

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

**HOMILY OF HIS GRACE MOST REVEREND
FRANCIS LEO
METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
21 SEPTEMBER 2025**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Praised be Jesus Christ.

On this 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, across the Archdiocese of Toronto, we reflect on stewardship. More than giving time, treasure, and talent, stewardship is profoundly spiritual, deeply biblical, and eminently practical. In this Jubilee Year, stewardship takes on special significance. The call to reset, restore, and renew reminds us that everything belongs to God and we are custodians. The Jubilee demands justice and release; stewardship recommends responsibility and reverence. Together, these challenge us to live with generosity, balance, and service to God and one another.

Stewardship begins with the acknowledgment that all creation belongs to God (cf. Deut 10:14; Ps 24:1), which he generously bestows upon us (cf. CCC, 299). The Father's gift invites us into relationship with him, modelled by his Son, who "came not to be served but to serve" (cf. Matt 20:28; Mk 10:45; Jn 13:1-17).

As responsible stewards, we are caretakers who manage God's gifts with reverence, gratitude, humility, and love. If we cannot be trusted with passing things for God's glory and service to others, how can we be trusted with eternal blessedness? The "true riches" (Lk 16:11) are spiritual and eternal. We cannot buy heaven, but fidelity in earthly matters reveals readiness for eternal life (cf. CCC, 1996-1997, 2027, 2008, 1815).

Jesus' parable highlights the judicious use of worldly things in service of God and others (cf. Matt 6:19-21). "Eternal homes" (Lk 16:9) remind us to focus on what truly matters. The manager's urgency urges us not to delay, and his use of resources to secure a future challenges us: if people act for fleeting gain, how much more should we act for eternal life? We are called to use worldly things for God's glory, as faithful servants, not dishonest managers (Lk 16:12; cf. St. Augustine, Sermon 359A, 10).

Even the smallest acts of faithfulness carry eternal weight. Living aware of God's blessings gives purpose, meaning, and hope. Spiritual masters like Jean-Pierre Caussade and Brother Lawrence call this The Sacrament

of the Present Moment: all becomes sacred when we act as God's children, offering our lives in union with Christ.

Above all, the Eucharist embodies stewardship. In it, Jesus offers his body, blood, soul, and divinity for the world's salvation, and calls us to imitate his sacrificial love (cf. Jn 13:34-35). Stewardship gratefully receives and lovingly offers God's gifts, just as Jesus gave himself, inviting us to "take up our Cross" (Matt 16:24-26; Mk 8:34-36).

The Jubilee recalls Scripture's radical summons: all belongs to God (cf. Lev 25:23). Land returned, debts forgiven, captives freed, inviting trust in providence and open hearts. Stewardship flows from this same spirit. We are not owners, but custodians (cf. CCC, 952).

In a divided, fearful, consumerist world, stewardship becomes an act of hope, a sign of trust in God. Hope gives an eternal perspective, rooted in faith and love. Their greatest expression is the Eucharist, the foretaste of heaven (cf. CCC, 1402-1405; 1003). Receiving this gift, we respond with our whole lives in service of God and neighbor.

St. John of the Cross inspires us: "Mine are the heavens and mine is the earth... God himself is mine and for me, because Christ is mine and all for me." With such a vision, we are not to cling to crumbs, but rejoice in God's glory.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, and your loved ones, in his abundant grace.

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo

Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

Youth Programs at St. John Vianney Church

***New* Holy Seeds (JK-Grade 4)** - Fun faith-filled activities
Edge (Grades 5-8) - Grow in faith & community
Life Teen (High School) - Deepen faith & connect with peers
See the church posters in the foyer for dates & details!

RCIA Has Begun

If you have not signed up but are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Paul LaPlume at 705-726-8007 ext. 204.

WELCOME WEDNESDAY

Please join us at our Welcome Wednesday Drop-In for videos, activities and plenty of conversation. We meet every Wednesday from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.



