

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

CALLED BY NAME, SENT AS LIGHT

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | January
18, 2026

Dear Parish Family of St. John Vianney,

As we step into the rhythm of Ordinary Time, the Church gently invites us to rediscover something extraordinary that often hides in plain sight, our identity and mission as God's beloved people. Today's readings speak with a quiet but compelling clarity, reminding us that before we do anything for God, we belong to God, and from that belonging flows our call to be light for others.

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord speaks words that are deeply personal and astonishingly expansive, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified... I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isaiah 49:3,6). These words were first spoken to Israel, yet they echo across generations and land in our own lives today. God calls his servant by name, shapes him with care, and then sends him outward, not for self-glory but for the salvation of the world. Many of us know what it feels like to question our worth or purpose, especially when life feels ordinary, demanding, or even disappointing. Yet Scripture reminds us that God's plans for us are always larger than we imagine, even when our days feel small or unnoticed.

Saint Paul's greeting to the Corinthians reinforces this truth with pastoral tenderness, "To those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints... Grace to you and peace from God our Father" (1 Corinthians 1:2-3). Paul is writing to a community that is imperfect, divided, and still learning how to live the Gospel. Yet he addresses them not as failures, but as saints in the making. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that all the baptized share in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission (CCC 783). Holiness, then, is not reserved for a few heroic souls, it is the ordinary vocation of every Christian, lived out in families, workplaces, classrooms, parishes, and quiet acts of fidelity.

The Gospel brings us to the banks of the Jordan, where John the Baptist points away from himself and toward Jesus, declaring, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). This is more than a title; it is a revelation of who Jesus is and how he saves. He is the Lamb who bears our burdens, our sins, our brokenness, and our fears. John's witness is humble and courageous. He does not cling to attention or status; instead, he teaches us that true discipleship begins by recognizing Christ and helping others recognize him too. In a world hungry for meaning and peace, this simple pointing toward Jesus remains one of the most powerful acts of faith.

For parents raising children, for young people discerning their path, for elders reflecting on a lifetime of faith, and for those quietly struggling or feeling distant from God, today's message is clear and consoling. You are seen by God, called by name, and entrusted with a mission. Even when faith feels fragile or life feels heavy, Christ stands among us as the Lamb who takes away sin and restores hope. As Saint Augustine once wrote, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." That love sends us forth, gently but persistently, to be light in our homes, compassion in our communities, and witnesses of grace in an often weary world.

As we continue this Ordinary Time journey, may we listen anew to the voice that calls us, trust the grace that sustains us, and live the mission that has been placed within our hands. What seems ordinary in God's eyes becomes a pathway of salvation.

With prayer and blessing,

Fr. Joshy George

Pastor

St. John Vianney Parish, Barrie

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 parishioners 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



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.



Saturday January 17 th	5:00 pm ✠ Betty Emdin Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
Sunday January 18 th	8:00 am For the special intentions of Lydia Flores Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
	9:30 am ✠ Alfred Zammit Requested by: Family
	11:30 am ✠ Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise
Monday January 19 th	7:00 pm ✠ Frank Spizzirri Requested by: Linda Lacasse
Tuesday January 20 th	7:00 pm ✠ Gord Nixon Requested by: Willa Wilson
	7:00 pm ✠ Jeanne Rousson Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
	7:00 pm ✠ Hélia Duarte Requested by: Nicole Meringolo
	7:00 pm For the living and deceased members of the CWL
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Tom Montag Requested by: Mary Jane White
Wednesday January 21 st	9:30 am ✠ Manuel Lopes & ✠ Jose Senra Requested by: The Sousa Family
Thursday January 22 nd	9:30 am ✠ Lawrence & David Kim and Family Requested by: Anna Kim
Friday January 23 rd	9:30 am ✠ Ed Wild Requested by: Sherri & Mike Biehler
	9:30 am ✠ Frank Manieri Requested by: Kevin & Laurie Brown
	9:30 am ✠ Ian Angus Requested by: Marg White-Jacobs
	9:30 am ✠ Gord & Marg Nixon Requested by: Mary Jane White
	9:30 am For the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Andres Flores Requested by: Lydia Harmazy



It's time to start using your **2026 Envelopes**. Boxes are available for pickup in the vestibule. Please ensure you put your name and address on the first 3 envelopes of the year
PLEASE DISCARD ANY UNUSED 2025 ENVELOPES
Thank you for your continued support!



St John Vianney Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League of Canada was organized nationally in 1920 and is officially recognized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) as a lay association of women. As well it is affiliated with the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO), a worldwide federation holding membership in the conference of International Catholic Organizations (ICO) and having consultative status with agencies of the United Nations.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Achieving our mission is done through the 3 pillars of Faith, Service, and Social Justice.

St John Vianney Catholic Women's League is an inclusive organization open to all women of the parish.

For questions on the CWL and 2026 membership contact stjohnvianneycwl@gmail.com or (705) 726-8007 ext 208

The next General Meeting will be held on January 20, 2026 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm; all women of the parish are invited to attend.



The 2026 Council Basketball Free Throw Competition

Saturday, January 31st, 2026
St. Michael the Archangel School
 349 Big Bay Point Road, Barrie, Ontario
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Who can participate:

- Girls and Boys ages 9 to 14 years old (age as of January 1st, 2026)

Registration:

- Players can register on site between **9:30 and 9:40 a.m.**
- Registration tables will be set up upon arrival

Important Information:

- All contestants must complete a registration/entry form signed by a parent or guardian
 - Proof of age is required (birth certificate, health card, or passport)
 - Winners will advance to the District Finals in February
- If you have any questions, please contact **Brother Kyle** at

kmtilley_1@hotmail.com



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 Parish. We hope to see you there!

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **Louis Vanin & ✠ Henriette Hurley**

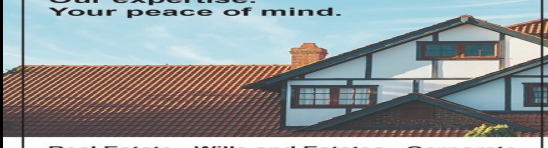


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