

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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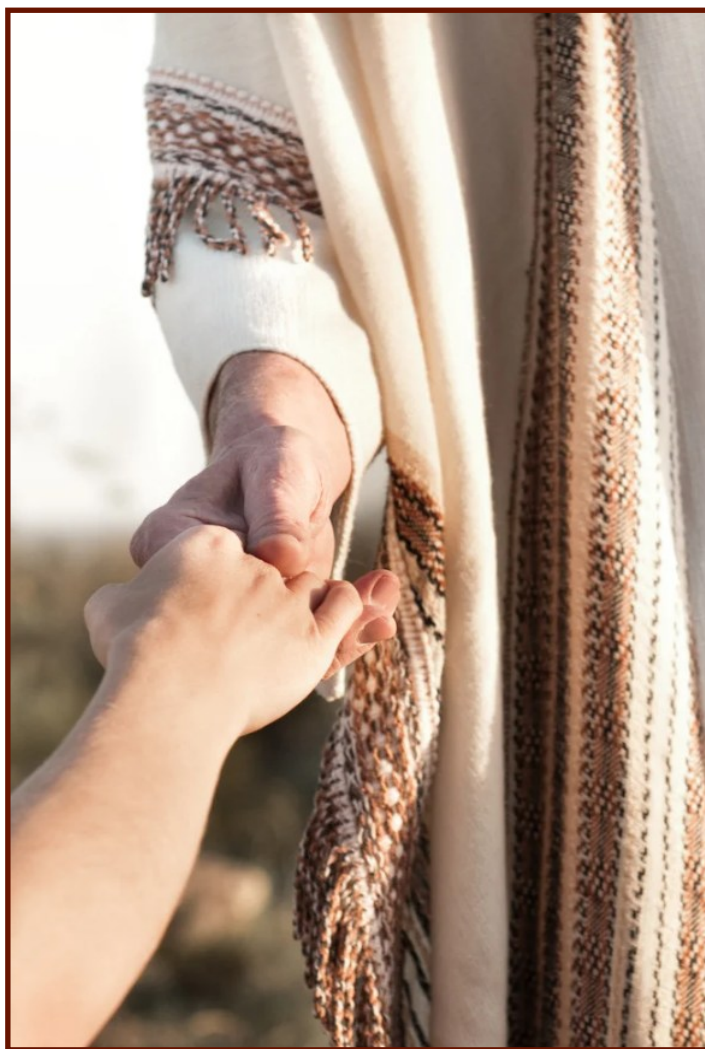
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***Emergency due to death or serious illness, press 9.



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

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT: A CALL TO CONVERSION AND COMMUNION

Each year, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time confronts us with a powerful and hope-filled message. God does not remain distant from human suffering, division, or confusion. He steps directly into our darkness, speaks into our fractured world, and calls us again to walk in His light.

The prophet Isaiah sets the tone with words that are both ancient and strikingly contemporary. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined” (Isaiah 9:2). This is not abstract poetry. It is a promise rooted in real human experience. Isaiah was speaking to a people burdened by fear, oppression, and uncertainty, yet God assures them that darkness does not have the final word.

Many people today know what that darkness feels like. It can take the form of anxiety about the future, strain within families, loneliness among seniors, confusion among young people searching for meaning, or quiet discouragement in faith. Isaiah reminds us that God’s light appears precisely where hope seems thinnest. The Christian life does not deny darkness, it proclaims that God enters it.

The Gospel from Matthew reveals how this promise is fulfilled. Jesus begins His public ministry not in the centers of power but in Galilee, a region long associated with marginalization. Matthew explicitly connects Jesus’ mission to Isaiah’s prophecy, showing us that Christ Himself is the Light that has dawned. His first proclamation is simple and demanding, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Matthew 4:17).

Repentance, in the Gospel sense, is not about fear or guilt. It is about reorientation. It means turning our lives toward the light, allowing God to reshape our priorities, relationships, and choices. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that conversion is an ongoing process, a daily turning of the heart back to God, not a one-time event. Each stage of life invites a new form of repentance, whether it is learning patience within family life, choosing integrity at work, forgiving old wounds, or rediscovering prayer after a long absence.

