

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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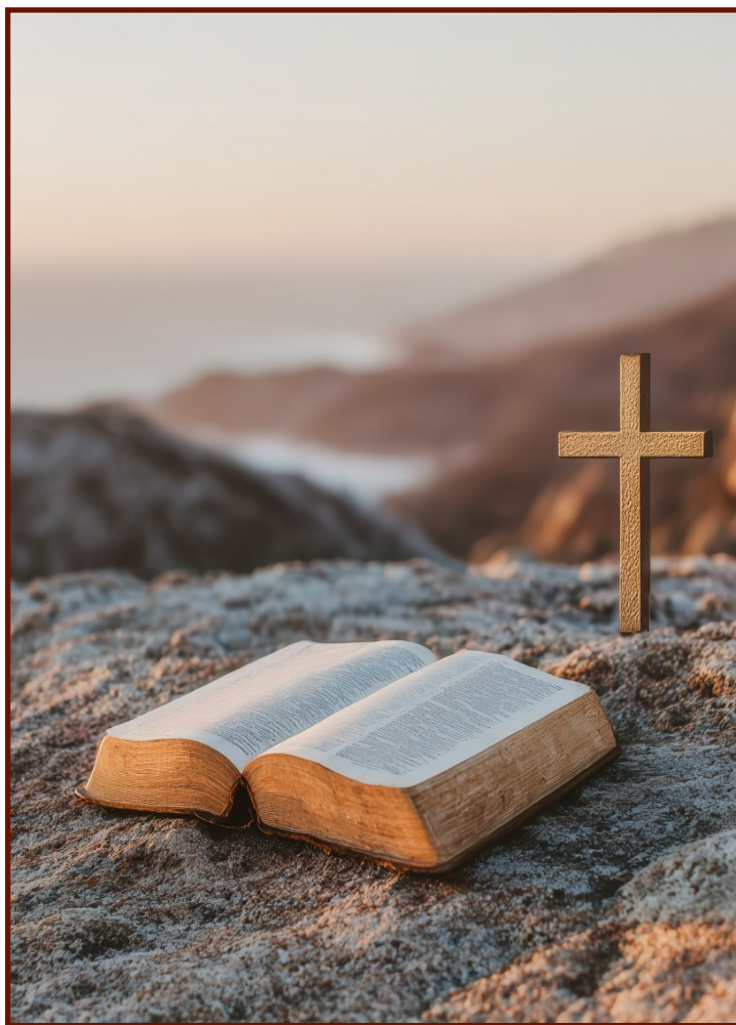
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

STANDING FIRM IN HOPE: CHRIST OUR RISING SUN

This Sunday, as the liturgical year draws to its close, the Church places before us readings that pierce through the noise of our uncertain world and speak directly to the human heart. Coinciding with the World Day of the Poor, today's Scriptures invite us to examine where we stand in relation to God, to one another, and to the hope that sustains us.

The Fire That Purifies — Not Destroys

The prophet Malachi proclaims a dramatic vision: "The day is coming, blazing like an oven" (Mal 4:1). On the surface, the imagery is unsettling, especially for anyone who carries burdens, anxieties, or fears about the future. But the prophet does not end with destruction. For "those who fear the Lord," he promises "the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings" (Mal 4:2).

This is not a threat; it is an assurance. God's fire is not meant to consume us but to purify, to burn away what is false, and to strengthen what is true. St. Augustine reminds us that even God's severity is a form of mercy, for "God wounds only to heal, He disturbs only to restore." In every trial, personal, relational, financial, or spiritual God is preparing us for a deeper wholeness.

A Spiritual Work Ethic: The Call to Responsible Living

In the second reading, St. Paul addresses a community confused by predictions and rumors about the world's end. Rather than panic or idleness, Paul urges a steady, purposeful life: "We wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us" (2 Thes 3:9).

Paul's words echo a perennial truth: Christian hope must never lead to passivity. Even today, when many struggle with economic uncertainty, shifting cultural values, or feelings of helplessness, Paul reminds us that discipleship is not escapism. It is responsible love in action, living each day with discipline, generosity, and dignity.

St. Teresa of Calcutta often said, "We are not called to be successful, but faithful." Paul echoes this spirit. Faithfulness means showing up in our work, in our families, in our parish, and especially for the poor.

When Stones Fall: Finding Peace Amid Unrest

In the Gospel, Jesus shocks the disciples by predicting the fall of the Temple, the very symbol of stability and the presence of God (Lk 21:5–6). He speaks of wars, earthquakes, betrayal, and persecution. For many, these words mirror the turbulence of modern life: global conflicts, cultural tensions, and personal crises that shake our sense of security.

Yet Jesus is not warning us to fear. He is preparing us to stand firm. "By your perseverance you will secure your lives" (Lk 21:19).

The Church Fathers saw in this passage a reminder that all earthly structures; even the most spectacular, are temporary. Only God endures. St. John Chrysostom wrote that when our

earthly supports collapse, "it is then that Christ shows Himself most clearly to us."

