

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

**HE COMES TO US IN MERCY, AND SENDS
US IN PEACE**

Dear brothers and sisters,

There is something deeply human in the Gospel we hear today. The disciples are not strong or courageous, they are afraid, confused, and hiding. The doors are locked, not only from the outside, but also within their hearts. They had walked with Jesus, they had hoped in Him, and now everything seemed uncertain.

And into that very space, Jesus comes. He does not knock. He does not wait for them to be ready. He simply stands among them and says, "Peace be with you." This is the beginning of Divine Mercy. Not when we are strong, but when we are weak. Not when we have everything figured out, but when we are lost. Not when we deserve it, but when we need it most.

This is why the Church gives us this beautiful feast of **Divine Mercy Sunday**, right after Easter. Because the Resurrection is not only about Jesus rising from the dead, it is about His mercy reaching into our lives, into our wounds, into our fears, and bringing new life.

When Jesus shows His wounds to the disciples, He is not reopening the past, He is revealing love. Those wounds are now signs of mercy. And this is something very important for us to understand, our wounds, when touched by Christ, can also become places of grace.

How many people carry wounds today, wounds from relationships, from misunderstandings, from loneliness, from struggles we do not speak about? Sometimes we carry them quietly, even when we come to church. And yet, the Lord sees them. More than that, He enters into them.

Saint Thomas represents all of us at some point in life. He wants to believe, but he struggles. He needs something more. And Jesus meets him with such tenderness. He does not shame him. He invites him. "Put your finger here... do not doubt but believe." This is how God deals with us. With patience. With understanding. With mercy. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that in Jesus Christ, God reveals His face as a Father rich in mercy. God is not distant. God is not indifferent. God is close, especially when we are struggling.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives us a beautiful picture of what happens when people truly experience this mercy. They begin to live differently. They gather, they pray, they support one another, they share what they have. There is joy, simplicity, and unity among them.

This is not just a description of the early Church. This is what every parish is called to become. And I want to say this from my heart, I see this happening here at St. John

Vianney Parish. I see families coming with their children. I see people returning to the sacraments. I see quiet acts of kindness, service, and generosity. I see people praying, trusting, and growing. These are not ordinary things. These are signs that the Risen Lord is alive among us. The Holy Spirit is truly moving in our parish.

Saint Peter reminds us today that we have been given a "living hope." Not a weak hope, not a temporary hope, but a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus.

And how much we need that hope today. We look at the world around us, and we see tension, conflict, uncertainty. We hear news that troubles the heart. We see families struggling, young people searching, many carrying silent burdens. In such a world, it is easy to lose hope. But as Christians, we are not people of despair. We are people of the Resurrection. Our hope is alive because Christ is alive.

Divine Mercy Sunday tells us something very simple and very powerful, we can always begin again. No matter where we are in life, no matter what we carry within us, the door of God's mercy is always open.

This afternoon, I warmly and personally invite each one of you to come for our Divine Mercy Service from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Come as you are. Bring your intentions, your struggles, your families, your prayers. We will gather before the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and we will entrust ourselves and our world to God's mercy.

In a special way, we will pray for peace in our world, especially at this time when so many places are experiencing unrest and fear, responding to the invitation of Pope Leo. Prayer may seem simple, but it is powerful. When we pray, we place the world into the hands of God.

Dear friends, today Jesus stands before each one of us and says again, "Peace be with you." Let us open the doors of our hearts. Let us allow His mercy to enter. Let us trust Him a little more. And then, let us carry that peace into our homes, our families, and our daily lives. Sometimes, mercy begins in very simple ways, a kind word, a patient response, a willingness to forgive, a listening heart.

May this one prayer remain with us today and throughout this week, a prayer that is simple, but full of trust,

Jesus, I trust in You.

With prayer and blessings,

Fr. Joshy George

Pastor, St. John Vianney Parish, Barrie



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday
April 11th 5:00 pm For the deceased members of the **Bench & McNally Families**
Requested by: Paul & Susan Bench

Sunday
April 12th 8:00 am † **Lawrence & Davis Kim and Family**
Requested by: Anna Kim

9:30 am † **Albino & Isabel Amaral**
Requested by: Marianne Strong

11:30 am For the special intentions of **Judy Schoeniech**
Requested by: Wendy & Rob Gordanier

Monday
April 13th 7:00 pm † **Hugh Chisholm**
Requested by: Angel Chisholm

Tuesday
April 14th 7:00 pm † **Giovanna Fiore**
Requested by: Family

7:00 pm † **Maria Thuy Mai & Joseph Hien Tran**
Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families

7:00 pm For the special intentions of **Angel Chisholm & Family**
Requested by: Self

Wednesday
April 15th 9:30 am For the deceased members of the **Knights of Columbus**

Thursday
April 16th 9:30 am † **Ed Henderson**
Requested by: Colette Henderson

Friday
April 17th 9:30 am † **Fred Aloise & Family**
Requested by: Maria Aloise

9:30 am † **Keith McCormick**
Requested by: Les & Mary Watts

9:30 am For the special intentions of the **Hargrave Family**
Requested by: Barb Hargrave



Parish Games Night - Friday, May 1, 2026, 6:30pm-8:30pm

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.



Do you enjoy working on small craft items? Please join the St John Vianney Catholic Women's League on Craft Tuesdays. This is open to all parishioners and tea and coffee is provided. Bring along a snack for yourself or to share. This week's craft is *Hugs for Kids*. Please note, we will not meet on Tuesday, April 21st.



"As Christians, each of us is called to respect the dignity of all persons and the sacredness of human life. In a spirit of love, we are also called to be present to those who suffer, to care with them and for them and to comfort them, especially at the end of life's journey" (Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops)

National Hospice Palliative Care week is May 3-9, 2026. The St John Vianney Catholic Women's League invites all parishioners to recognize this week through prayer for those receiving palliative care, their families and, caregivers and, if able, to contribute items for comfort packs that provide gentle care and support supplies for our local hospice and palliative care facilities and programs. Suggested donations include lip balm, unscented lotions, small bottles of shampoo, tissues (Kleenex), baby wipes, blankets, socks, rosaries, manicure sets, deodorant, washcloths, and gift cards such as grocery or pharmacy. **A full list is available on the parish bulletin board.** Items may be left in the hall on Sundays, April 26 and May 3. **Ladies of the church, you can also bring your items and join us at monthly CWL general meeting on April 21, 2026, following the 7pm Mass.**



"Blessed is She" Women's Group:

Join us on Tuesday, April 14th, 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

Growing in Grace

Grades 5-8

Friday, April 17

7:00-8:30 PM

Rooted Youth

Grades 9-12

Exploring Faith & Mental Health

Saturday, April 18

3:30-5:00 PM

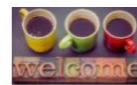
Followed by Mass

Please refer to the bulletin board youth posters in the church foyer for more details.

Bible Study begins this Monday, April 13th @ 7:30pm!

Here is the April syllabus:

Early World: April 13th – Genesis 1-3
April 20th – Genesis 4-8
April 27th – Genesis 9-11



WELCOME WEDNESDAY

Please join us at our Welcome Wednesday Drop-In for fun activities, plenty of conversation and refreshments. We meet every Wednesday from 10:00am-1:00 pm.



FELLOWSHIP

Join us after the 9:30am & 11:30am Masses for refreshments and the get to know your priests and fellow parishioners. This week, the Spanish Community will host. We hope to see you there!

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

† Cameron Campbell



Please pray for those who are sick:
Heather Godin, Shawn Hunter and Irene Zsigmond

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