

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

A KING WHO KNEELS: WELCOMING CHRIST THE SERVANT-KING INTO OUR LIVES

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we come to the final Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe; a celebration that draws our hearts back to the very centre of our faith: Jesus Christ is Lord, not by domination, but by self-giving love; not seated upon a golden throne, but upon the wood of the Cross.

The Unexpected Kingship of Christ

When we hear the word “king,” we might imagine crowns, armies, territory, and power. Yet today’s Scriptures invite us to a deep rethinking of what kingship truly means in the Kingdom of God.

In 2 Samuel 5:1–3, Israel gathers around David, saying, “You are the one who shall shepherd my people.” Even in the Old Testament, leadership is tied not to command but to shepherding, guiding, protecting, and accompanying.

St. Paul lifts our hearts even higher in Colossians 1:12–20, proclaiming Christ as the image of the invisible God, the One in whom all things hold together. Yet this cosmic King chooses the path of humility. He reconciles the universe not through force, but through the “blood of His cross.”

And in Luke 23:35–43, the Gospel presents the most astonishing throne imaginable: Jesus crucified, while one criminal mocks Him and the other cries out, “Jesus, remember me.” And from that cross, the King opens His kingdom: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

This is not a king who conquers by violence. This is the King who turns the other cheek. The King who washes feet. The King who forgives His executioners. The King who dies so that others may live.

The Church’s Wisdom on Christ’s Kingship

The Church has long invited us to contemplate this mystery. Pope Pius XI, in establishing the feast in *Quas Primas* (1925), reminded us that Christ’s kingship is rooted in truth, justice, and love and that acknowledging Him as King brings order to our hearts and societies.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that Christ exercises kingship by drawing all people to Himself through His death and Resurrection (CCC 786). We, too, share in His royal mission whenever we choose mercy over anger, forgiveness over resentment, and service over self-promotion.

St. Augustine once said, “He who created you without you will not save you without you.” Christ the King invites our cooperation not compelled commitment but freely given love.

A Kingship for Today’s World

Perhaps more than ever, our world needs to see this kind of kingship.

In a society often marked by division, war, anxiety, and the pursuit of control, Jesus offers a radically different model of power, the power of sacrificial love.

Think of the everyday places where His kind of kingship is needed: A parent who apologizes to a child after losing patience... A young person who refuses to bully or gossip, even when it’s socially easier... A worker who chooses integrity over convenience... A teenager who stands firm in faith despite peer pressure. These are not grand gestures, yet in each one, the Kingdom of Christ breaks into the world.

Christ the King and Our Young People

This day also gives us a beautiful opportunity to remember **World Youth Day** and the role of young people in the Church. Pope Francis often challenges youth to be “protagonists of history,” helping build a future rooted in hope rather than fear.

Christ the King entrusts His mission particularly to young hearts, who like the Good Thief are unafraid to cry out, “Jesus, remember me!” Their generous enthusiasm reflects the true kingship of Jesus: not overpowering, but uplifting; not imposing but inviting.

A Kingdom that Begins in the Heart

Each of us is called today to renew our allegiance to this Servant-King.

Not a sentimental kingship. Not simply the idea that Jesus “rules our hearts.” But the deeper truth: He is the King who transforms our hearts, shaping them to resemble His own.

Christ reigns whenever: we welcome the stranger, reconcile with a family member, speak truth with charity, or place our fears into the hands of the One who conquered death. His Kingdom grows each time we allow His grace to soften what is hardened, heal what is wounded, and challenge what is selfish.

Friends, as we conclude this liturgical year, let us turn to Christ our King and say: “Lord Jesus, reign in our homes, our relationships, our struggles, our joys, and our hopes. Reign in our parish. Reign in our world. Reign in my heart.”

May this feast renew within us the courage to follow our King not to a palace, but along the humble, hopeful, and holy path that leads to the fullness of life in Him.

