

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

FAITH THAT PERSEVERES: THE HEARTBEAT OF MISSION

This Sunday's readings draw us into the rhythm of faith that endures; a faith that prays without ceasing, trusts without seeing, and labors for the Kingdom without tiring. It is no coincidence that this Sunday, October 19, is also **World Mission Sunday**, when the universal Church turns her heart toward the mission entrusted to her by Christ: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

The Power of Persistent Faith

In today's Gospel (Luke 18:1-8), Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. Her unrelenting plea for justice becomes a profound image of the kind of faith that moves mountains, not because it is loud, but because it refuses to give up.

This is not just a story about prayer; it is a lesson about relationship. God is not an indifferent judge but a loving Father who "knows what you need before you ask Him" (Matthew 6:8). Yet He desires our persistence because, through it, we are transformed. Faithful prayer is not about changing God's mind but about aligning our hearts with His will.

In a world where instant results often define success, Jesus calls us to a different kind of strength, the strength of endurance. "When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8) is not a question of despair but a divine invitation to perseverance.

The Strength of Hands Raised in Prayer

The first reading (Exodus 17:8-13) paints a vivid picture: Moses, weary yet unwavering, lifts his hands in prayer as Joshua battles the Amalekites. As long as Moses' hands remain raised, Israel prevails. When he tires, Aaron and Hur support him.

This scene captures the very essence of communal faith. Our prayers sustain one another. When we grow weary in our struggles: whether spiritual, emotional, or physical, the faith community becomes our "Aaron and Hur," holding us up before God.

As St. John Chrysostom once wrote, "The power of prayer is great, not because of the words we utter, but because of the faith that burns within us." The mission of the Church, too, is sustained by such prayer, often unseen, often silent, but always powerful.

Scripture, Tradition, and the Call to Mission

In 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2, St. Paul urges his disciple to "continue in what you have learned and firmly believed," and to "proclaim the word; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable." Paul's charge to Timothy echoes through the centuries as the very heartbeat of the Church's mission.

Every baptized Christian share in this mission. As Pope Francis reminds us in *Evangelii Gaudium*, "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus" (EG, 120). Mission, therefore, is not only a distant effort in faraway lands; it begins in our homes, schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

Today, as we celebrate World Mission Sunday, our special collection supports 1,250 mission dioceses across the globe, regions where the Church is young, growing, and often struggling with limited resources. Our generosity helps ensure that the Gospel continues to be proclaimed, the sacraments celebrated, and the poor served in Christ's name.

But beyond financial support, each of us is called to be a missionary disciple. To be missionary is to live out our faith with conviction, compassion, and courage, to be "the face of Christ" to those who may never enter a church but encounter Him through us.

Faith and Mission in Our Time

In a rapidly changing world marked by uncertainty, secularism, and distraction, these readings remind us that the Christian life is not passive endurance but active perseverance. Faith that perseveres becomes mission that transforms.

Think of the parents who pray daily for their children's faith, the teacher who witnesses Gospel values in the classroom, the elderly parishioner who prays the rosary for peace, all are missionaries of hope in their own way.

As St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." Each act of faithfulness, each moment of prayer, each sacrifice offered for the good of others becomes part of the great mission of Christ's Church.

A Living Faith That Endures

So let us go forth, inspired by the Word, strengthened by the Eucharist, and united in prayer, to make Christ known and loved; here in our parish, in our homes, and to the very ends of the earth.

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:15)

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend is Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church, and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support of this important work. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

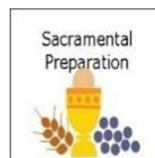
Saturday October 18 th	5:00 pm For the special intentions of Stephanie Harmazy Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
Sunday October 19 th	8:00 am ✠ Tony Dolinar Requested by: The Kokelj Family
	9:30 am ✠ Julian Lacasse Requested by: Linda Lacasse
	11:30 am ✠ Jorge Francisco Requested by: Family
Monday October 20 th	9:30am For the special intentions of Stephanie Harmazy Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
Tuesday October 21 st	7:00 pm ✠ Teresa Dellelce Requested by: Dorothy & Jack Hill
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Lyn Fox Requested by: Mary Cremin
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Prima & Arthur Parent Requested by: Marie & Phil Angus
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Kathleen Misha Roche Requested by: Self
Wednesday October 22 nd	9:30 am ✠ Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
Thursday October 23 rd	9:30 am ✠ Lawrence Kim & Family Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Lucille & Larry Dahmer Requested by: Carol & Doug Woolway
Friday October 24 th	9:30 am ✠ Davis Kim Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am ✠ Ed Henderson Requested by: Colette Henderson
	9:30 am ✠ Larry White Requested by: The White Family
	9:30 am ✠ Mary & Edmund O'Keeffe Requested by: Mary Cremin



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH will be hosting their **Annual Fall Fair** on Saturday, October 25th from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Please join them for a silent auction, baked goods and delicious peameal bacon sandwiches courtesy of the Knights of Columbus.

WELCOME WEDNESDAY

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



The last day to register for **FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & RCIA** will be Sunday, November 2nd. Information on these sacramental programs can be found on our website.



All Souls Day

Sunday, November 2nd is a special day of prayer in commemoration of all the faithful departed. As Catholics, it's our duty to offer prayers for friends and loved ones who have passed away. We invite parishioners to enter the names of their departed loved ones in the **Book of Remembrance** located in the vestibule when you enter the church. On that day we will celebrate a **Solemn Requiem Mass at 3:00 pm with a reception in the parish hall to follow.**



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.



Catholic Women's League

The CWL General Meeting will be held on Monday,

October 20, 2025, after the 7 p.m. Mass. Our Guest speakers will be Kate O'Quinn & Connie Cristinziano from the Toronto Diocesan Council. All ladies are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Agnes Cooper Berard**



Please pray for those who are sick:
Patricia Glachan, Sheila Wright & Maria Elizabeth Alfonso

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