

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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



“HE IS NOT HERE... HE HAS BEEN RAISED”: ENTERING THE DAWN OF A LIVING HOPE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A blessed and grace-filled Easter to each one of you and to your families. On this sacred morning, the Church

proclaims with joy and conviction, Christ is risen, He is truly risen.

Easter is not simply a feast we celebrate; it is the very foundation of our faith, the heart of our hope, and the light that gives meaning to our lives. Everything we believe, everything we celebrate, and everything we hope for flows from this one truth, that Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death.

From Witness to Mission: A Faith That Comes Alive

In the First Reading from Acts (10:34a, 37-43), St. Peter stands as a transformed man. Once fearful and broken, now he proclaims boldly, “God raised him on the third day... and we are witnesses.” Peter’s journey is the journey of Easter. It is the passage from weakness to strength, from doubt to faith, from failure to mission. The Resurrection does not erase Peter’s past, it transforms it into a testimony.

Dear friends, Easter does the same for us. We all carry within us moments of weakness, regrets, and struggles. Yet the Risen Lord meets us not in perfection, but in our humanity. He calls us not because we are worthy, but because His love is greater than our failures.

A New Life Hidden in Christ

St. Paul reminds us in Colossians (3:1-4), “If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above... your life is hidden with Christ in God.” Easter invites us into a new way of living. Through Baptism, we are already participants in the Resurrection. We are no longer bound by the old life of sin and fear, but are called into a life of grace and hope. The Catechism beautifully teaches, “The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith... the fulfillment of the promises” (CCC 638). This means Easter is not only about what happened to Jesus, but about what is happening within us even now.

The Empty Tomb: Where Faith Begins

In the Gospel (John 20:1-9), Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb in the darkness of early morning. She comes with sorrow, with confusion, with longing. Yet she encounters something unexpected, the stone is rolled away. Peter and the beloved disciple run to the tomb. They do not yet fully understand, yet something begins to awaken within them. The Gospel simply says, “He saw and believed.” Easter often begins quietly in our lives, not with dramatic signs, but with a gentle stirring of hope, a small light in the darkness, a realization that God is at work even when we do not fully understand.

Easter in Our Catholic Life

Dear parish family, Easter is not just a single day of joy, it is a way of life. It shapes our identity as Christians. Every Mass we celebrate is a participation in the Resurrection. Every confession is a rising again. Every act of charity is a reflection

of the living Christ within us. Easter reminds us that: Darkness will never overcome light; Sin will never have the final word; Death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life. The Resurrection gives meaning to our suffering, direction to our lives, and purpose to our journey.

A Heartfelt Word of Gratitude

On this joyful and grace-filled occasion, I offer my deep and sincere gratitude to each one of you, the parishioners of St. John Vianney. Your faith, your presence, and your love for the Church make our parish truly alive. In a very special way, I thank all those who worked generously and tirelessly during this sacred Easter season, especially throughout Holy Week. What we have celebrated so beautifully is not by chance, but through your dedication, sacrifice, and love for Christ and His Church.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to: Our beloved associate pastors, Our ministry heads who guide and coordinate with such commitment; Our staff and office team who ensure every detail is cared for; Our Ministers of Welcome who receive each person with warmth and hospitality; Our lectors who proclaim the Word of God with reverence and clarity; Our altar servers whose service at the altar reflects devotion and discipline; Our sacristans who quietly and faithfully prepare the sacred space; Our choir and music ministry who lift our hearts to God through sacred song; Our Eucharistic Ministers who serve the Body and Blood of Christ with dignity and love; Our AV, Digital Evangelizing team who help bring the Gospel beyond our walls through technology; Our fellowship team who foster community and belonging; Our lay organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, CWL, and all parish groups, who strengthen the life of our parish through service and witness; and in a very special way, our RCIA team, who have journeyed faithfully in preparing 37 catechumens and candidates to receive the Sacraments. Your dedication is a powerful sign that the Church is alive and growing. To each one of you, your service is not just help, it is ministry. It is a living proclamation of the Resurrection. Through your hands, Christ continues His work in this parish.

