

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

HAPPINESS, REWRITTEN BY GOD

Most people spend their lives in search of happiness, yet many carry a quiet sense of restlessness. Even when life appears full, something often feels unfinished. We achieve goals, build families, serve faithfully, and still ask ourselves, often silently, *Is this all there is...* The Word of God this Sunday meets us precisely in that space of longing.

Jesus, seated on the mountain, looks out over a crowd made up of ordinary lives, tired bodies, hopeful hearts, and wounded souls. He does not begin with instructions or warnings. He begins with blessing. "Blessed are the poor in spirit... blessed are those who mourn... blessed are the meek" (Matthew 5:3-5). In doing so, Jesus gently overturns the world's definition of happiness and replaces it with God's.

The prophet Zephaniah prepares us for this vision. Speaking to a people humbled by loss and exile, he does not promise a dramatic reversal of fortunes. Instead, he speaks of what remains after everything else has been stripped away, "a people humble and lowly" who seek refuge in the Lord and live without deceit (Zephaniah 3:12-13). These are not people admired by the world, but they are deeply known by God. Their strength lies not in what they possess, but in whom they trust.

Saint Paul echoes this same truth with striking honesty. He asks the Corinthians to look at their own story and recognize that their calling was not based on human achievement or social standing. God chose what appears weak and insignificant so that no one might boast except in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31). Paul is reminding us that faith begins when we stop pretending to be self-made and allow ourselves to be shaped by grace.

The Beatitudes flow naturally from this spiritual soil. They describe the inner posture of those who have learned that life is not something to be conquered, but received. The poor in spirit are those who know their need for God. Those who mourn are not trapped in sorrow, but open enough to grieve with honesty. The meek are not passive, but grounded, choosing gentleness in a world that often rewards aggression.

In our own lives, these blessings take flesh in very real ways. They appear in parents who carry unseen burdens for their children. In young people searching for direction in a culture filled with noise but little wisdom. In elders who face uncertainty with quiet faith. In those who continue to pray even when God feels distant. The Beatitudes tell us that none of this is wasted. God sees... God blesses... God draws near...

The Church teaches that the Beatitudes reveal the ultimate goal of human existence and the path that leads us there, a path shaped by hope, humility, and love

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1718-1724). Saint Gregory of Nyssa described them as an ever-deepening journey into the heart of God, one that is never exhausted. Pope Francis has often reminded us that the Beatitudes are not for spiritual elites, but for disciples who dare to live differently.

For us as a parish community, this Gospel invites a gentle examination of our hearts. What do we admire, what do we celebrate, what do we overlook. Are we forming a community where weakness is met with compassion, where mercy is practiced patiently, where people are valued not for what they contribute but for who they are.

The Beatitudes do not promise comfort or certainty. They promise communion. They assure us that when we choose trust over control, mercy over judgment, and humility over self-importance, we are already living within the Kingdom Jesus proclaims.

May this Word help us to recognize the quiet holiness unfolding in our daily lives. May it teach us to see blessing where the world sees little value. And may we continue, together, to walk the path of happiness, rewritten by God.

Fr. Joshy George

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

Faith Over Frost

...is the winning name!

The Coldest Night of the Year is a **winterrific, family-friendly fundraising walk** in support of **local charities helping people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness**. All funds from the Barrie walk will support **Youth Haven**.

- Coldest Night of the Year Walk - Youth Haven
- **When:** Saturday February 28th 4pm - Check in - 5pm Walk Starts!
- **Where:** 70 Collier St. Barrie
- **Registration:** <https://cnoy.with.me/faithoverfrost> - There is **no registration fee**, but donations are greatly appreciated. Every bit helps!

We would love for your family to join us as part of **Faith Over Frost**. Whether you walk, cheer, or donate, your participation makes a real difference!

Let's come together, have fun, and show our parish spirit while supporting youth in our community.

Not ready to register, but have more questions or want to see all the event details, please visit: <https://cnoy.org/location/barrie>

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday January 31 st | 5:00 pm ✠ Larry White Requested by: The White Family |
| Sunday February 1 st | 8:00 am ✠ Stephen Roach Requested by: Shelley Smith |
| | 9:30 am ✠ Dalio & Grazia Catallo Requested by: Gina & Emma Catallo |
| | 11:30 am For the special intentions of Richa Lama Requested by: Self |
| Monday February 2 nd | 7:00 pm For the special intentions of Kyle Ramdial Requested by: Natasha Ramdial |
| Tuesday February 3 rd | 7:00 pm ✠ Gord Nixon Requested by: Mike & Maria Hardie |
| | 7:00 pm ✠ Eric Hanson Requested by: Willa Wilson |
| Wednesday February 4 th | 9:30 am ✠ Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise |
| Thursday February 5 th | 9:30 am ✠ Lawrence & David Kim and Family Requested by: Anna Kim |
| | 9:30 am ✠ Janine Killay |
| Friday February 6 th | 9:30 am ✠ Frank, Marina & Paul Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior |
| | 9:30 am ✠ Frank Manieri Requested by: Kevin & Laurie Brown |
| | 9:30 am ✠ Gord Nixon Requested by: Keogh Family |
| | 9:30 am The special intention of Stephen Austin Requested by: Maureen Austin |
| | 9:30 am For the special intention of Fred & Hazel Hawrish Requested by: The St. Vincent de Paul Society |



Monday, February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. We invite you to bring your candles and have them blessed at the end of Mass.



Tuesday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. You will have an opportunity to receive a throat blessing after Mass.



MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2026
WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE
WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 7–8.

Married couples are invited to attend the **Celebration of Marriage Mass** with **Bishop John Boissonneau** on **Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.** at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond St., Toronto).

All married couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a **25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ anniversary in 2026**. Seating is limited and available by advance registration. All other seating is first-come, first-served. Those unable to attend in person are invited to join via livestream.

Registration and additional information:

www.archtoronto.org/marriage



**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper**

Join us on Tuesday, February 17, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for our annual Knights of Columbus Pancake Supper—a warm, delicious way to begin the Lenten season. Menu: Pancakes, sausages, baked beans, cake, fruit cup, and tea, coffee, and juice. Cost: Adults: \$10, Children 12 and under are free. Tickets will be available after all Masses on February 7th & 8th and 14th & 15th. Cash, credit, and debit accepted. All proceeds, after expenses, will support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. A great meal, great company, and a great cause—hope to see you there!



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 Spanish Community. We hope to see you there!



Please pray for those who are sick:

Mary Jo Cunha, Mary Jones, Theresa Schaub and Tony Pereira

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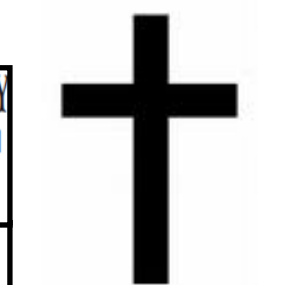
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