

# 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



**THE HOLY FAMILY,  
OUR SCHOOL OF  
LOVE, FAITH, AND  
HOPE**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we are invited to contemplate not an idealized family free from struggle, but a real family who trusted God amid uncertainty, fear, displacement, and silent obedience. In gazing upon the Holy Family, we discover God's plan for our own families, and for our parish family here at St. John Vianney.

The Book of Sirach reminds us that family life is sacred ground, a place where God's blessing flows through love, respect, and mercy. "Whoever honours father and mother is gladdened by children, and when he prays he is heard" (Sirach 3:5). These words affirm that caring for one another across generations is not merely a social responsibility but a holy act that pleases God. In a world that often undervalues family bonds, Scripture calls us back to reverence, patience, forgiveness, and gratitude, especially toward the elderly and the vulnerable.

Saint Paul, writing to the Colossians, brings this wisdom into daily Christian living. He urges us to "put on compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience" (Colossians 3:12). These are not abstract virtues; they are lived out in kitchens and living rooms, in moments of misunderstanding, sacrifice, and reconciliation. The Christian family becomes holy not because it is perfect, but because Christ dwells within it. As the Catechism teaches, the family is the "*domestic Church*," a first place of faith, prayer, and love (CCC 1655-1658). When families pray together, forgive one another, and persevere through trials, they mirror the life of Christ himself.

The Gospel presents the Holy Family not in comfort, but in flight. Joseph, attentive to God's voice, rises in the night and leads his family into Egypt to escape danger. This moment reveals the quiet heroism of Saint Joseph, a man of action rooted in trust. Pope Benedict XVI once described Joseph as a man who

*"knows how to listen to God, and allows himself to be guided by His will."* Joseph teaches us that holiness often unfolds in silence, obedience, and courageous responsibility.

This Gospel speaks powerfully to our own time. Many today live with uncertainty about the future, carry heavy family responsibilities, face fear, illness, or displacement, or discern difficult vocational decisions. Some among us are far from their families this Christmas season, newcomers, students, workers, or those separated by distance, loss, or circumstance. To you especially, I wish to say, you are not alone. Your parish is your family. Here at St. John Vianney, we walk together, pray together, and carry one another in faith. As Saint Augustine reminds us, "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." In Christ, we find a home that no distance can take away.

As the year 2025 draws to a close, we pause to praise the Lord for the countless blessings we have received, for moments of grace often unseen, for growth through joy and through sorrow. We also remember with tenderness all the losses of this past year, loved ones who have gone before us, dreams that changed, and burdens quietly borne. We place all of it into the loving hands of God, trusting that He brings life even from pain.

As we welcome the New Year, may the Lord bless each of you with a grace-filled 2026, with good health, good news, renewed faith, and lasting joy in your family and personal lives. May our homes become places of prayer, forgiveness, and hope. May our families become Holy Families, shaped by love, guided by trust, and strengthened by Christ who is Emmanuel, God with us.

With gratitude and prayer for each of you and your loved ones,

*Fr. Joshy George*

Pastor, St. John Vianney Parish, Barrie



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday  
December 27<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm † **Mitch Schaub**  
Requested by: Peter Ashworth

Sunday  
December 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am **For the People of the**  
9:30 am For the special intentions of  
**Fr. Innocent Okozi**  
Requested by: The Chee Foon Family  
11:30 am † **Rita Reimer**  
Requested by: Christine Fontaine

Monday  
December 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm † **Jean McComb**  
Requested by: The Biehl Family

Wednesday  
December 31<sup>st</sup> *NO MORNING MASS*  
4:00 pm **Adoration & Confessions**  
5:00 pm **Vigil Mass**

Thursday  
January 1<sup>st</sup> *Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation*  
9:30 am † **Rosalie Kauffman**  
Requested by: John & Barbara  
Bagnell  
11:30 am **Fred Aloise**  
Requested by: Maria Aloise

Friday  
January 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 am † **Patricia Smrcka**  
Requested by: Family  
9:30 am † **Davis Kim**  
Requested by: Anna Kim  
9:30 am † **Frank, Marina & Paul Prior**  
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



**2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**  
2026 Envelopes are now  
available in the parish hall. To  
avoid any confusion, please DO

**NOT USE 2026 envelopes until the New Year.**  
Please ensure you put your name and address  
on the first 3 envelopes beginning with January  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. All those with pre-authorized monthly  
giving are reminded to pick up envelopes as  
not all envelopes are covered by your pre-  
authorized giving. There are registrations  
pamphlets for parishioners wishing to begin pre-  
authorized monthly giving.

**Thank you for your continued support!**



There will be **NO WELCOME WEDNESDAY** this week. Our gatherings  
will resume on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
and will run from 10:00am - 1:00pm.



**Fr. Joshy and the staff send New Year  
wishes to everyone in the  
parish. May 2026 be a grace filled,  
blessed and a happy one for you!**

### Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2026

**Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m. EST**

**Venue:** Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd,  
Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

**Theme:** "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you  
were called to the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide  
representation of Christian leaders to pray for the  
restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for  
the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office  
for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA  
Council of Christian Churches.

### NEW YEAR'S HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**

New Year's Eve

**4:00 pm Adoration & Confessions**

**5:00 pm Vigil Mass**

**Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

New Year's Day

9:30am & 11:30 am

(Holy Day of Obligation)



**The Parish Office will be  
closed at noon on December  
31<sup>st</sup> &  
all day January 1<sup>st</sup>.**



Coffee Fellowship

There will be **NO FELLOWSHIP** this  
weekend but will resume on January  
4<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am  
Masses.

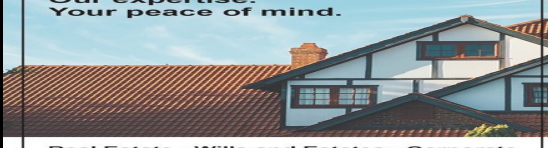


*Please pray for those who are sick:*

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