Saint Augustine once wrote that God is always ready to give Himself to us, but we are often not ready to receive Him. Jesus’ call to repentance is therefore a call to readiness, a call to make room for God’s reign within us and among us.

Saint Paul, writing to the Corinthians, shows us what happens when that openness to God is replaced by self-interest and division. He pleads with the community to be united in mind and purpose, warning them against factionalism and rivalry. “Has Christ been divided?” Paul asks (1 Corinthians 1:13). His words speak strongly to our time, when division can easily enter families, parishes, and even the Church itself.

Paul reminds us that our unity is not built around personalities, preferences, or opinions, but around Christ and His Cross. The Cross, he says, may appear foolish by the world’s standards, yet it is the very power and wisdom of God. True unity is born not from winning arguments, but from humility, self-giving love, and a shared focus on Christ crucified.

For us as a parish community at St. John Vianney, these readings invite a gentle but serious examination of conscience. Are we walking in the light of Christ, or allowing smaller loyalties and frustrations to dim that light. Are we open to ongoing conversion, both personally and communally. Do our words and actions build communion, or unintentionally deepen division.

This Sunday assures us that God has not abandoned His people. The light has already dawned. Christ is present in His Word, in the Eucharist, and in the daily lives we carry with us. Our task is to respond, to turn again toward Him, and to allow His light to shape who we are and how we live.

May this Eucharist renew our hearts, strengthen our unity, and help us walk together as children of the light, bringing hope to one another and to the world we are sent to serve.

Fr. Joshy George, CMI

Pastor, St. John Vianney Parish, Barrie

Youth News!



Youth & Children’s Ministry February Schedule



Rooted Youth (Grades 9–12)

- Feb 14 • 6:00–8:00 PM



Growing in Grace (Grades 5–8)

- 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.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday January 24 th	5:00 pm ✠ Anton Francelj Requested by: Joseph Francelj
Sunday January 25 th	8:00 am ✠ Francis Loyola Requested by: Family
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Gina Paquete Requested by: Christopher Paolozzi
	11:30 am ✠ Phyl Taylor Requested by: Family
Monday January 26 th	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Allan Weishar Requested by: Self
Tuesday January 27 th	7:00 pm ✠ Gord Nixon Requested by: Allan Weishar
	7:00 pm ✠ Rose Coulson Requested by: Willa Wilson
	7:00 pm ✠ Shane Lacey Requested by: The Lacey Family
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Adrian Vandelaar Requested by: Becca Branch
Wednesday January 28 th	9:30 am For the deceased members of the Spineto, Ricci & Manzo Families Requested by: Theresa Spineto
Thursday January 29 th	9:30 am ✠ Carlos Sousa Requested by: The Sousa Family
Friday January 30 th	9:30 am ✠ Lawrence & Davis Kim and Family Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am ✠ Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am ✠ Lucy Beauchamp Requested by: Mary Jane White
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Stephen Austin Requested by: Maureen Austin



WELCOME WEDNESDAY

Please join us at our Welcome Wednesday Drop-In for fun activities, plenty of conversation and refreshments. This week will be showing **THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S**. 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 volunteers from the Parish. We hope to see you there!



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Parish Games Night -
Friday, January 30, 2026,
6:30pm-9:00pm

Come one and all to a fun-filled games night in the Parish Hall! Bring your favourite board games, a deck of cards or some dice and teach someone a new game! Bring your own beverages, drink cups and a snack to enjoy; everyone will be responsible for their own dishes. We look forward to an enjoyable evening getting to know fellow parishioners.



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

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REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **Cyril Entwistle** & ✠ **Henriette Hurley**

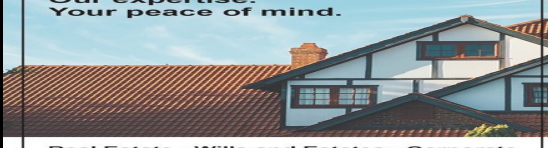


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