

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

THE HEART THAT FORMS A PEOPLE AND SENDS A MISSION

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Every civilization has its symbols. Nations rally around flags, families treasure heirlooms, institutions preserve monuments. Christianity, however, possesses a symbol unlike any other, not an object fashioned by human hands but a living reality revealed by God Himself, the Heart of Jesus Christ.

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus invites us into the deepest mystery of our faith, namely, that the God who created the universe does not remain distant from His creation. He loves. More astonishing still, He loves personally, passionately, sacrificially, and without measure. The Heart of Christ is not merely a devotional image. It is a theological revelation. It reveals who God is. Pope Benedict XVI once observed that Christianity is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but “the encounter with an event, a person.” The Sacred Heart leads us precisely to that encounter. In the pierced Heart of Christ we discover not an abstract doctrine but the visible manifestation of divine love poured out for humanity.

The readings appointed for this celebration reveal a remarkable progression. They move from God’s election of a people to His reconciliation of sinners, and finally to His commissioning of disciples. Together they teach us that those who have experienced the love of God’s Heart become participants in God’s mission.

The First Reading from Exodus takes us to Mount Sinai. Israel has been delivered from slavery and now stands before God as a newly liberated people. The Lord declares through Moses: “You shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples” (Exodus 19:5). This statement is not one of privilege but of relationship. God is not selecting Israel because of its greatness or achievements. He chooses them because love always seeks communion. Divine election is not exclusion but invitation. Israel is called into covenant so that through her the nations might come to know the living God. At the heart of biblical faith lies this extraordinary truth: before God asks anything of His people, He gives Himself to them. Before commandments come covenant. Before mission comes belonging.

This dynamic reaches its fullness in Christ. Through His Sacred Heart, humanity is gathered into a new covenant that surpasses Sinai. The Heart of Jesus is therefore the new Sinai, the place where God’s covenant love is revealed not on tablets of stone but in flesh and blood. Saint John Henry Newman beautifully wrote that “God beholds you individually, whoever you are.” Such a statement finds its ultimate confirmation in the Sacred Heart. Christ’s love is never generic. His gaze rests upon each person with infinite tenderness and infinite knowledge.

The Second Reading from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans takes us even deeper into the mystery. Paul does not describe humanity at its best. He speaks instead of humanity in its weakness. “While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly” (Romans 5:6).

The logic of the Gospel differs radically from the logic of the world. Human affection often depends upon attractiveness, usefulness, or reciprocity. Divine love does not. Christ did not wait for humanity to become worthy of redemption. He entered into our wounded condition and loved us there. The Sacred Heart is therefore not a reward for the righteous. It is a refuge for sinners.

One of the greatest misunderstandings of Christian life is the belief that God loves us because we are good. The Gospel proclaims precisely the opposite. God makes us good because He loves us. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux reflected that the wound in Christ’s side allows us to see “the secret of His Heart.” What do we discover there? Not condemnation, resentment, or disappointment. We discover mercy. The Sacred Heart reminds us that our deepest identity is not found in what we accomplish but in being loved by God. Every human heart longs for unconditional acceptance. The Sacred Heart reveals that such acceptance already exists in Christ.

The Gospel from Matthew then presents an unexpected consequence of this encounter with divine love. Jesus sees the crowds and is “moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” (Matthew 9:36). The Greek term used here expresses a profound interior stirring, a compassion that arises from the deepest depths of one’s being. Christ does not merely notice suffering. He allows it to touch His Heart.

This is one of the most revealing moments in the Gospel. The mission of the Church does not begin with a strategy, a committee, or a program. It begins with the compassion of Christ. The Heart of Jesus becomes the source of apostolic mission. Immediately after expressing compassion, Jesus calls His disciples and sends them forth. The sequence is significant. Those who experience the love of Christ are transformed into instruments of that same love.

The Church’s mission is not fundamentally about maintaining institutions or preserving traditions, important though these may be. Its deepest purpose is to make visible in every generation the compassionate Heart of Christ. Pope Francis frequently reminds us that the Church must be a field hospital for a wounded world. Such a vision is rooted directly in today’s Gospel. The disciples are sent to heal, to reconcile, to restore, and to proclaim that God’s kingdom is near.

This mission belongs not only to clergy and religious but to every baptized person. Parents reveal the Sacred Heart when they sacrifice for their children. Caregivers reveal it when they accompany the sick and elderly. Teachers reveal it when they encourage struggling students. Parish volunteers reveal it when they serve quietly without recognition. Every act of genuine charity becomes a reflection of Christ’s Heart beating within His Church.

