	9:30 am ✠ Davis Kim Requested by: Mary Jane White
Thursday September 11 th	9:30 am ✠ Ed Henderson Requested by: Colette Henderson
Friday September 12 th	9:30 am ✠ Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am ✠ Davis Kim Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am ✠ Ethel Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
	9:30 am For the deceased members of the Hall Family Requested by: Andrew & Casey Hall
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Olive & Family Requested by: Mary Cremin
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Stephen & Maureen Austin Requested by: Mary Cremin



Rosary Sunday will be held on Sept. 14 at Martyrs Shrine and will begin at 2:30pm.

The K of C bus will depart from the Parish front parking lot at 12:30pm following the 11:30am Mass and will return to the front parking lot at approximately 5:20pm. Tickets are \$20, including round trip bus fare, entrance fee and will be available after all Masses this weekend.



FALL FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are teaming up for a much needed food drive. The Knights will be handing out bags after the Masses the weekend of September 13th & 14th and will then receive them the following weekend of September 20th & 21st. Some much needed food items include; *school snacks, cereal, peanut butter, jam, Kraft Dinner, cookies, crackers, spaghetti sauce, coffee, tea, juice boxes, cakes mixes, sugar, pancake mix and syrup, canned meat, canned pasta, canned fruit, toilet paper and toiletries.*

Please be careful not to bring in expired food or pasta (we have an excess of dried pasta!)

Thank you for your support!



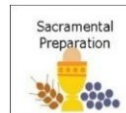
ST. MARY'S CHURCH - BARRIE Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group

Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed and shall be comforted. Seasons of Hope helps us come together to share in God's love. Whether your loss is recent or long ago, Seasons of Hope is a nurturing link to the Church, our God and people of faith who understand what it means to grieve. Come and be comforted. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning **September 24th, 2025** in the parish library. Registration is required. For more details or to register please contact Catherine Ecker in the parish office at 705 728 2985 ext. 115.



For **ADULTS** interested in becoming Catholic, please chat with Paul LaPlume after

Mass or call him at 705-726-8007 ext. 204.



The application process for **FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & RCIC** is well under way. Information on these sacramental programs and their corresponding application

links can be found on our website.

The first in person event for First Communion will take place on Friday, September 12th and Saturday, September 13th.

Please see the website for details.



The CWL General Meeting will take place on Monday, September 8th after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. We will be highlighting one of the resolutions passed at the National Convention "Amending the Canadian Criminal Code to define when a child becomes a human being". All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† Rita Reimer



Please pray for those who are sick:
Filomena Alves, Mary Pirie & Elizabeth Pickett

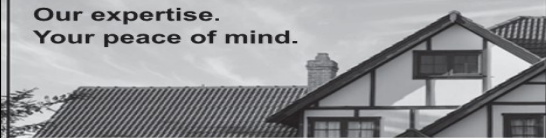
Please call the Parish Office if you wish to have a loved one prayed for.

WALL-ARMSTRONG & GREEN

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS & NOTARIES

Phone: 705.722.7272 www.wall-arm.ca

Our expertise.
Your peace of mind.



Real Estate - Wills and Estates - Corporate

Maria Hardie

Board Trustee

Barrie Wards 6-10

705-722-3555, ext. 468



Susan van Amelsvoort

Board Trustee

Barrie Wards 1-5

705-722-3555, ext. 347

Legacy

Funeral and Cremation
Services Inc.



Matt Drury
Funeral Director/Owner

600-55 Cedar Pointe Drive
Barrie, Ontario L4N 5R7
Phone: 705 728-8282
Fax: 705 728-8238
info@legacyfuneral.ca

www.legacyfuneral.ca



Iron Tree Dojo

Sensei Dan, 4th Degree
Karate - Kung Fu - Jujutsu
info@irontreedojo.ca
Together at 287 Tiffin St. Unit 10 - Call 705-716-3024

Dan Carell, RMT

Registered Massage Therapist
Weekends by Appointment
info@dancarellrmt.ca



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY

208 Sunnidale Rd., Barrie 705-726-3931

www.catholic-cemeteries.com

In keeping with your Catholic Faith



Bobby Kurian
Sales Representative



Cell: 705-500-3332
Office: 905-268-1000
bob.kurian@gmail.com

Bayfield Dental

Dr. Annie Bolland, D.D.S.

I Speak French

331 Bayfield St. (above Baskin Robbins)

705-728-2601

C.W.L.

Welcomes New Members

Contact: Bernadette Borysenko

705-726-8007 x208

**BARRIE HILL
FARMS**

Pick local. Live green.



Bolland Associates

ACCOUNTING AND TAX SERVICES

Thomas Bolland, CPA/CA

683 Bayview St. 705-727-1934
www.bollandassociates.com



Knights of Columbus
Council 10370

Contact:

Jim Smith - Grand Knight
705-970-8013



Mary Regno

Broker of Record
Tiny Keys Realty Inc.,
Brokerage

(647) 801-4121
marysells705@gmail.com

talk
real estate
to me

Tinykeys18

**CT Handyman
SERVICE**

Serving Barrie & surrounding areas

- Professional Painters
- Driveway snow removal
- Home improvements / repairs
- Junk removal service

416.550.6423 www.cthandyman.ca



KAREN E. JOKINEN LL.B.

Certified Specialist in Criminal Law

35 Clapperton St.

barriecriminallaw.com 705-720-1115

GERRY COLLINGBOURNE
Sales Representative

Cell: 705.440.6133
Toll Free: 866-871-1151
Email: gerryrc@sutton.com



Sutton Group Inc. Realty Inc., Brokerage
Independently Owned and Operated

The water at our church is provided by

Aquamart
WATER SYSTEMS

Yours can be too!

705-721-4060
aquamart.ca



Your community's trusted funeral provider



**Adams Funeral Home
& Cremation Services**

445 St. Vincent Street, Barrie, ON 705-728-4344



ESSA VETERINARY SERVICES

62 Hooper Rd. 705-722-4866

Dr. June D'Souza

essavetservices.com

We Welcome New Clients



Respite stays available

985 Innisfil Beach Road.

Innisfil, ON

Call today to book a Tour

705-431-8105

A.JONES
WEALTH & ESTATE PLANNING INC.

Al Jones, CFP, CLU, ChFC
Certified Financial Planner
Chartered Life Underwriter
Member of Advocis

Specializing in Tax Efficient
Estate Planning

Office: 705.721.0450
www.aljoneswealth.ca

Your Dreams. Your Goals. Your Plan.



God Bless Our Community

WILD WING

BARRIE SOUTH
237 MAPLEVIEW DR. E
705.722.6090

BARRIE WEST
490 MAPLEVIEW DR. W
705.733.WING (9464)