

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

**BELOVED AND SENT:
REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE AT
THE WATERS OF BAPTISM**

Dear Parish Family of St. John Vianney,

As we conclude the Christmas season, the Church invites us to stand once more at the waters of the Jordan and to contemplate a mystery that touches the very heart of our Christian identity, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. What we celebrate today is not only an event in the life of Jesus, but a revelation of who God is and who we are called to be.

In the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus approaches John the Baptist and asks to be baptized. John hesitates, knowing his own unworthiness. Yet Jesus insists, saying, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). The sinless Son of God steps into the waters not because He needs cleansing, but because He chooses solidarity. He enters fully into our human story, into our vulnerability, our brokenness, and our longing for new life.

As Jesus rises from the water, the heavens are opened, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father's voice is heard, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). This is not only a declaration about Jesus, it is a revelation meant for us. In baptism, these same words are spoken over every Christian life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that baptism makes us "a new creature, an adopted son or daughter of God" (CCC 1265). Before we do anything, before we achieve or fail, we are first beloved.

The First Reading from Isaiah deepens this vision. God speaks of His chosen servant, gentle, faithful, and committed to justice, "a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon" (Isaiah 42:6-7). This servant does not shout or break the bruised reed. How consoling this is for a world and for hearts that are often weary. Many today feel bruised by life, families strained by pressures, young people searching for meaning, elders carrying silent loneliness, and believers who struggle to trust

God amid uncertainty. God does not crush the weak; He restores them. Baptism places us within this mission of quiet but transformative love.

The Second Reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that this gift is for all. Peter proclaims, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34). Jesus, anointed by the Holy Spirit, goes about doing good and healing. Baptism is never a private privilege; it is a public calling. Every baptized person is anointed to bring healing into homes, workplaces, schools, and parish life. Parents do this when they forgive patiently, young people when they choose integrity, caregivers when they show compassion, and those struggling in faith when they keep showing up, even with questions and doubts.

One of the early Church Fathers, Saint Augustine, beautifully reminds us, "Let us rejoice and give thanks that we have become not only Christians, but Christ himself." This does not mean we replace Christ, but that through baptism, His life flows through ours. Our daily choices, words, and attitudes become the place where heaven continues to open.

Dear friends, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord invites us to remember our beginning, to return to the waters where God first called us by name. It reassures those who feel unworthy that God delights in them. It challenges those who have grown comfortable to live their baptism more intentionally. It consoles those who struggle, reminding them that the Spirit still rests upon them.

As we move forward into Ordinary Time, may we live in an extraordinary awareness of who we are, beloved children of God, anointed and sent. May our parish family be a place where others can hear through us the same words spoken at the Jordan, "You are my beloved."

With prayer and blessing,

Fr. Joshy George

Pastor
St. John Vianney Parish, Barrie

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday January 10 th	5:00 pm The deceased members of the Larin Family Requested by: Claude Larin
Sunday January 11 th	8:00 am † Davis Kim Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am † Bob Hargrave Requested by: Fred & Hazel Hawrish
	11:30 am For the deceased members of The Zammit & Ash Families Requested by: Charlie & Mary Ash
Monday January 12 th	7:00 pm † John Emdin Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
Tuesday January 13 th	7:00 pm † Dr. Gregory Michael Brown Requested by: Paul & Michelle Correa
	7:00 pm † Christopher Woods Requested by: Paul & Michelle Correa
Wednesday January 14 th	9:30 am † Larry White Requested by: The White Family
Thursday January 15 th	9:30 am † Ed Henderson Requested by: Colette Henderson
Friday January 16 th	9:30 am † Tom Hogenbirk Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
	9:30 am † Jose Vieira Requested by: Marianne Strong
	9:30 am † Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise



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Thank you for your continued support!



"Blessed is She" Women's Group:

Join us on Tuesday, January 13th, for a relaxed evening of fellowship and conversation. Refreshments will be provided, and participants are welcome to bring something to share. Come as you are — all ages welcome! We meet on the second Tuesday of each month after the 7:00 pm Mass



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.



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 members of the Knights of Columbus. We hope to see you there!

Youth News!



Help Us Choose Our Team Name!

This February, **St. John Vianney Youth Ministry** will take part in the **Coldest Night of the Year Walk** in support of **Barrie Youth Haven**, serving vulnerable youth experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. We invite all parishoners to **vote on our team name** and help us represent our parish as we walk in faith, compassion, and service.



Vote in the Church Hall



Sunday, January 25 during fellowship



Thank You for Your Generosity!

Thank you to all who contributed to our Warming Tree! Next week, the SJV Youth Ministry will deliver your donations to Youth Haven, the Women & Children's Shelter, and the David Busby Centre. Your kindness will bring warmth and hope to those in need.



Youth & Children's Ministry – January & February Schedule



Rooted Youth (Grades 9–12)

- Jan 24 & Feb 14 • 6:00–8:00 PM



Growing in Grace (Grades 5–8)

- Jan 23 & Feb 13 • 7:00–8:30 PM



Holy Seeds (JK–Grade 4)

- Feb 6 • 6:30–7:30 PM



Coldest Night of the Year Walk

- Feb 28 • 4:00 PM • 70 Collier Street
- Note:** Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Gord Nixon** & † **Linda Kartes**



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