

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 KNOWS OUR NAME

One of the most profound questions in human life is not whether God exists, but whether God truly knows us. Many people believe in God. Far fewer live with the conviction that they are personally known by Him. Yet the Scriptures for this Sunday invite us into precisely that mystery: the God who governs history also knows the details of our lives; the Lord who sustains creation also knows our fears, our wounds, our struggles, and even the number of hairs on our head.

The Gospel of Matthew presents Jesus speaking to His disciples as He prepares them for mission. He offers no illusion that discipleship will be easy. The Christian life is not a path sheltered from opposition, misunderstanding, or suffering. Nevertheless, Jesus repeats a command that echoes throughout the Bible: *"Do not be afraid"* (Mt 10:26). Fear is one of humanity's oldest companions. It appears in the Garden of Eden after sin enters the world. It follows Israel through the desert. It shadows the prophets. Fear narrows vision, weakens hope, and tempts us to place our trust in lesser things. Yet Christ confronts fear not with mere encouragement but with revelation. He tells His disciples that they are worth more than many sparrows and that *"even the hairs of your head are all counted"* (Mt 10:30). This is not sentimental language. It is a theological statement about Divine Providence. Nothing in our lives escapes His attention. While God does not remove every hardship, He never abandons His people within hardship. The Christian faith is not confidence that nothing difficult will happen; it is confidence that nothing can separate us from the loving gaze of God.

Jeremiah understood this truth through painful experience. In today's first reading, he describes himself as surrounded by hostility and betrayal. Friends watch for his downfall. Enemies seek his ruin. Yet in the midst of this turmoil, Jeremiah makes a remarkable profession of faith: *"The Lord is with me like a dread warrior"* (Jer 20:11). The prophet's courage did not arise from self-confidence. It arose from God-confidence. There is an important lesson here for our own age. The world often encourages us to construct our identity through achievement, popularity, productivity, or public approval. Yet all these foundations are fragile. Jeremiah reminds us that the strongest foundation for human life is not what others think of us, but what God knows about us.

The second reading deepens this perspective even further. Saint Paul contrasts Adam and Christ, presenting the whole drama of salvation history in a few powerful verses. Through Adam, sin entered the world; through Christ, grace entered the world in abundance. Humanity's story is not ultimately a story of failure. It is a story of divine restoration. Paul's words reveal an essential Christian conviction: grace is always greater than sin. Where sin wounded, Christ heals. Where fear entered, Christ restores trust. Where death gained a foothold, Christ opens the way to life. As Pope Benedict XVI once observed, Christianity is not primarily an ethical system but an encounter with a Person. That Person

is Jesus Christ, whose grace is stronger than every force that opposes human flourishing.

Taken together, these readings invite us to examine where we seek our security. Do we place our trust in changing circumstances, or in the God who remains faithful? Do we define ourselves by public opinion, or by our identity as beloved children of God? Do we allow fear to determine our choices, or faith?

Saint John Vianney frequently reminded his parishioners that the greatest privilege of the Christian is to live in the presence of God. Such awareness changes everything. The believer who knows he is seen by God can persevere through trials with patience, face uncertainty with hope, and serve others with generosity.

Perhaps that is the central message of this Sunday's Scriptures. Before God asks us to accomplish anything for Him, He invites us to trust Him. Before He sends us into the world, He assures us that we are known. Before He asks us to witness to the Gospel, He reminds us that we are precious in His sight. The world often tells us that our value must be earned. Christ tells us that our value has already been revealed at Calvary.

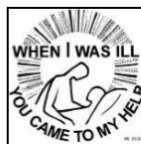
May we therefore hear anew the words of Jesus this Sunday: *"Do not be afraid."* Not because life is without difficulty, but because the God who created us, redeemed us, and calls us by name remains with us always.

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1). May this truth sustain our hearts and strengthen our faith.



On **Sunday, July 19**, our parish will celebrate a **Multicultural Festival** at the **11:30 AM Mass**. We invite everyone to wear cultural attire, participate in the multilingual Prayers of the Faithful, bring a traditional dish for our multicultural potluck, and share their heritage through music, dance, or

other performances. Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule after Mass. Come and celebrate as **one parish family, gathered from many cultures, united in Christ**.



The Relic of St. Peregrine

Join us on **Friday, July 3rd** for a special afternoon **Healing Mass at 3:00pm**. We welcome all who are sick or are battling cancer to come venerate the Relic of St.

Peregrine and receive an anointing in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. Please extend the invitation to anyone you know who is suffering. Afterwards, we invite you to the Parish Hall where there will be light refreshments and fellowship. *(Please note, there will be **NO** Friday Morning Mass or Adoration)*



Please join us at our **FINAL** Welcome Wednesday Drop-In until September! Join us from 10 -1 for conversation, games and a potluck lunch. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday June 20 th	5:00 pm † Robert Ricciardi Requested by: Sandy Strom & Family
Sunday June 21 st	8:00 am For the deceased members of The Spineto, Ricci & Manzo Families Requested by: Teresa Spineto
	9:30 am † Joseph Hien Tran & Anton Anh Nguyen Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families
	9:30 am † Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise
	11:30 am For the special intentions of Marg White-Jacob Requested by: Fred & Hazel Hawrish
	11:30 am For the special intentions of Marta & Godfry Schokman
Monday June 22 nd	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Wilma Brownridge Requested by: Angela Brownridge
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Vilma Chee Foon Requested by: Arlene Chee Foon
Tuesday June 23 rd	7:00 pm † Rocco & Rosa Cotugno Requested by: Grace Cotugno
	7:00 pm † Grigore Alexandru Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † Ana Carlota Requested by: Family
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Janine Bissonette Requested by: Anita Curran
Wednesday June 24 th	9:30 am † Deedee Mieschke Requested by: Conrad Mieschke
Thursday June 25 th	9:30 am † Evie & Leonard Robinson Requested by: Marinus & Lenore Logetenberg
Friday June 26 th	9:30 am † Janez Rac Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † Stefan Zizek Requested by: Ivanka Rac
	9:30 am † Luigi Marino Casole Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † Jose Carreiro & Mariana Ferreira Requested by: Marianne Strong
	9:30 am Our Lady's Intentions Requested by: Mary Cremin
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Mary Conte Requested by: Self



 **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.**



Our **LAST Bible Study** gathering will take place on **Monday, June 22**; we will be studying Genesis: Chapter 10.

Please note: When we resume in the Fall will be switching to **Tuesday** evenings after Mass.



Please join us after the 5:00, 9:30 & 11:30 Masses 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!!!



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.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

CAMP REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON!

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

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!



Sacraments

Registration for **First Communion (Gr. 2) & Confirmation (Gr. 7)** is here!

On Wednesday, June 24th our online registration links will be available through the parish website and via QR codes available on the bulletin board in the vestibule. We are giving our parishioners the opportunity to register their children before we open it up to the schools. If your child is older and has either missed a step or has not been baptized, please register for RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children).



Please pray for those who are sick:

Brian Watts, George Barrie, Shawn Hunter, Baby Isahak, Barb Hargrave, Kyle Ramdial, Tatum Peddle, Irene Zsigmond & Tony Pereira

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