

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 angels will come out and
separate the evil from the
righteous..."



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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 WISDOM TO RECOGNIZE WHAT TRULY MATTERS

There is a remarkable pattern that runs quietly through the pages of Sacred Scripture. Whenever God prepares someone for a great mission, He first forms that person's heart. Before Moses leads Israel, he stands barefoot before the burning bush. Before Isaiah proclaims God's word, his lips are purified with burning coal. Before Peter becomes the rock upon which Christ builds His Church, he learns humility beside the Sea of Galilee. Today's readings continue that same biblical pattern. They remind us that the Kingdom of God is entrusted not to the powerful, but to those whose hearts have been shaped by wisdom.

The First Reading introduces us to one of the most decisive moments in Israel's history. Solomon has only recently become king. The nation enjoys peace, yet its future remains uncertain. In a dream at Gibeon, the Lord makes an extraordinary offer, "*Ask what I should give you*" (1 Kings 3:5). It is one of the few places in Scripture where God places no apparent limit on His generosity. Solomon's response reveals why he is remembered as Israel's wisest king. He does not ask for military strength, wealth, political success, or a long life. Instead, he asks for an understanding heart capable of discerning right from wrong. The original Hebrew expression literally means "**a listening heart.**" This is more than intelligence or education. In the Bible, wisdom begins with attentive listening, listening to God, listening to truth, and listening to the needs of others.

This distinction remains profoundly relevant today. We live in an age rich in information but often poor in wisdom. Technology allows us to access answers within seconds, yet it cannot teach us what is truly worth living for. Academic knowledge can explain how the world works, but wisdom teaches us why life has meaning. As the Book of Proverbs reminds us, "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom*" (Proverbs 9:10). Genuine wisdom always begins with reverence before God.

Jesus develops this same theme through three brief parables in Saint Matthew's Gospel. A labourer discovers a hidden treasure buried in a field. A merchant searching for fine pearls finds one of incomparable value. Fishermen gather fish of every kind into a large net. Although each image is different, all three point toward the same reality, the Kingdom of Heaven transforms the way a person values everything else. The first two parables are especially striking because Jesus focuses less on the treasure itself than on the response of those who find it. Both surrender everything they possess, not reluctantly, but joyfully. Their decision is not driven by fear or obligation. It is inspired by the discovery that they have found something infinitely greater.

This is an essential characteristic of Christian discipleship. Faith is not primarily about giving things up. It is about discovering Christ. When Christ becomes the centre of life, priorities are reordered naturally. Prayer is no longer a duty but a conversation. Charity becomes an expression of love rather than mere generosity. Forgiveness becomes possible because we have first experienced God's mercy. The Kingdom does not diminish life, it enlarges it.

The final parable of the fishing net reminds us that history is moving toward its fulfilment in God. The Church welcomes all people into the net of the Gospel, yet every disciple is also called to continual conversion. The Christian life is never static. Each day becomes another opportunity to allow God's grace to shape our hearts more completely into the likeness of Christ.

Saint Paul offers the deepest source of Christian confidence in today's reading from Romans. "*We know that all things work together for good for those who love God*" (Romans 8:28). These words should never be misunderstood as denying suffering or hardship. Rather, Paul proclaims the mystery of divine providence. God is able to draw grace even from life's disappointments. Failure, illness, grief, uncertainty, and sacrifice are never beyond His redeeming love. Nothing placed into God's hands is ever wasted.

This Sunday the Church also celebrates the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, established by Pope Francis. The connection with today's readings is both beautiful and meaningful. If Solomon teaches us to seek wisdom, our grandparents and elderly often show us what wisdom looks like in daily life. Their wisdom has not been acquired in classrooms alone. It has been formed through decades of prayer, family life, perseverance, sacrifice, and trust in God's providence. Many of us first encountered faith through their example. We learned our earliest prayers from their lips, discovered patience through their quiet endurance, and experienced unconditional love through their generous hearts. Pope Francis has frequently reminded us that older generations are the guardians of memory. A society that forgets its elderly also risks forgetting its identity. The same is true of the Church. Every generation receives the faith because someone before them believed, prayed, and remained faithful. Grandparents and elderly parishioners continue to enrich our communities by reminding us that holiness is not measured by achievement but by lifelong fidelity to Christ.

May this Eucharist renew within each of us the desire for a listening heart, the courage to seek what is eternal, and the gratitude to honour those whose faithful witness has helped lead us to Christ.

Fr. Joshy George C.M.I.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday July 25 th	5:00 pm † Denise Wild Requested by: Sherri & Mike Biehl
Sunday July 26 th	8:00 am † Anna & Paul Kokelj Requested by: The Kokelj Family
	9:30 am † Raymond Bolech Requested by: Rita Alkemade
	11:30 am † Nora Taylor Requested by: Janine Bissonette & Family
Monday July 27 th	7:00 pm † Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise
Tuesday July 28 th	7:00 pm † Joe Varga Requested by: Mary Kominek & Family
	7:00 pm † Al Rasevych Requested by: Linda Lacasse
	7:00 pm † Shane Lacey Requested by: His Parents
Wednesday July 29 th	9:30 am For the special intentions of Angel Chisholm Requested by: Maria Aloise
Thursday July 30 th	9:30 am † Nick Siriopoulos Requested by: The LaPlume & Francis Families
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Cristiana Aloise Requested by: Maria Aloise
Friday July 31 st	9:30 am † Hazel & Glen Hodgins Requested by: Linda & Michelle Hodgins



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 the RCIA link on the Parish website or this QR code for the application form. **There will be an information and orientation meeting held at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 26th in the Luke Room of the Parish Hall.**



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(the network is NOT yet available, but will be in the coming weeks)



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.



Music Equipment for Sale

We have a variety of speakers and mixers from our old sound system available for purchase. If you are in need or know of anyone who might be interested in purchasing some of these items, please call the parish office.



Sally Roddy, a member of Viatores Christi, will speak at all the Masses the weekend of August 8th & 9th as part of the Toronto Archdiocese Mission Cooperative Program.

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St. Bernadette

We are blessed to have a relic of St. Bernadette at our parish the weekend of August 8th & 9th. The relic has been entrusted to the Archdiocese of Toronto by The Sactuary at Lourdes, France. All will have the opportunity to venerate the relic after the Masses that weekend.

St. Bernadette...pray for us.



Going Away?

Please consider donating to the parish through **Pre-Authorized Giving**. This is a hassle free way to support the parish even if you are away. There are PAG forms available at the back of the church and in the vestibule. Thank you for your support!



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 advertise your business and support the parish. Please fill out a form at the Welcome Desk to register your business.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

† Ursula Dempsey, † Maria Altherr, † Helene Benoit and † Frank & Steven Babin



Please pray for those who are sick:

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