

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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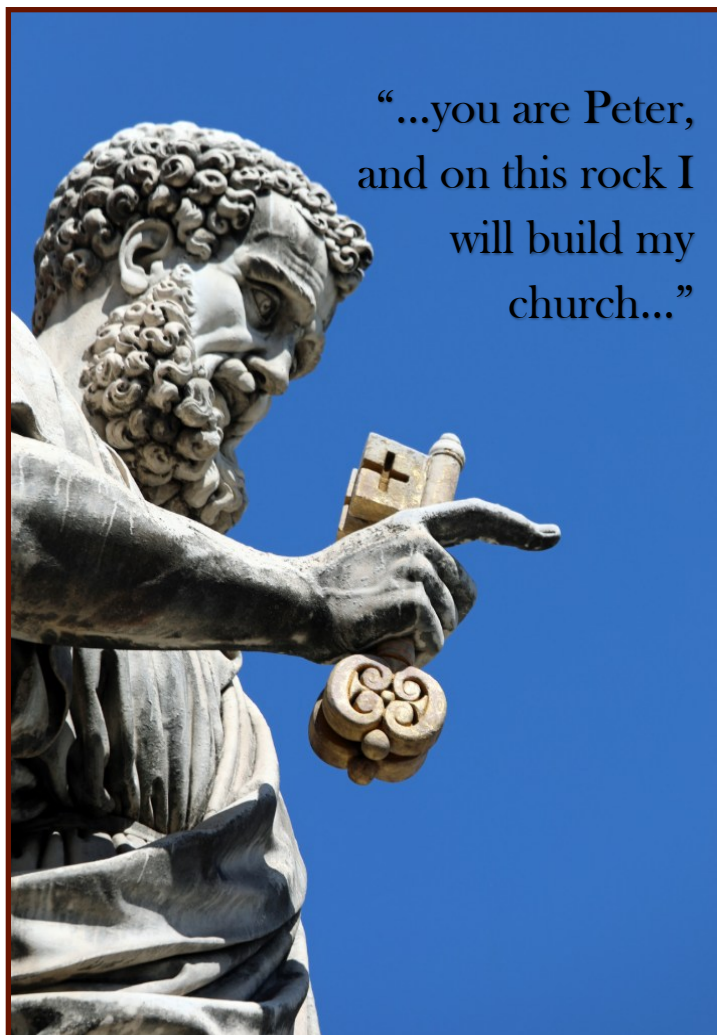
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

WHO HOLDS THE KEYS OF YOUR HEART?

There are moments in history when everything changes because of a single question. It is not always a dramatic event, nor a great miracle, nor a public victory that redirects the course of a life. Sometimes it is simply a question that reaches beneath the surface and asks for an honest answer. The Gospel this Sunday presents us with one such moment. Jesus does not begin by teaching or healing. Instead, He asks, ***"Who do you say that I am?"*** (Matthew 16:15). This is perhaps the most important question ever asked, not because Jesus needed information, but because His disciples needed clarity. They had walked with Him, listened to His words, witnessed His miracles, yet there comes a moment when borrowed faith is no longer enough. Public opinion cannot substitute for personal conviction. The faith of one's family, the traditions of one's upbringing, or even years of regular church attendance cannot answer this question on our behalf. Every disciple must eventually respond with the heart.

Peter's answer is both simple and profound, ***"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*** It is a confession that becomes the foundation of the Church. Jesus immediately explains that this insight did not arise from human reasoning alone, ***"For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven."*** Faith, therefore, is not merely an intellectual achievement, it is first a gift of grace, welcomed by a heart willing to listen.

The Church has always understood Peter's confession as more than a personal declaration. It became the visible foundation upon which Christ would build His Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, ***"The Lord made Simon alone, whom He named Peter, the 'rock' of His Church. He gave him the keys of His Church"*** (CCC 881). Those keys symbolize not political authority or personal privilege, but a sacred responsibility to guard, teach, reconcile, and serve. Authority in the Church has meaning only when it reflects the humble authority of Christ Himself, who came ***"not to be served but to serve"*** (Matthew 20:28).

The first reading from Isaiah offers a remarkable background to this Gospel. The prophet announces that the authority once held by Shebna will be entrusted to Eliakim. God declares, ***"I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open."*** This Old Testament image prepares us beautifully for Christ's words to Peter. Jesus does not invent the symbolism of the keys; He fulfills it. The keys represent stewardship, faithful guardianship, and responsibility exercised on behalf of another. The Church does not belong to Peter, nor to any pope, bishop, or priest. It belongs to Christ alone. Those entrusted with leadership are called to protect what belongs to God. This

truth extends beyond ordained ministry. Every baptized Christian has received a form of stewardship. The question is not simply whether we have been given responsibilities, but whether we carry them with fidelity, humility, and love.

