

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

THE PRAYER THAT TOUCHES HEAVEN: HUMILITY BEFORE GOD

Dear beloved parishioners of St. John Vianney,

As we gather on this Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Word of God invites us into the heart of true prayer; the kind that rises to Heaven not because of eloquence or self-assurance, but because it springs from humility, honesty, and trust in God's mercy.

In today's Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), Jesus offers a timeless parable of two men who went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee's prayer was filled with self-praise and comparison: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people." Yet the tax collector, standing far off, simply cried out, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." And Jesus tells us that this man went home justified, for, "all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

1. The God Who Listens to the Humble

The first reading from the Book of Sirach (Sir 35:15-17, 20, 22) assures us that "The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds." God, who shows no partiality, listens not to the proud but to the cry of the poor, the orphan, and the widow. This truth reminds us that before God, all human status disappears. What matters is the sincerity of our hearts.

St. Augustine once said, "It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels." The humble soul recognizes both the greatness of God and the frailty of one's own heart. In a world that often glorifies self-sufficiency and success, we are called instead to the humility of the tax collector, a humility that allows grace to flow.

2. Running the Good Race with Faith

In the second reading, St. Paul writes his moving farewell in the Letter to Timothy (2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18). He sees his life as a "libation being poured out," and he speaks with confidence, not in himself, but in God who has never abandoned him:

"The Lord stood by me and gave me strength... The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom."

Paul's words are a testimony of perseverance; a model for every Christian who faces struggles, doubts, or loneliness. Like Paul, we are each invited to run the race of faith with humility, trusting that the "crown of righteousness" awaits those who love the Lord.

In our lives, where personal achievement often overshadows spiritual depth, Paul reminds us that our

ultimate victory lies not in what we do, but in who we become, faithful servants shaped by God's grace.

3. The Humble Prayer that Heals the Heart

The contrast between the Pharisee and the tax collector remains a mirror for every soul. We, too, can fall into the subtle temptation of the Pharisee... comparing, judging, or trying to earn God's love. True prayer begins when we stop performing before God and start being real with Him.

Pope Francis beautifully said, "Prayer that is humble and confident is the one that opens the heart to the Lord." The tax collector's few words, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner", form the foundation of Christian spirituality. They echo in the Jesus Prayer cherished by the saints: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Humility does not degrade us; it sets us free. When we acknowledge our weakness, God fills the emptiness with His mercy.

4. October: The Month of Our Blessed Mother

As we reflect on humility, we cannot fail to look toward Mary, our Blessed Mother, the humble handmaid of the Lord. In this month of October, dedicated to her, we show our special love and devotion by praying the Holy Rosary.

5. November: Remembering Our Faithful Departed

As we approach the month of November, our hearts turn in loving remembrance to all the faithful departed; our family members, friends, and parishioners who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

I warmly invite everyone to join in this sacred commemoration, a moment of prayer, hope, and communion with those who have entered eternal rest. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1032) teaches: "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them." Our prayers, offered in love, are a gift that unites heaven and earth.

Dear friends, today's readings gently but firmly call us to look within. We are invited to pray not with pride, but with purity; not with self-assurance, but with surrender. The humble heart finds peace because it trusts that God hears, understands, and loves completely.

May the Lord grant us the grace to pray like the tax collector, to persevere like St. Paul, and to trust like Mary. Then we too will go home "justified," carried by the mercy of God whose love pierces the clouds.

With blessings and prayers,

Fr. Joshy George

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday October 25 th	5:00 pm † Gabriella Arruda Requested by: The Sousa Family
Sunday October 26 th	8:00 am † Davis Kim Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am For the People of the Parish
	11:30 am † Mirella Vanspall Requested by: Gladys Gentile
	11:30 am † Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
Monday October 27 th	NO INTENTION
Tuesday October 28 th	NO INTENTION
Wednesday October 29 th	9:30 am † Billy Fitzsimmons Requested by: Ursula Dempsey
Thursday October 30 th	9:30 am † Ettore D'Antonio Requested by: Rita & Joseph D'Antonio
	9:30 am † Ana Miriam Demontes Requested by: Family
Friday October 31 st	9:30 am † Lawrence Kim & Family Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Mary Cremin Requested by: Self



Youth Ministry November Gatherings

Holy Seeds (JK–Gr. 4)
Faith and fun for our youngest disciples.
📅 **Wed, Nov 12** | 🕒 6:30–7:30 PM

Growing in Grace (Gr. 5–8)
Games, discussion, and faith-building.
📅 **Fri, Nov 7 & 21** | 🕒 7:00–8:30 PM

Rooted Youth (Gr. 9–12)
Faith, friendship, and reflection.
📅 **Sat, Nov 8 & 22** | 🕒 6:00–8:00 PM

**INFORMATION ON THESE PROGRAMS CAN BE
FOUND ON THE PARISH WEBSITE**

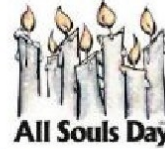


WELCOME WEDNESDAY

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.

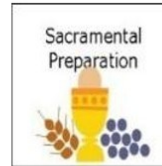


PLEASE NOTE: Tuesday morning crafts and all Bazaar preparations have been cancelled this week. The group will resume on Tuesday, November 4th at 9:00am.



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.**



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.



St John Vianney CWL 30th Annual Christmas Bazaar

The annual bazaar takes place on November 15th from 9 am to 2 pm. Come out and pick up 'one of a kind' gifts for Christmas, home baked goodies, fresh preserves, hand knit items and new to you treasures. Plan on enjoying a tasty lunch in our Christmas Lunch Room. This is a cash only event. We are excited to see you there!



Please join us after the 9:30am & 11:30am Masses as the Knights of Columbus will be serving up their famous Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. Breakfast is part of the regular Fellowship Sunday program. Pancakes and sausages, syrup, tea, coffee, and juice will be served. All are welcome!

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Robert Hargrave**, † **Carole-Ann Daniel**
& † **John Maier**



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

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