

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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***Emergency due to death or serious illness, press 9.

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

**CORPUS CHRISTI:
WHEN GOD CHOOSES TO REMAIN**

Among the many mysteries of our Catholic faith, perhaps none is more astonishing than this: God did not simply come to visit us, He chose to remain with us. Human history is filled with stories of people searching for God. Across cultures and centuries, people have climbed mountains, built temples, written prayers, and sought signs of the divine. Yet Christianity proclaims something radically different. Instead of humanity finding a way to God, God found a way to remain with humanity. That is the mystery we celebrate on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally known as Corpus Christi.

This feast invites us to look beyond what our eyes can see and rediscover what happens at every Mass. The Eucharist is not merely a sacred symbol, nor simply a remembrance of a past event. The Eucharist is Jesus Christ Himself, truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. The same Lord who walked the roads of Galilee, healed the sick, forgave sinners, died on Calvary, and rose from the dead, now gives Himself to us as spiritual food. **The Eucharist is God's answer to humanity's deepest hunger.**

In the First Reading from Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the Israelites of their long journey through the wilderness. They experienced hunger, uncertainty, and dependence. Yet in the midst of that desert experience, God fed them with manna, bread from heaven.

Moses tells the people: *"He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone"* (Deuteronomy 8:3). At first glance, this seems to be a lesson about physical nourishment. Yet Moses is teaching something much deeper. Human beings need more than material provision. We need meaning, purpose, hope, forgiveness, love, and communion with God.

Modern society has become extraordinarily successful at satisfying many physical needs. We have more technology, convenience, information, and comfort than previous generations could have imagined. Yet many people continue to experience loneliness, anxiety, spiritual emptiness, and a sense of restlessness. Saint Augustine recognized this reality centuries ago when he wrote: *"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."* The deepest hunger of the human heart is not for success or possessions. It is for God.

The manna in the desert was never meant to be the final answer. It was a preparation. It pointed toward something greater. That greater gift is revealed in today's Gospel. In John Chapter 6, Jesus makes one of the most direct and challenging statements in all of Scripture: *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever"* (John 6:51). The people listening to Him were shocked. Many struggled to understand His words. Yet Jesus did not soften His teaching. Instead, He repeated it with even greater clarity: *"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day"* (John 6:54). The Church has always understood these words literally. At the Last Supper, Jesus took bread and said, "This is my body." He took the cup and said, "This is my blood." He did not say, "This represents my body." He gave Himself completely.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: *"In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and therefore the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained"* (CCC 1374). This is why Catholics genuflect before the tabernacle. This is why we spend time in Eucharistic Adoration. This is why the sanctuary lamp burns continuously. This is why the Eucharist remains the heart of every Catholic church. We do not gather around an idea. We gather around a Person. We gather around Jesus Christ.

Saint Paul highlights another dimension of this mystery in today's Second Reading. Writing to the Corinthians, he asks: *"The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?"* (1 Corinthians 10:16). Paul reminds us that the Eucharist not only unites us to Christ, it unites us to one another. *"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body"* (1 Corinthians 10:17).

Today's world the Eucharist becomes God's school of communion. Every time we come forward for Holy Communion, we are making a profound statement. We are saying that Christ is at the center of our lives. We are acknowledging that we belong to Him and that we belong to one another. The Eucharist challenges us to see Christ not only on the altar but also in the people around us. Saint John Chrysostom once asked a question that remains relevant today: *"Do you wish to honor the Body of Christ? Then do not neglect Him when you find Him naked. Do not honor Him here in the church building with silk vestments while leaving Him outside suffering from cold and lack of clothing."* Authentic Eucharistic devotion always leads to charity. The Christ whom we adore in the Eucharist is the same Christ we encounter in the poor, the lonely, the elderly, the sick, the immigrant, the struggling family, and the forgotten person.

As pastor of St. John Vianney Parish, I am continually moved by the faith of parishioners who come before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer. Some arrive carrying grief. Some bring family concerns. Some come seeking guidance, healing, or strength. Others simply sit quietly in the presence of the Lord. What unites them all is the conviction that Jesus is here. Not as a memory, not as an idea, not as a distant figure from history, but truly present.

Perhaps that is the greatest message of Corpus Christi. The God who created the universe remains close enough to be received. The God who holds the stars in place becomes our food. The God who transcends time enters our daily lives. Every Mass is a miracle hidden beneath ordinary appearances. Every Communion is an invitation to deeper union with Christ. Every visit to the Blessed Sacrament is an encounter with the One who promised:

"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

As we celebrate this beautiful feast, let us renew our love for the Eucharist. Let us approach Holy Communion with greater reverence. Let us spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. Let us teach our children the beauty of this mystery. Let us never take for granted the gift that countless generations of Christians have treasured. For in the Eucharist, God has done something extraordinary. He has chosen not merely to visit His people. He has chosen to remain. **"O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine."**

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday June 6 th | 5:00 pm † Phyllis Casey Requested by: Rosa Rocha |
| Sunday June 7 th | 8:00 am † Lawrence & Davis Kim and Family Requested by: Anna Kim |
| | 9:30 am For the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus |
| | 11:30 am † Huynh Kim Ut & Huynh Kiem Thu Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families |
| Monday June 8 th | 7:00 pm † Patrick O'Reilly Requested by: Family |
| Tuesday June 9 th | 7:00 pm † Joe Egerton Requested by: Les & Mary Watts |
| Wednesday June 10 th | 9:30 am † Fred Aloise and Family Requested by: Maria Aloise |
| Thursday June 11 th | 9:30 am † Bob McParland Requested by: Family |
| | 9:30 am † Gregory Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior |
| Friday June 12 th | 9:30 am † Jim Hughes Requested by: Maria Aloise |
| | 9:30 am † Suizdak Family Requested by: Mary Conte |
| | 9:30 am † Faustina Khiem Tran & Giovanna Requested by: The Tran & Nyugen Families |
| | 9:30 am For the special intentions of Marg White Jacobs Requested by: Self |
| | 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!
June 8 – Genesis: Chapter 8.
All are welcome!



MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Through the Marriage Preparation and Family Life Office of Catholic Family Services Toronto, St. Mary's Church, Barrie is offering in-person marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

July 15 to August 19, 2026 –

Wednesday evenings 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

October 3 to 31 (no class on Oct. 10) –

Saturday mornings 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

November 5 to December 10 –

Thursday evenings 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Cost is \$350.00 each couple. To register please visit www.cfstoronto.com



"Blessed is She" Women's Group:

Join us on Tuesday, June 9th, 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



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

You are invited to register by completing the *New Parishioner* registration form available at the Welcome Desk, at the parish office or on our website. Registration is very important especially when requesting any of the sacraments or a pastoral referral. Any documentation issued by the office (Pastor) is based on the available parish records; therefore, registering with the parish is necessary when you find yourself in need of services.

Your financial support of the parish is also essential. Donation Envelopes or PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) forms are available from the Welcome Desk in the vestibule. Yearend tax receipts will be issued for your donations. Thank you for your support!



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. St. Peter's Highschool will be hosting today!

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

† Maria Pushavetz, † Mary Gardner,
† Margaret Gill, † Maria Slark, † Karen Prospero,
† Annie Ellis, † Adeoe Kostiak, † Yvette Ayres &
† Deborah Leforte



Please pray for those who are sick:

Kyle Ramdial, Tatum Peddle, Irene Zsigmond, Tony Pereira & Aria Russo

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