Perhaps many of us today live with our own "falling stones": health concerns, broken relationships, loss of employment, or quiet loneliness. Jesus assures us that none of these will have the last word. God's presence is not withdrawn in crisis; it becomes more intimate.

World Day of the Poor: Where Hope Becomes Flesh

Pope Francis established this day so that the Church would not only remember the poor, but encounter them. He writes: "The poor are the very flesh of Christ. We cannot truly approach the altar if we ignore them."

Today's readings challenge us to embrace the poor not out of guilt, but out of gospel vision:

- Malachi reminds us God's healing rises precisely where suffering is greatest.
- Paul calls us to a life of meaningful work and active charity.
- Jesus shows that in the world's instability, compassion becomes a stable ground.

Each one of us regardless of age, resources, or circumstances can make Christ visible through concrete acts of mercy: a meal shared, a listening ear, a donation given quietly, a prayer offered faithfully. Holiness is found not in grand gestures but in the love we place in small ones.

These Scriptures speak powerfully into the realities many face today:

- For those overwhelmed by world events—Christ says, "Do not be terrified."
- For those exhausted by personal trials—He promises healing and renewal.
- For those discouraged or tempted to give up—Paul urges perseverance and purpose.
- For those who feel unseen or forgotten—God assures: "The sun of righteousness will rise for you."

Standing Firm in Christ

As this liturgical year nears its close, let us root ourselves once more in what endures. Let us allow God's purifying love to reshape us, His Word to guide us, and His poor to draw us closer to His heart. The world may tremble; the stones may fall; but the love of Christ remains our unshakeable foundation.

May we walk this week with renewed hope, courageous faith, and generous hearts.



There will be a special collection today, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday November 15 th	5:00 pm For the special intentions of Caroline Harmazy Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
Sunday November 16 th	8:00 am † Joseph & Irene Balogh Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † Aurele Daigle Requested by: Family
	11:30 am † Bob Hargrave Requested by: Val & Joe Egerton
Monday November 17 th	7:00 pm † Shawna Hill Requested by: Dorothy & Jack Hill
Tuesday November 18 th	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Liz & Dave White Requested by: Mary Kominek
	7:00 pm † For the special intentions of John & Shannon Barks Requested by: Scott & Anita Curran
Wednesday November 19 th	9:30 am † Davis Kim Requested by: Anna Kim
Thursday November 20 th	9:30 am † Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
Friday November 21 st	9:30 am † Lawrence Kim & Family Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am † Maria Thuy Mai & Joseph Hien Tran Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families
	9:30 am † Bob Hargrave Requested by: Rosemarie Anthony
	9:30 am † Gabriel Sousa Requested by: The Sousa Family
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Eufonio & Leonita Nini Requested by: Lily Jesseau



If you missed the Bazaar, it's not too late! Please, venture over to the Hall after Mass for the CWL Mini-Bazaar. Take this opportunity to find something unique for you or a loved one!



The Knights of Columbus Children's Christmas Party is **SOLD OUT**. Thank you to all the families who signed up! We are looking forward to a fun filled morning with you and the man in red!



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.

Registration for **FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & THE RCIA program** is **CLOSED**. Due to the high number of candidates, no exceptions can be made.

Youth Ministry - November Gatherings

Holy Seeds (JK–Gr. 4)

(No registration required.)

Faith and fun for our youngest disciples.

Fri. Dec 12 | 6:30–7:30 PM

Growing in Grace (Gr. 5–8)

Games, discussion, and faith-building.

Fri. Nov 21 & Dec 19 | 7:00–8:30 PM

Rooted Youth (Gr. 9–12)

Faith, friendship, and reflection.

Sat. Nov 22 & Dec. 6 | 6:00–8:00 PM

PLEASE REGISTER ON THE PARISH WEBSITE



Blankets for Youth Haven

Thank you to everyone who's been knitting and crocheting! We have six blankets ready for our first February delivery. Want to help? Donate yarn, knit or crochet squares, or help sew. Contact Kelly at 705-726-8007 ext. 205.



The Archdiocese of Toronto is organizing a Humanitarian effort to help those affected by Hurricane Melissa and Typhoon Kalmaegi.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- [Online](http://www.archtoronto.org) through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Hurricane Melissa or Name of Parish – Typhoon Kalmaegi (envelopes are available at the back of the church)



The **2025-2026 SUNDAY MISSALS FOR ADULTS** are available at the Welcome Desk in the vestibule following Mass at a cost of \$5.00.

SUNDAY MISSAL FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS 2025-2026 are on backorder and will hopefully be here soon.



PLEASE PICK UP A FREE COPY OF THE CATHOLIC REGISTER FROM THE WELCOME DESK.



FELLOWSHIP

Join us after the 9:30am & 11:30am Masses for refreshments and the get to know your priests and fellow parishoners. This weeks hosts are member of the parish. We hope to see you there!

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Baby Liam Henrique**



Please pray for those who are sick:

Christine Haslam, Caroline Harmazy, Maurice Keogh, Tony Periera and Patricia Glachan

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