

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 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 GREAT REVERSAL: LIVING HEAVEN'S PRIORITIES TODAY

This Sunday's readings (Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31) confront us with a sobering truth: God's Kingdom is not measured by worldly wealth, prestige, or comfort, but by love, justice, and fidelity. The Word of God invites us to examine where our hearts truly rest, whether in temporary riches or in eternal hope.

The Prophet's Warning

The prophet Amos cries out against complacency and self-indulgence: "Alas for those who are at ease in Zion... who lie on beds of ivory... but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph" (Amos 6:1, 4, 6). His words denounce the blindness of those who live comfortably while ignoring the suffering of their brothers and sisters. St. John Chrysostom once remarked, "Not to share one's wealth with the poor is to steal from them and to take away their livelihood. It is not our own goods which we hold, but theirs."

How strikingly relevant this is in our own time. Surrounded by abundance, many are tempted to indifference. Our society often measures success by possessions and achievements, but Scripture reminds us that every gift is entrusted for service.

The Gospel: Lazarus at Our Door

In today's Gospel (Luke 16:19-31), Jesus offers the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The contrast is sharp: one feasts splendidly while the other starves, his sores licked by dogs. After death, however, the tables turn; the poor man is comforted in Abraham's bosom, while the rich man suffers torment.

This is not merely a story about "the afterlife," but a piercing critique of how we live here and now. Pope Francis, in *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013), reminds us: "The Gospel tells us constantly to run the risk of a face-to-face encounter with others... with their pain and their pleas" (§88). The tragedy of the rich man is not his wealth, but his failure to see Lazarus, to recognize the humanity of the one at his gate.

How often do we, too, step over the "Lazaruses" in our lives, those in need of food, dignity, attention, or companionship? Sometimes Lazarus is not materially poor, but lonely, sick, or excluded. The parable becomes a mirror for our own blindness.

St. Paul: Pursue True Riches

In the Second Reading, St. Paul exhorts Timothy: "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness" (1 Tim 6:11). Here is the real treasure that endures beyond death. Christian discipleship demands vigilance against greed, cultivating instead virtues that align us with Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "The Lord grieves over the rich, because they find their consolation in the abundance of goods... The Lord enjoins His disciples to prefer Him to everything and everyone" (CCC 2547). In short, we are called to live for what lasts.

Today's Call: Seeing with Christ's Eyes

This Sunday challenges each of us:

- Do I recognize the Lazarus at my doorstep? It could be a neighbor struggling silently, a family member longing for reconciliation, or the poor in our community and world.
- Do I use my gifts for service? Stewardship is not about loss, but about blessing — discovering the joy of giving.
- Do I seek heaven's priorities? Prayer, simplicity, and acts of mercy align our hearts with God's eternal vision.

St. Teresa of Calcutta often said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." The Kingdom of God begins in small acts of love that echo into eternity.

Living the Great Reversal

The readings this week reveal a "great reversal"; those ignored on earth are exalted in heaven. This is not meant to frighten us, but to awaken us. God desires that our lives bear witness to His mercy.

Let us then ask the Lord to open our eyes, to see Christ in the poor, the suffering, and the forgotten. Let us pursue the riches of faith, hope, and love, so that when our journey ends, we may hear those blessed words: "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you" (Mt 25:34).

Practical Invitation for the Week:

- Take time to notice someone you might usually overlook. Offer a word, a gesture, or concrete help.
- Reflect on your "riches" — whether talents, resources, or time — and ask how they can serve others.
- Pray with Psalm 146: "The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous."

Fr. Joshy George, CMI, Pastor



St John Vianney CWL 30th Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday November 15, 2025 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall

This is a fun annual community event enjoyed by many across the city and beyond. plan to purchase your seasonal items including beautiful outdoor greenery planters, delicious home baking and preserves, hostess gifts, jewellery, religious items, unique one of a kind gifts and decorations, as well as warm hand made hats, mitts, and scarves. As well, take a break in The Christmas Cafe and Lunchroom. Fresh homemade items for the Bazaar may be dropped off in the hall between November 13 and 14 and dates and times for other items will be arranged.

If you have a business, please consider donating a gift basket or gift cards for the draw table or other prizes. This is a great way to promote your business and our Parish.

To arrange your donations of this year's preserves, knitting, crochet, sewn, craft, religious, woodworking items or christmas crafts and decorations or good used household items in clean and working order (no clothing or books), please contact Helen Russell at 705-734-1346.

Also, see the bulletin Board for more details.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Sept. 27 th	5:00 pm † Nuno Ramos Requested by: Olga Ramos
Sunday Sept. 28 th	8:00 am † Davis Kim Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Evelyn Lama Requested by: Family
	11:30 am For the living and deceased members of The Macdonell Family Requested by: Rosemarie Macdonell
Monday Sept. 29 th	<i>No Intention</i>
Tuesday Sept. 30 th	7:00 pm † Lawrence & Davis Kim Requested by: John & Helen Russell
Wednesday Oct. 1 st	9:30 am † Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
Thursday Oct. 2 nd	9:30 am † Maria Pushavetz Requested by: Family
Friday Oct. 3 rd	9:30 am † Frank Marina & Paul Prior Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † Lawrence Kim & Family Requested by: Anna Kim



BLESSING OF PETS

Bring your pets to the back parking lot on Saturday, October 4th at 10:00am to have them blessed by Fr. Eduardo & Fr. Arun. Please join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi!

FORMED-REBUILT-PROPRESENTER

St. John Vianney church is happy to enrich the lives of our community with these three programs. **FORMED** is a website full of insightful and entertaining videos for us to enjoy. It is also used as a catechism tool for our Sacramental programs. **REBUILT** is a resource used in our Children's Liturgy program, it allows us to educate our children in a fun and relevant manner. **PROPRESENTER** is used in conjunction with our new projectors to provide slides pertaining to all parts of the Mass including music. These three programs are quite expensive. Any assistance you could offer to help offset these costs would be most appreciated. **THANK YOU TO THE CWL FOR DONATING \$2500 TOWARDS THE RENEWAL OF OUR FORMED SUBSCRIPTION!**



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.

The Tuesday morning craft group continues to meet from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm; all are welcome to attend and please bring your own snack.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH Fall Marriage Preparation Course Tuesday October 21, 2025

If you are preparing for the sacrament of Marriage, Holy Spirit Parish in Barrie invites you to participate in Joy-filled Marriage Preparation course for couples. Beginning Tuesday October 21, 2025 at 7:00pm in the parish hall and will run for 6 consecutive Tuesdays. Registration is required, to do so, please contact the parish office at 705-722-3771 or holyspiritba@archtoronto.org



THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our parishioners. Your generosity has once again filled our shelves to overflowing!

Thank you for your support!



RCIA Has Begun!

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

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



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. **Please note: the cut off to**

register for RCIC is October 10th.



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

There is a special collection today for the **NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA**. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Thank you for supporting this important work.

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!

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† Genevieve Denomme &
† Maria Celia Vacani



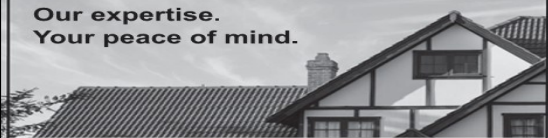
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Patricia Glachan, Sheila Wright & Maria Elizabeth Alfonso

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