

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

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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

THE GOD WHO IS RELATIONSHIP: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

We live in one of the most connected generations in history, yet loneliness, division, anxiety, distrust, and emotional exhaustion continue to grow. Families struggle to communicate, friendships become fragile, marriages are tested, communities become polarized, and even faith can slowly become reduced to routine rather than relationship. Into this human reality, the Church places before us one of the deepest mysteries of our faith, **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**.

At first glance, the Trinity can seem distant, abstract, or difficult to understand. Many Christians quietly wonder what practical meaning this doctrine has for ordinary life. Yet the mystery of the Trinity is not merely a theological formula to be explained, it is the very heart of Christian existence. The Trinity reveals who God is, and at the same time reveals who we are called to become. Our God is not solitude. God is communion. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit exist in an eternal relationship of perfect love, self-giving, unity, and life. Before creation began, before the world existed, there was love. The universe itself emerged not from isolation, but from divine communion. This is why Saint Augustine wrote, "If you see love, you see the Trinity."

The Gospel today gives us perhaps the most beloved sentence in all of Scripture: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). God does not love humanity from a distance. God enters our history. The Father gives the Son, the Son offers Himself for the salvation of the world, and the Holy Spirit continues to dwell within the Church and within every believer. Christianity is not primarily about a distant God demanding perfection from humanity. Christianity is about a God who continually moves toward humanity in love. The Catechism of the Catholic Church beautifully teaches, "**The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life**" (CCC 234). Everything we believe flows from this mystery, and everything in the Christian life leads back to it.

In the First Reading from Exodus, Moses encounters a God unlike the gods imagined by many ancient cultures. God reveals Himself as "merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." This revelation is profoundly important. The true God is not defined first by power, but by mercy. Not by domination, but by compassion. How deeply our world needs to rediscover this God. Many people today carry distorted images of God within them. Some imagine God as permanently disappointed, waiting to condemn. Others see God as distant and uninterested in human suffering. Still others quietly believe they are beyond God's mercy because of past mistakes, broken relationships, addictions, failures, or regrets. But today's readings dismantle those fears. Jesus says clearly in the Gospel, "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." This changes everything. The Trinity is not a doctrine of fear. The Trinity is the revelation that the deepest reality behind existence is love.

If God Himself exists as communion, then human beings, created in the image of God, are also made for communion. We are not created for radical isolation or selfish individualism. We are created for relationship, family, friendship, forgiveness, solidarity, and love. Perhaps this is why modern society often feels spiritually restless. We have learned how to build larger houses, faster technology, and endless forms of communication, yet many hearts remain disconnected. The human soul cannot survive without authentic relationship. The Trinity reminds us that love is not optional to human existence, it is essential.

Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we are entering this mystery again. We begin, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Those words are not a mere introduction to prayer. They are a declaration of identity. We belong to the Trinity. We live inside the love of God. Sometimes we repeat those sacred words so routinely that we forget their depth. Yet in that simple gesture, the entire Christian life is contained. The Father creates us, the Son redeems us, and the Holy Spirit sanctifies and strengthens us.

Saint John Vianney once said, "The Holy Trinity is always present in our hearts." What a remarkable thought. God is not absent from our struggles. The Trinity accompanies us through grief, confusion, loneliness, illness, disappointments, and uncertainty. At times we may feel spiritually weak. Prayer becomes difficult. Faith feels dry. Questions arise within us. Yet even then, the Trinity remains at work silently within the soul. The Holy Spirit continues to intercede for us even when words fail us.

Saint Paul's concluding blessing in today's Second Reading is one of the most beautiful Trinitarian prayers in Scripture: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." Notice the movement of that blessing, grace, love, communion. That is the Christian life itself. Grace heals us. Love transforms us. Communion unites us.

In many ways, a parish should become a living reflection of the Trinity. At St. John Vianney Parish, our call to be a "Welcoming and Connecting Parish" is deeply rooted in this Trinitarian vision. The Trinity teaches us that holiness is not escaping from people but learning how to love as God loves.

The mystery of the Trinity will always remain beyond complete human comprehension. Even the greatest theologians approached it with humility and wonder. Yet Christianity has never claimed that God is small enough to be fully contained by the human mind. A God we could completely explain would hardly be God. And perhaps that is beautiful. The Trinity reminds us that at the center of reality is not chaos, darkness, or emptiness, but eternal love.

As we celebrate this great Solemnity, may we not merely admire the mystery from a distance. May we enter into it. May our homes reflect more patience and reconciliation. May our parish become an even stronger witness of communion and belonging. May those who feel forgotten discover again that they are deeply loved by God. And every time we make the Sign of the Cross, may we remember that we are placing ourselves once again into the embrace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday
May 30th 5:00 pm † **Larry White**
Requested by: The White Family

5:00 pm † **Francisco Da Silva**
Requested by: His Son

Sunday
May 31st 8:00 am † **Camilla Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

9:30 am † **Fred Aloise & Family**
Requested by: Maria Aloise

9:30 am † **Lou Spizzirri**
Requested by: Linda Lacasse

11:30 am For the **People of the Parish**

Monday
June 1st 7:00 pm For the special intentions of
Marg White-Jacobs
Requested by: Bill & Susan Mays

Tuesday
June 2nd 7:00 pm † **Joe Egerton**
Requested by: The Welcome Wednesday
Group

Wednesday
June 3rd 9:30 am † **Peter Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Thursday
June 4th 9:30 am † **Teresa Agostino**
Requested by: Mary Conte

Friday
June 5th 9:30 am † **Maria Pushavetz**
Requested by: Family

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
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.



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 31st – Genesis: Chapter 7.
All are welcome!



JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY!!

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!

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 Hluvisotto@archtoronto.org or 705-726-8007 Ext. 205

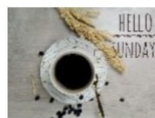


This weekend is the THIRD Collection for ShareLife
Every day, people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of those in need and provide them with much needed hope. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Our parish goal this year is **\$367,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



This weekend, a representative from the Rosary Apostolate will be speaking after all the Masses. There will be a table set up in the Hall with information for all those interested in learning more. There will also be a volunteer present to answer any questions you may have.



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.



Please pray for those who are sick:

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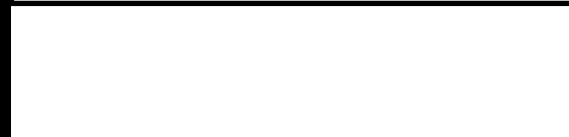
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