

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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"If you love me,
you will keep my
commandments."

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
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"I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANED"

here are moments in life when the human heart quietly asks a question it rarely says aloud: *Am I alone?*

A young person searching for direction, parents carrying silent worries for their children, elderly parishioners sitting beside an empty chair once occupied by a beloved spouse, families navigating uncertainty about the future, all know this hidden ache. Even in crowded homes and connected societies, many people carry within themselves a profound loneliness. Our age is rich in communication, yet poor in communion; rich in information, yet often starving for hope.

Into that very human experience, the words of Jesus in today's Gospel enter with extraordinary tenderness: "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you." (John 14:18)

This is not merely comforting language. It is a divine promise. Christ speaks these words on the night before His Passion, when the shadow of the Cross is already falling upon the Upper Room. The disciples are troubled, fearful, uncertain about what lies ahead. Yet Jesus does not offer them easy optimism; instead, He offers them His abiding Presence through the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of this Sixth Sunday of Easter invites us to rediscover a truth that many Christians forget in practice: our faith is not primarily about rules, customs, or obligations. Christianity begins with a relationship, the living relationship between Christ and the human soul. The commandments are not burdens imposed from outside; they are the language of love flowing from communion with God. That is why Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (John 14:15)

Love comes first. Obedience follows. The saints understood this deeply. St. Augustine once wrote, "*Love God, and do what you will.*" He did not mean that love removes moral responsibility. Rather, authentic love transforms the heart so profoundly that one begins to desire what is good, holy, and true. A disciple who genuinely loves Christ gradually learns to think with Christ, forgive like Christ, and serve like Christ.

This transformation is visible in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Philip goes down to Samaria, a place marked by division and suspicion, yet the Gospel breaks barriers that human history had built. Scripture tells us that "there was great joy in that city." The presence of Christ changes the atmosphere of human life. Fear gives way to hope, isolation to communion, despair to joy.

The Apostles Peter and John then lay hands upon the believers so that they might receive the Holy Spirit. Here we glimpse the beauty of the Church's sacramental life. God does not save us in abstraction. Grace comes through encounter, through the laying on of hands, through the apostolic ministry of the Church. What began in the Upper Room continues through every generation. Every Baptism, every Confirmation, every Eucharist becomes a continuation of Pentecost in the life of the faithful.

How desperately our world still needs the Holy Spirit. We live in a culture increasingly marked by anxiety, anger, and spiritual exhaustion. Many people are materially comfortable yet inwardly weary. There is much noise, but very little peace. Social media can magnify outrage; public discourse often rewards division rather than understanding. Even within families and communities, patience can become fragile.

Yet Christ does not abandon His Church to the confusion of the age. He sends "another Advocate," the Spirit

of Truth. The Holy Spirit is not an abstract force or distant symbol. The Spirit is God dwelling within us, guiding, correcting, strengthening, consoling, and sanctifying the believer from within.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church beautifully teaches: "The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church." (CCC 747)

This means that the Christian life is never meant to be lived merely by human effort. Too often people approach holiness as though it were simply self-improvement. But holiness is first the work of grace. The Spirit shapes saints out of ordinary people who are willing to surrender themselves to God day by day.

One of the striking features of today's Second Reading is St. Peter's call to gentle witness "Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence." (1 Peter 3:15-16)

What a necessary message for our times. Christians are not called to win arguments more than they are called to reveal Christ. The world does not need louder disciples; it needs holier disciples. A faith that lacks compassion ceases to sound like the Gospel. Truth and charity must never be separated.

Perhaps the most convincing testimony to Christianity is not intellectual brilliance but transformed lives. A forgiving spouse, a patient caregiver, a young person choosing integrity over popularity, a parishioner quietly serving the poor, these become living homilies through which Christ continues to speak.

At St. John Vianney Parish, I often witness this hidden holiness. I see it in volunteers who faithfully serve without recognition, in families who continue to trust God through trials, in seniors who remain steadfast in prayer, in children learning to love Jesus with simplicity and joy. These are not small things. They are signs that the Spirit is alive among us.

