

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

“LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH!”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The cry of the Apostles in today’s Gospel (Luke 17:5–10) is our cry as well: “Lord, increase our faith!” They recognized that discipleship is not merely about following external rules, but about living a deep interior trust in God that sustains us through trials, doubts, and moments of weakness.

Faith as a Living Relationship

Faith is not just intellectual assent to doctrines; it is a living relationship with God rooted in trust and obedience. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: “Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God” (CCC 150). St. Thomas Aquinas explained that faith perfects the intellect by uniting it to divine truth. It is both a gift and a task, something we receive and something we must nurture.

Jesus uses the striking image of the mustard seed: even faith as small as this can uproot a mulberry tree. In other words, authentic faith; though seemingly small, possesses an immense transformative power when joined to God’s will. It is not the “size” of our faith, but the sincerity of our trust in God that matters.

Living Faith in the Midst of Life’s Challenges

Today many of us feel overwhelmed by uncertainties: economic instability, divisions in families, health struggles, or anxieties about the future. Like the Apostles, we may feel that our faith is too small for the challenges we face. But the Lord encourages us: even the smallest seed of faith, if nurtured, can move what seems immovable.

Think of a parent caring tirelessly for a sick child, or a caregiver tending to an elderly parent, or a worker who continues to act with honesty despite pressures to compromise. These daily acts of fidelity, often hidden and uncelebrated, are where faith comes alive. They remind us that true discipleship is about trust, service, and perseverance.

Servants of the Lord

The second part of today’s Gospel can sound harsh: “We are worthless servants; we have done only what we ought to have done.” (Luke 17:10). Yet

Jesus is teaching us humility. Faith leads not to pride or entitlement, but to the joyful realization that all we are and all we accomplish is pure gift. St. Augustine beautifully said: “When God rewards our merits, He crowns His own gifts.”

Christian faith is lived not in heroic gestures alone but in the ordinary fidelity of prayer, family love, sacrificial giving, and daily work. Pope Francis reminds us in *Evangelii Gaudium* that every disciple is called to be “a missionary disciple” in the small details of everyday life.

A Call for Our Parish Today

As a parish family at St. John Vianney, we are invited to renew our trust in the Lord. Let us not be discouraged by our weaknesses or the challenges of our times. Instead, let us echo the prayer of the Apostles with confidence: “Lord, increase our faith!”

Faith grows when exercised. It grows in prayer, in the Eucharist, in acts of forgiveness, in service to the poor, and in the courage to live the Gospel in our workplaces, schools, and homes. Like a mustard seed, it may appear small—but in God’s hands, it bears fruit beyond measure.

Closing Prayer

May we, as humble servants of Christ, live our faith with courage and simplicity. And may the words of St. Paul today inspire us: “Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us” (2 Timothy 1:14).

Let us move forward together, trusting not in the size of our faith, but in the greatness of our God.

With prayer and blessings,

Fr. Joshy George

**St. Mary’s Church Barrie, will be hosting their
2nd Homelessness Symposium:**

*“Responding in our Community with
Compassion and Hope”*

Join them on October 6, 2025 from 7:00pm to 9:30pm at 65 Ameilia St. Barrie for an evening full of information regarding the needs in our community.

Registration Not Required. All are Welcome!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday October 4 th	5:00 pm ✠ Patrick O'Reilly Requested by: The Haughey Family
Sunday October 5 th	8:00 am ✠ Joaquim Da Costa Silva Requested by: Family
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Catherine Son Requested by: The Son Family
	11:30 am ✠ Henry Hahn Tran & Anton Anh Nguyen Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families
Monday October 6 th	7:00 pm For the living and deceased members of the CWL
Tuesday October 7 th	7:00 pm ✠ Lawrence & Davis Kim Requested by: John & Helen Russell
	7:00 pm ✠ Annamma Joseph Requested by: Family
	7:00 pm ✠ Shane Lacey Requested by: Family
Wednesday October 8 th	9:30 am ✠ Larry White Requested The White Family
Thursday October 9 th	9:30 am ✠ Lawrence Kim & Family Requested by: Anna Kim
Friday October 10 th	9:30 am ✠ Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am ✠ Davis Kim Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Teresa Gomez Requested by: Lydia Harmazy



October 4/5, 2025 Special Collection - Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

As part of our ongoing commitment to support healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country.

For more information or to donate online please visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation - thank you for your generosity!

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.



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.

Youth Programs at St. John Vianney Church

***New* Holy Seeds (JK-Grade 4) - Fun faith-filled activities** (starts Oct. 10th at 6:30pm)

Edge (Grades 5-8) - Grow in faith & community (starts Oct. 17th @ 7:00pm)

Life Teen (High School) - Deepen faith & connect with peers (starts Oct. 11th @ 6:00pm)

See the church posters in the foyer for dates & details!



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



It's not too late to register for **FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & RCIA**. 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.



Please pray for those who are sick:

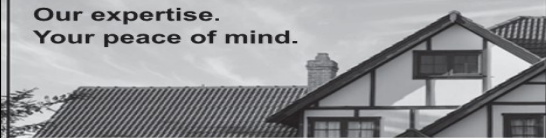
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