

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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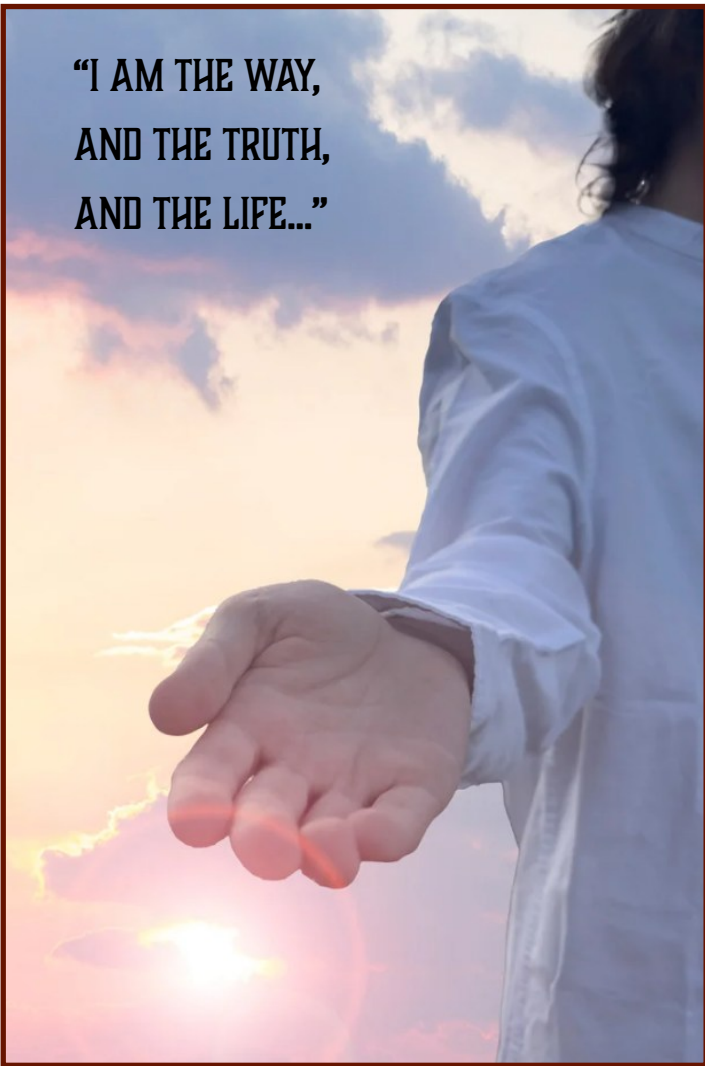
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**"I AM THE WAY,
AND THE TRUTH,
AND THE LIFE..."**

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

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WHERE THE HEART FINDS ITS HOME

There is a particular kind of unrest that does not always show itself outwardly. Life can appear steady, responsibilities are met, routines continue, yet within there can be a quiet unease, a sense of searching, a desire for clarity, for direction, for peace. The Gospel this Sunday (John 14: 1-12), meets us precisely there, not with complexity, but with a simple and steady assurance from the Lord, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."

Jesus speaks these words at a moment when His disciples are already unsettled. They sense that something is changing, that the familiar will soon give way to uncertainty. It is into that fragile moment that He offers not explanations, but Himself. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." In other words, the answer to their anxiety is not a clearer plan, but a deeper relationship.

This remains true for us. Much of our unease in life comes from not knowing how things will unfold. We naturally look for reassurance in outcomes, in certainty, in control. Yet the Lord gently shifts our focus. Faith is not about having every answer; it is about knowing whom we trust. The path forward is not always visible, but the One who walks with us is.

There is something deeply consoling in Jesus' promise that He goes to prepare a place for us. It suggests that our lives are not accidental or unnoticed. There is intention, care, and love in the way God holds our future. Even when we do not fully understand our present, we are not without direction. As the Church teaches, faith is "a personal adherence of the whole man to God," not partial or occasional, but something that gradually shapes how we see and live.

The second reading offers a different, yet connected image (1 Peter 2:4-9). Saint Peter describes the Christian community as "living stones" being built into a spiritual house. It is a striking image because it is both personal and communal. Each of us is distinct, with our own story and experiences, yet we are not meant to stand alone. We are placed alongside one another, forming something that no individual could be on their own.

To be a living stone is to be part of a process. Stones in a structure are not left untouched; they are shaped, fitted, and positioned with care. In the same way, our lives are continually being formed. Sometimes this happens quietly through daily faithfulness. At other times, it comes through challenges that stretch our patience, our understanding, or our generosity. While not always easy, this shaping is never without purpose.

Saint Peter goes on to name our identity in words that carry both dignity and responsibility, "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people." These are not abstract titles. They point to the reality that every baptized person shares in the mission of Christ. This mission is not limited to extraordinary actions. More often, it is lived in ordinary circumstances, in how we treat one another, how we respond to difficulty, how we remain faithful in small things.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles brings this into a very practical setting (Acts 6:1-7). The early Church, though filled with faith, was not without its difficulties. There were misunderstandings and concerns about fairness, particularly regarding those who felt overlooked. What is notable is how the community responded. The apostles listened, they acknowledged the need, and they entrusted others with responsibility.