As we celebrate this great solemnity, perhaps we are invited to ask a simple but profound question: What shape has the Heart of Christ taken in my own life? Has His compassion become my compassion? Has His mercy become my mercy? Has His generosity become my generosity?

The devotion to the Sacred Heart has never been merely sentimental. It is transformative. To draw near to the Heart of Jesus is to allow our own hearts to be reshaped according to His. At St. John Vianney Parish, we are blessed to be part of a community where faith is lived through worship, service, and fellowship. Yet today’s feast calls us beyond gratitude toward renewal. The Heart of Christ continues to form us into His people, reconcile us through His mercy, and send us forth as witnesses of His love.

The Heart that beat in Bethlehem, wept at Lazarus’ tomb, forgave from Calvary, and rose victorious from the grave continues to beat for His Church today.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, make our hearts like unto Thine.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday June 13 th | 5:00 pm † John Arksey Requested by: Family |
| | 5:00 pm † Ettore & Giovanna D'Antonio Requested by: Rita & Joseph D'Antonio |
| Sunday June 14 th | 8:00 am For the special intentions of Ria & Casey van der Mast |
| | 9:30 am † Joseph Gioi Mai & † De Thi Le Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families |
| | 11:30 am † Manuel De La Fuente & Family Requested by: The De La Fuente Family |
| Monday June 15 th | 7:00 pm † Miso Petric Requested by: Mary Conte |
| Tuesday June 16 th | 7:00 pm † Joal Rama Requested by: Family |
| | 7:00 pm For the special intentions of Kyle Ramdial & Tatum Peddle Requested by: Natasha Ramdial |
| | 7:00 pm For the living and deceased members of The CWL |
| Wednesday June 17 th | 9:30 am For the special intentions of Gina Paquete Requested by: Christopher Palozzi |
| Thursday June 18 th | 9:30 am † Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise |
| Friday June 19 th | 9:30 am † Ed Henderson Requested by: Colette Henderson |
| | 9:30 am † Luigi Marino Casole Requested by: Family |
| | 9:30 am † Will Gunn Requested by: Rebecca Branch |



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.



Bible Study Mondays @ 7:30pm!
June 15 – Genesis: Chapter 9.
All are welcome!



Please join us after the 9:30 & 11:30 Masses *next* weekend for a **Farewell Fellowship for Fr. Eduardo**. There will be ice cream and refreshments provided. Please take this opportunity to stop by and say farewell.
Father, you will be missed!!!



THE EASTERN EUROPE TRIP FOR THIS COMING SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN CANCELLED. THERE WILL BE NO PARISH TRIP THIS YEAR. WE ARE LOOKING INTO RESCHEDULING FOR THE FALL OF 2027.

This is the last weekend for Kids Connection – we will resume in the Fall!!!



IS THIS THE YEAR TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

If so, the RCIA process is for you. This process begins each fall and runs with weekly meetings up to and including the Easter season. If you would like to find out more, **an information meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 28 in the Luke Room of the Parish Hall. People who are interested should apply now using our RCIA link on the Parish website or the QR code for the application form.**



Today, there will be a collection for Marygrove Girls Camp run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Each year, over 1,000 young girls with financial or domestic hardship enjoy a subsidized joyful camping experience. Please give generously.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

CAMP REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON!

Registration for students in JK to Grade 4 is closing soon, and there are still spots available.

END OF YEAR POTLUCK – JUNE 20

Join us as we celebrate the end of another great year of Youth Ministry! Please bring an item to share and sign up at the Welcome Desk.

GRADE 5–8 OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Calling all Grade 5–8 students! Join us on July 10th at St. John Vianney Church for an overnight retreat.

Camp registration and retreat details can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.



Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

We warmly invite all our volunteers to a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on **Saturday, July 4**. The celebration will begin with a special **Mass at 11:00 a.m.**, followed by fellowship and refreshments as we gather to thank you for your dedication, generosity, and service to our parish community. We look forward to celebrating with you!



The St John Vianney Catholic Women's League

welcomes all women of the parish to its monthly meeting this Tuesday evening, June 16th, immediately following the 7pm Mass. Join us in the hall; coffee and tea will be available.



FELLOWSHIP

Join us after the 9:30 & 11:30 Masses for Fellowship. The school community of St. Francis of Assisi will be hosting today.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

† Nicholas Nelson



Please pray for those who are sick:

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

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