

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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"The kingdom of heaven is like a
mustard seed..."



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

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCCHARIST

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 PATIENCE OF GOD, THE HOPE OF THE CHURCH

There is a question that quietly troubles every human heart. If God is truly good, why does evil continue to exist? Why does injustice seem to flourish, why do good people suffer, and why does God often appear to wait?

The Scriptures for this Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time do not answer these questions with philosophical arguments. Instead, they reveal the very heart of God. They invite us to contemplate not merely what God does, but who God is. The Book of Wisdom offers one of the most beautiful descriptions of the divine character found in the Old Testament. "Though you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us" (Wisdom 12:18). Divine omnipotence is expressed, not in domination, but in mercy. God possesses absolute authority, yet He chooses patience. His strength is revealed in His willingness to wait for the conversion of sinners.

This insight became foundational in the Church's theological tradition. St. Thomas Aquinas observed that mercy is not opposed to justice but is, in fact, its fullest expression, because God's justice is always directed toward restoring what sin has damaged. God never delights in punishment for its own sake. His deepest desire is always salvation.

Jesus unfolds this same mystery in the parable of the wheat and the weeds. At first glance, the servants appear reasonable. They notice the weeds and immediately ask permission to remove them. Their concern seems practical, efficient, even righteous. Yet the master refuses. "Let both of them grow together until the harvest" (Matthew 13:30). This response surprises us because it runs against our natural instinct. We prefer quick judgments, immediate solutions, and clear divisions between the good and the bad. Christ, however, sees more deeply than we do. What appears to us as **a weed today may become tomorrow a witness to grace**. The Lord knows that the human heart is still capable of conversion.

The Fathers of the Church often reflected upon this parable with remarkable realism. St. John Chrysostom warned that if every sinner were immediately removed, countless saints would never have existed. Augustine went even further by reminding Christians that we should never become too confident in identifying the wheat, for today's sinner may become tomorrow's saint, while today's apparent saint may yet fall through pride. Such wisdom cultivates humility rather than judgment.

The field in the Gospel is not merely the world around us. It is also the landscape of our own hearts. Every believer recognizes this hidden struggle. Within each of us grow desires for holiness alongside lingering weaknesses, generous impulses beside selfish ambitions, trust beside fear, forgiveness beside resentment. **The Christian life is not the absence of this interior conflict, but the patient cooperation with the grace that gradually transforms us from within.**

Here the Second Reading becomes profoundly consoling. St. Paul reminds us that "the Spirit helps us in our weakness" and "intercedes with sighs too deep for words"

(Romans 8:26). This is one of the most comforting verses in all of Sacred Scripture. There are moments when prayer seems impossible, when grief silences our words, when confusion leaves us unable to articulate even our deepest needs. Yet prayer never truly ceases. The Holy Spirit Himself continues praying within us. Long before we find the right words, God has already heard the language of the heart. The Catechism of the Catholic Church beautifully teaches that the Holy Spirit is "the interior Master of Christian prayer" (CCC 2672). We are never left to pray alone. Every sincere movement toward God is already sustained by God's own grace.

Modern society often rewards quick opinions, instant criticism, and permanent labels. Social media, public discourse, and even ordinary conversations sometimes encourage us to reduce persons to a single failure or mistake. The Gospel proposes something far more demanding. Christian discipleship requires the courage to hope for another person's redemption. **To believe in grace is to believe that no life is beyond God's reach.** Pope Benedict XVI once observed that the Church is not a community of the perfect, but a community continually purified by Christ. Every parish is therefore a living field where God patiently nurtures saints who are still growing. None of us arrives fully mature in faith. We journey together, sustained by the sacraments, nourished by the Word of God, and strengthened by one another's witness.

Perhaps this Sunday offers each of us an opportunity for a quiet examination of conscience. Instead of asking, "Who are the weeds around me?" perhaps we should ask, "Where is Christ still cultivating His wheat within me?" Instead of becoming discouraged by our weaknesses, we can entrust them to the Divine Farmer whose patience never grows weary.