Between September 21st & October 3rd, the parish office will be open, but with limited staff and services.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Sept. 20 th	5:00 pm † Stane Cvenkel Requested by: The Francelj Family
Sunday Sept. 21 st	8:00 am † Matthew Nicholas Fusaro Requested by: The Foglia Family
	9:30 am † Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
	11:30 am † James D'Costa Requested by: Bridget Sarkar D'Costa
Monday Sept. 22 nd	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Ted Weishar Requested by: Al & MaryAnn Weishar
Tuesday Sept. 23 rd	7:00 pm † Christine Kramer Requested by: Mary Gardner
	7:00 pm † Mary Lyons Requested by: Family
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Anjana Albert Requested by: Self
Wednesday Sept. 24 th	9:30 am † Bernie Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Thursday Sept. 25 th	9:30 am † Lawrence Kim & Family Requested by: Anna Kim
Friday Sept. 26 th	9:30 am † Francis Loyola Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † Davis Kim Requested by: Anna Kim



FALL FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have teamed up to fill the shelves of the food cupboard. The Knights will be receiving filled bags before all the Masses this weekend

Thank you for your support!



Thank you to the CWL for their most recent donation of \$3,379.17. This money was graciously passed along from proceeds from their very successful Spring Tea.



It's not too late to register for **FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & RCIC**. Information on these sacramental programs and their corresponding application links can be found on our website.

Join us after the 9:30am & 11:30am Masses for refreshments and to get to know your priests and fellow parishoners. This weeks host are member of the parish.



REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Josephine Varly & † Grace Kamerbeek**



Please pray for those who are sick:
Filomena Alves, Sheila Wright & Maria Elizabeth Alfonso



Pilgrims of Hope: Saints Carlo Acutis & Pier Giorgio Frassati

"Just as no one is born a champion, no one is born a saint. It is a daily training in love". Pope Leo XIV

Hope Lived in Our Time

In this Jubilee Year 2025, the Church journeys under the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. On September 7, Pope Leo XIV canonized **Saint Carlo Acutis** and **Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati**, weaving their lives directly into the fabric of this holy year. Their canonizations are not only a recognition of their holiness but also a signpost for all of us who walk as pilgrims seeking God's presence in the world.

Originally, Pope Francis had planned to celebrate their canonizations himself, reflecting his deep admiration for both young men and their witness of faith in the modern world. However, due to his passing earlier this year, the celebration was delayed until Pope Leo XIV could preside over the ceremony. This moment, then, stands as both a continuation of Pope Francis's vision and a new chapter in the Church's journey of hope.

Saint Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) reveals how hope can flourish in the digital age. His deep love for the Eucharist led him to create a website on Eucharistic miracles, bringing Christ to countless people across the globe. Even as his health declined, Carlo declared, *"Our destination must be what is infinite, not what is passing."* His life teaches us that hope looks beyond what fades, to what endures eternally in God.

Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925), called the "Man of the Beatitudes," embodies hope through service and joyful faith. He spent his youth climbing mountains, studying, and sharing life with friends, but also carrying food to the poor, visiting the sick, and standing with those who suffered. His motto *"Verso l'alto"*—"to the heights"—summons us to live life with eyes lifted toward Christ.

Their canonizations during the Jubilee remind us that hope is not an idea but a path. Like pilgrims, Carlo and Pier Giorgio walked with trust, joy, and courage. Their lives show that holiness is possible in the ordinary, and that each of us is called to be a bearer of hope in our world today. *"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."* – Carlo Acutis


- How do Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati inspire me to live as a pilgrim of hope in this Jubilee Year?

Prayer

Loving God, through the witness of Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, strengthen us as pilgrims of hope.

May their example guide us to live joyfully, serve generously, and keep our eyes fixed on Christ, the source of all hope.

Amen.

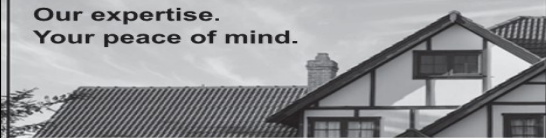
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