A Message to Every Heart

To those who are rejoicing, Easter deepens your joy; To those who are struggling, Easter offers you hope; To those who feel distant, Easter calls you back; To those who are searching, Easter assures you that Christ is already near.

The stone has been rolled away, not only from Christ’s tomb, but from every burden we carry within us. Let us allow the Risen Lord to enter our lives, our families, and our hearts.

Let us walk forward with renewed faith, strengthened by grace, and filled with the joy of the Resurrection.

Happy Easter. Christ is risen, Alleluia.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. Joshy George

Pastor, St. John Vianney Parish, Barrie

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday
April 4th 8:00 pm † **Giovanna D’Antonio**
Requested by: Rita & Joseph D’Antonio

Sunday
April 5th 8:00 am For the special intentions of
Bridget Sarka
Requested by: Family

9:30 am † **Maria Pellegrino**
Requested by: Gino & Emma Catallo

11:30 am † **Maria Thuy Mai &
† Joseph Hien Tran**
Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families

Monday
April 6th **NO MASS**

Tuesday
April 7th 7:00 pm † **Joseph Ansgar Castelino**
Requested by: Family

7:00 pm † **Fr. Vincent Valiaveetil**
Requested by: Roobiya & Fmaily

7:00 pm † **Shane Lacey**
Requested by: His Parents

Wednesday
April 8th 9:30 am For the deceased member of the
Yachetti & Galan Families
Requested by: Helen & John Russell

Thursday
April 9th 9:30 am † **John Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Friday
April 10th 9:30 am † **Fred Aloise & Family**
Requested by: Maria Aloise

9:30 am † **Frank, Marina & Paul Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

9:30 am † **Lawrence & Davis Kim
and Family**
Requested by: Anna Kim

9:30 am For the special intentions of
Brian Cole & Lourdes Viana
Requested by: Gina Paquete



Our next Parish trip will take place September 12th – 24th. Join us as we tour England,

Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Dublin. If you would like more information, please call the office. Once we have a list of people who are seriously interested, we will schedule a information evening with Intersight Tours.

Holy Spirit Parish, Barrie
April 7th – May 19, 2026 | 7:00pm Parish Hall

Holy Spirit Parish Spring Marriage preparation course for those preparing for the sacrament of Marriage will begin on Tuesday April 7th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall and run for 7 consecutive Tuesdays concluding on May 19th. To register, please contact the Parish Office.

705-722-3771 or holyspiritba@archtoronto.org

ATTENTION!!

The Parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6th. There will be **NO MASS** either in the morning or evening.



This Easter Season, the St. John Vianney Council of the Knights of Columbus are joining Knights worldwide by inviting parishioners to join us in a “Call To Action” by praying for the plight of Christians in the Holy Land. This weekend, the Knights will be distributing Christian Refugee Relief Prayer Cards. The Prayer Cards are free and will be handed out by Knights after the Sunday Masses this weekend, while supplies last. Please take one and join us by offering your prayers in support of this cause.
Vivat Jesus



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.



12th.

FELLOWSHIP

There will be **NO** Fellowship this weekend. We invite you to join us and the Spanish Community when we resume on Sunday, April

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT
† Bruce Shipley & † Tim Schaub



Please pray for those who are sick:

Heather Godin, Shawn Hunter, Irene Zsigmond, Tony Pereira and Chiara Basile

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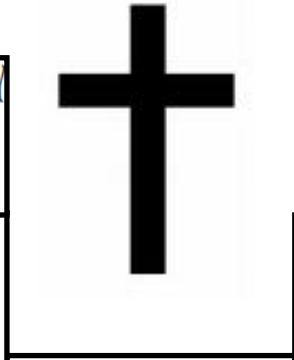
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