Our patron saint, St. John Vianney, understood that renewal begins not with grand strategies but with hearts surrendered to God. He once said, "*The Holy Spirit leads us like a mother.*" What a beautiful image for the Easter season. God does not abandon His people to wander alone. He accompanies us patiently, even when faith feels weak or prayer feels dry.

There are parishioners reading this reflection today who may be carrying burdens invisible to others. Some are grieving; some are discouraged; some are quietly questioning whether God still sees them. Today's Gospel is meant for you. Christ does not merely observe your suffering from a distance. He enters it. The risen Lord remains near even when He seems hidden. Easter does not remove the Cross from human life, but it reveals that suffering never has the final word.

In every Eucharist, the promise of Jesus becomes real again: "I am coming to you." The Lord who walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus still walks with His Church. He comes through His Word, through the Sacraments, through the love of the Christian community, and through the quiet action of the Holy Spirit within the heart.

May this Sunday become an invitation not merely to admire the Gospel, but to live it. May our parish become a place where people encounter not only religious activity, but the living presence of Christ. May every family in our community know that they are never abandoned by God. And may the promise of Jesus echo within our hearts throughout this Easter season: "Because I live, you also will live." (John 14:19)



Saturday May 9 th	5:00 pm † Mario Moschella Requested by: Family
Sunday May 10 th	8:00 am † Lawrence & Davis Kim and Family Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am † Anne Paolozzi Requested by: Christopher Paolozzi
	11:30 am † Ana Miriam DeMontes Requested by: Family
Monday May 11 th	7:00 pm † Oswaldo Ricci Requested by: Kathy Ricci
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of The Haughey Family Requested by: Susan O'Reilly
Tuesday May 12 th	7:00 pm † Reanice Allen Requested by: Jim Smith
	7:00 pm † Stephen Roach Requested by: Shelley Smith
	7:00 pm † Maria & Ana Diaz Requested by: Fernanda Moreira
	7:00 pm † Kathy Dunn Requested by: SSVP
	7:00 pm For the deceased members of The Papala Family Requested by: Mary Conte
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Aria Russo Requested by: Pisani Family
Wednesday May 13 th	9:30 am † Mary & B.J. Ronan Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Thursday May 14 th	9:30 am † Sam & Robyn Waskies Requested by: Linda Lacasse
Friday May 15 th	9:30 am † Andrew Famiglietti Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † Fred Aloise and Family Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am † Mary Jim Johnston Requested by: Mary Austin Johnston
	9:30 am † Gary Daigle Requested by: Florence Daigle
	9:30 am † For the deceased members of the KofC
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Edwina Smith Requested by: Shelley Smith
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Maureen Austin Requested by: Mary Cremin
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Martin & Daniel Cremin Requested by: Mary Cremin
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Winfred Brownridge Requested by: Angela Brownridge



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 11th –Genesis: 5. All are welcome!

A Day with Mary

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites you to **A Day with Mary** on **Saturday, May 30th** at Villanova College in King City. This family friendly day will include Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, the Rosary, confessions, a keynote address and children's catechesis. Enjoy music, fellowship and more. For more information, registration please visit the link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/a-day-with-mary>



"Blessed is She" Women's Group:

Join us on Tuesday, May 12th, 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



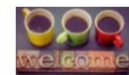
NEW FALL TRIP ITINIRARY

Fr. Joshy has changed the itinerary for this years Fall trip. We will now be exploring Eastern Europe. There are a few flyers available at the Welcome Desk. Please feel free to take pictures of it. If you are interested in attending an information session, please call the office.



The St. John Vianny CWL Spring Tea

will be held on Saturday, May 30th from 12:00pm-2:00pm. There will be door prizes and entertainment. Tickets are \$25 each and will be sold after all the Masses. Tickets will not be available at the door.



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.



JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRTRY!!

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

- † Joe Egerton - *Funeral May 12th @ 12:00 at SJV*
- † Karen Prospero- *Funeral June 5 @ 4:30 at SJV*
- † Maria Cabral, † Nuala Evans and † Robert Westhaver



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