Today our parish rejoices in celebrating **Multicultural Day**, a beautiful reminder that the Kingdom of God gathers people from every nation, language, and culture into one family. Diversity is not an obstacle to the Gospel, it is one of its fruits. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit did not erase different languages, He sanctified them. Likewise, the Church does not ask us to abandon the richness of our cultures. Rather, she invites every culture to find its fulfillment in Christ.

Here at **St. John Vianney Parish**, we give thanks for the many peoples, traditions, languages, and customs that enrich our community. We worship one Lord, profess one faith, celebrate one Eucharist, and share one baptism. Beneath every cultural expression stands the deeper identity that unites us all, we are beloved sons and daughters of the same Heavenly Father.

As we gather around the altar and later around the table of fellowship, may our celebration become a visible witness of what the Church is called to be, one Body in Christ, united in charity, joyful in hope, and radiant with the beauty of communion. May our parish continue to reflect the words of St. Paul, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday July 18 th	5:00 pm ✠ Patty Lavine Requested by: Christine Liggett
Sunday July 19 th	8:00 am For the special intentions of Ria & Casey van der Mast 9:30 am ✠ Jim Spizzirri Requested by: Linda Lacasse 11:30 am ✠ Guglielmo Procopio Requested by: Family
Monday July 20 th	7:00 pm For All Holy Souls in Purgatory Requested by: Susan O'Reilly
Tuesday July 21 st	7:00 pm ✠ John Cotugno Requested by: Grace Cotugno 7:00 pm ✠ Olga, Bill & Susan Kovach Requested by: Linda & Michelle Hodgins 7:00 pm For the special intentions of Allan & Maryann Weishar Requested by: Self 7:00 pm For the living and deceased members of the CWL
Wednesday July 22 nd	9:30 am ✠ Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise
Thursday July 23 rd	9:30 am ✠ Omarr Syed Requested by: Arlene Chee Foon
Friday July 24 th	9:30 am ✠ Karen Michaud Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families 9:30 am ✠ Guisse Duy Nguyen & Truong Thi Kim Mai Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families



NO FELLOWSHIP

Blessed is She, Welcome Wednesday and Bible Study have been **cancelled** for the summer months – see you in the Fall!



IS THIS THE YEAR TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

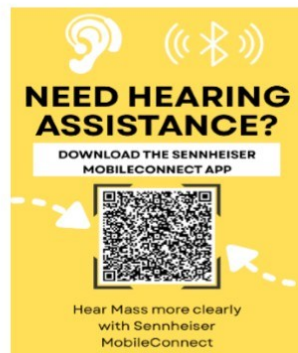
If so, the RCIA process is for you.
This process begins each fall and

runs with weekly meetings up to and including the Easter season. **People who are interested should apply now using our RCIA link on the Parish website or the QR code for the application form.**



MARTYR'S SHRINE, HEALING MASS MIDLAND, ONTARIO

At 7:30 PM on Friday, July 31st 2026 there will be a special Mass for healing celebrated at Martyr's Shrine. The evening will begin at 7:00 PM with Praise and Worship music. Holy Mass is to be followed by individual healing prayers. Come and encounter the physical, emotional and spiritual healing Presence of the Holy Spirit. We look forward to seeing you.



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is happy to offer a way for parishioners to connect their hearing aids directly to our sound system. Please scan the QR code on the image, download the app and set up your account. Once you have done that, while at church, you can log in to our designated WIFI to connect.

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Sacraments

Online Registration for the 2026-27 Sacramental Programs is NOW OPEN!

Please visit the parish website or scan the QR codes located on the bulletin board and at the Welcome Desk.

Please note - it is imperative you view the information sheet containing the mandatory program dates before registering. These dates can be found on the website, or you will see them on page one of the registration form. 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).



3RD ANNUAL PARISH FIESTA

Save the date! On Sunday, August 30th we will be holding our 3rd Annual Parish Fiesta. Once again we will be using the park across the street for food, music and lots of fun. There is no cost to this event and no sign up required! We look forward to sharing this day with you!

CALLING ALL BUSINESSES

This year we are inviting vendors to join our picnic. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to advertize your business and support the parish. For more information, please call Mekha in the parish office at 705-726-8007 ext. 206



Please pray for those who are sick:

Kendra Frey, Ursula Dempsey, Brian Watts,
George Barrie, Shawn Hunter and Baby Isahak

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