This moment reflects a mature and healthy community. It recognizes that the life of the Church depends not on a few carrying everything, but on many sharing in the mission. Service is not simply a task; it is a participation in the life of Christ. When responsibilities are shared with trust and humility, the community not only functions better, it grows. As the reading concludes, "the word of God continued to spread."

There is something here for our own parish to consider. A community is strengthened when its members recognize that they belong, and that their presence matters. Some contributions are visible and structured; others are quiet and unseen. Both are necessary. A word of encouragement, a willingness to listen, time given in service, or prayer offered faithfully, these shape the life of the parish in ways that are often deeper than we realize.

Returning to the Gospel, Jesus also says, "Whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do." This is not a statement meant to overwhelm, but to invite. The works of Christ continue through His people, not because of extraordinary ability, but because of faithful openness. When we act with patience, integrity, and compassion, we allow His presence to be known.

It is worth asking, in a simple and honest way, what it means to trust the Lord in the present moment. Trust is not always dramatic. Often, it is expressed in small decisions, choosing to remain hopeful rather than discouraged, choosing to forgive rather than hold on to resentment, choosing to remain faithful when it would be easier to withdraw. These choices, though quiet, are significant.

Faith does not remove all uncertainty, but it changes how we live within it. It gives us a steady point of reference, a confidence that we are not navigating life alone. The Lord who speaks words of peace is the same Lord who accompanies us in every circumstance.

As we continue through this Easter season, we are reminded that the Risen Christ is not distant. He is present, active, and attentive. He continues to guide His Church, to call each of us by name, and to draw us into a deeper trust.

May these readings stay with us in a simple way this week. When the heart feels unsettled, may we recall His words, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." When the way forward is unclear, may we remember, "I am the way." And when we question our place or our worth, may we hold onto the truth that we are part of something living, something being built, something that carries the presence of Christ into the world.

With every good wish and prayer,

Fr. Joshy George

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday May 2 nd	5:00 pm † Larry White Requested by: The White Family
Sunday May 3 rd	8:00 am For the special intentions of Ron & Marilyn Madigan Requested by: Self
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Richa Lama Requested by: Self
	11:30 am † Henry Hahn Tran & Anton Anh Nguyen Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families
Monday May 4 th	7:00 pm † Reanice Allen Requested by: Knights of Columbus
Tuesday May 5 th	7:00 pm † Shane Lacey Requested by: Family
	7:00 pm † Omarr Syed Requested by: Arlene Chee Foon
	7:00 pm † Jan Charuba Requested by: Barbara Charuba
	7:00 pm † Theresa & Hank Abspoel Requested by: Family
	7:00 pm For the deceased members of The Conte Family Requested by: Mary Conte
Wednesday May 6 th	9:30 am † Maria Thuy Mai & Joseph Hien Tran Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families
Thursday May 7 th	9:30 am † Bo Harmazy Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
	9:30 am † Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise
Friday May 8 th	9:30 am † Frank Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
	9:30 am † Lawrence & Davis Kim and Family Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am † Fernando Aviz Requested by: Fernanda Aviz
	9:30 am † Felice Bricca Requested by: Family
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Winfred Brownridge Requested by: Angela Brownridge



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.

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY GATHERINGS

HOLY SEEDS JK – GRADE 4
St John Vianney Church
May 8 – 6:30 PM – Growing with Jesus
Sat, Jun 20 – Summer Break BBQ (TBD)

GROWING IN GRACE GRADE 5 – 8
Fri, Apr 17 – 7:00 PM – St. Therese
Sat, May 2 – 3:30 PM – Sister April Visit
Sat, Jun 20 – Summer Break BBQ (TBD)

ROOTED YOUTH GRADE 8 – 12
Apr 18 – 3:30–5:00 PM – Faith & Mental Health (Mass to follow)
May 2 – 3:30 PM – Sister April Visit
Sat, June 20 – Summer Break BBQ (TBD)

SUMMER PROGRAMS
Jul 10 – Overnight Retreat (Grades 5–8)
St. John Vianney Church
Jul 13–17 – 9:00 AM–1:00 PM – Growing in Faith Camp (JK–Grade 4)

Questions? Reach out to Youth Minister – Kelly Kluisotto@archtoronto.org or 705-726-8007 Ext. 205



Our Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound needs you! Please call the parish office if you are interested in joining this very rewarding ministry. The need for the Eucharist in our community is ever growing. We pray you are able to share a small amount of your time with us.



Bible Study Mondays @ 7:30pm!

May 4th – Continuation of Genesis: Chapter 3. All are welcome!



JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY!!

We are growing! Fr. Joshy's vision for our Music Ministry includes a Choir for the 5:00pm, 9:30am & 11:30am Masses, including a Youth Choir, with each Choir having its own leader. This new endeavour requires many new members. We are looking for people who love to sing, play the organ, piano or another musical instrument. If you or someone you know wishes to share their talents with us, please call the parish office, or speak to Fr. Joshy directly. Thank you!



FELLOWSHIP

Join us after the 9:30 & 11:30 Masses for Fellowship. We encourage you to sit at a different table and get to know someone new. This is a wonderful way to make new friends and grow our parish family. This week's hosts are volunteers from the parish.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

† Isabelle Giroux



Please pray for those who are sick:
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