With prayer for each of you and your families,

Fr. Joshy George

Pastor, St. John Vianney Parish, Barrie

The CWL would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Parish administration and Priests, the KOC, and Parishioners for your tremendous support with your donations, attendance, promotions, and assistance during last week’s annual Christmas bazaar. This event is not possible without your participation. The profits, after expenses, are donated back into our community through local charities. Thank you for all you do to make CWL Parish events like this a success.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday November 22 nd	5:00 pm ✠ Jane Grose Requested by: Judy Schoeneich
Sunday November 23 rd	8:00 am ✠ Davis Kim Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am ✠ Tina Rashid Requested by: Paul Rashid
	11:30 am ✠ Fred Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
	11:30 am ✠ Hermoine Vanspall Requested by: Leonard Vanspall
Monday November 24 th	7:00 pm ✠ Patrick O'Reilly Requested by: The Haughey Family
Tuesday November 25 th	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Wendy Gordanier & Family Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
	7:00 pm ✠ Shane Lacey Requested by: Joan & Jim Lacey
	7:00 pm ✠ Jeanne Rousson Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
Wednesday November 26 th	9:30 am ✠ Bertha Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Thursday November 27 th	9:30 am ✠ Lawrence Kim & Family Requested by: Anna Kim
Friday November 28 th	9:30 am ✠ Jim Taylor Requested by: Family
	9:30 am ✠ Evangelist Paolozzi Requested by: Christopher Paolozzi
	9:30 am ✠ Betty Emdin Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
	9:30 am ✠ Philip & Cecile Roy Requested by: Colette Henderson
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Caroline Harmazy Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Fr. Joshy George & Family Requested by: Lydia Harmazy

The CWL Annual membership drive for 2026 is now in full swing!

Catholic Women's League urge all young ladies and women 16 years of age and beyond to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Our membership fees are \$37.00 and runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31/26. We will be happy to answer all your questions before and after all masses in the foyer or in the parish hall.

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.

THE MILLENNIUM DOORS AND THE JUBILEE



Before entering the Church from the vestibule, parishioners encounter the beautifully hand-carved Millennium Doors of St. John Vianney Parish—created in the year 2000 as a lasting testament to our faith. Inspired by Jesus' words, "I am the door" (John 10:9), these doors serve as both a physical and spiritual threshold, inviting all who cross them to encounter Christ. When discerning how to commemorate two thousand years of Christianity, Fr. Charles Forget was guided by the scripture that became the doors' unifying theme: **"The Word made flesh dwells among us"** (John 1:14). Each of the four doors bears one part of this sacred verse, brought to life through masterful carved imagery. **"The Word"** is symbolized by the Cross and manger, pointing to God's eternal plan of salvation. **"Made flesh"** depicts the mystery of the Incarnation, revealing God's choice to enter our world in humility. **"Dwells"** is portrayed through the Holy Spirit descending upon the Eucharist, reminding us that Christ remains present in His Church today. Finally, **"Among us"** reflects the Risen Lord, whose death and resurrection draw us into communion with Him. At the heart of these doors is the profound message that **Jesus Himself is the door**—the entryway to salvation, healing, and abundant life. Every time we cross this threshold, we are reminded that Christ invites us into relationship, into mercy, and into the safety of His loving care. This year, as the universal Church celebrates the Jubilee, our parish doors resonate even more deeply with the Holy Door tradition. Just as pilgrims pass through the Jubilee Door seeking spiritual renewal, we at St. John Vianney pass through our own Millennium Doors—living reminders that Christ continually invites us into His presence. May every entry into this sacred space deepen our awareness that **the Word made flesh still dwells among us.**



We are endeavouring to spruce up the Sanctuary with some new Christmas Trees. If you would like to donate a new pre-lit tree, please call the parish office. Thank you!

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. Dec 19 | 7:00-8:30 PM

Rooted Youth (Gr. 9-12)

Faith, friendship, and reflection.

Sat. Dec. 6 & 20 | 6:00-8:00 PM

PLEASE REGISTER ON THE PARISH WEBSITE



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

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. The Knights of Columbus are hosting this week. We hope to see you there!



Please pray for those who are sick:

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

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