Saint John Henry Newman observed, ***"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."*** Christian discipleship continually reshapes the heart. Peter himself would discover this. The man who confessed Jesus at Caesarea Philippi would later deny Him in the courtyard of the high priest. Yet his failure did not define him forever. Grace restored him, purified him, and transformed him into the shepherd of Christ's flock. This should encourage every believer. God does not build His Church upon flawless people. He builds it upon hearts willing to be converted again and again. Peter's confession emerged from a heart that had begun to find its true rest in Christ. Every Christian journey is ultimately a movement toward that same resting place.

The second reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans invites us to stand in wonder before the mystery of God's wisdom. ***"O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!"*** These words are not the conclusion of an academic argument, but the prayer of a believer overwhelmed by God's saving plan. Paul had explored God's mercy toward Israel and the Gentiles, only to arrive at a place where reason gives way to adoration. Authentic theology always ends in worship. The more deeply we know God, the more humbly we acknowledge that His wisdom surpasses our own.

As our parish continues its journey as a **Welcoming and Connecting Parish**, this Sunday's Scriptures gently remind us that every welcome begins with Christ. We cannot lead others to someone we ourselves do not know. We cannot build communion unless we remain united to the One who is its source. Every ministry, every act of service, every parish gathering, every celebration of the Eucharist must ultimately lead people to answer Jesus' question with growing confidence, ***"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."***

That confession has echoed through twenty centuries. It was spoken by apostles, martyrs, saints, missionaries, and countless ordinary believers whose names are known only to God. Now it is entrusted to us. In every generation the Church is renewed, not first by new programs or strategies, but by disciples who know Christ personally and are unafraid to profess Him faithfully.

May this Sunday renew within each of us the courage, humility and grace to serve with the keys He has entrusted to us. When Christ truly becomes the center of our hearts, everything else finds its proper place, because **from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday August 22 nd	5:00 pm ✠ Nuno Ramos Requested by: His Mother
Sunday August 23 rd	8:00 am ✠ Lawrence & Davis Kim and Family Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am ✠ Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise
	11:30 am ✠ For the special intentions of Ross Armstrong Requested by: Janice St. Hilaire
Monday August 24 th	7:00 pm ✠ Shane Lacey Requested by: His Parents
Tuesday August 25 th	7:00 pm ✠ Tom Hogenbirk Requested by: The Biehl Family
	7:00pm For the special intentions of Peter Bellenger Requested by: Mary Cremin
Wednesday August 26 th	9:30 am ✠ Sue Wanamaker Requested by: Marg White-Jacobs
Thursday August 27 th	9:30 am ✠ Evie & Leonard Robinson Requested by: Marinus & Lenore Logtenberg
Friday August 28 th	9:30 am ✠ Joann Neate Requested by: Linda & Michelle Hodgins
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Susan Mays & Family Requested by: Susan Mays



Rosary Sunday on Sept.13th, is inviting a group of ten Parishioners from St John Vianney Church to recite a decade of the Rosary at the 2:30pm Rosary event at Martyrs Shrine. Please RSVP to rayhaggan@gmail.com, cell 705-220-4781 if you are interested.



Sacraments

Online Registration for the 2026-27 First Communion, Confirmation & RCIC Programs is NOW OPEN! Please visit the parish website or scan the QR codes located on the bulletin board and at the Welcome Desk.



IS THIS THE YEAR TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

If so, there will be an information and orientation meeting held at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 23rd in the Luke Room of the Parish Hall.



3RD ANNUAL PARISH FIESTA

Join us next Sunday, August 30th after the 11:30am Mass for our 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! Please stop by and visit our vendors! We look forward to sharing this day with you!



Parish Ministry Updates

Koinonia – **NEW** Young Adult Ministry

Ages 18–35

Starts **September 16**

7:00 PM

Welcome Wednesday

Resumes **September 16**

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Blessed Is She

Resumes **September 8**

After **7:00 PM** Mass

Bible Study

Resumes **October 6** (now on Tuesdays)

After **7:00 PM** Mass

Kids Connection (JK- grade 4)

Resumes **September 13**

At **9:30 AM & 11:30 AM**

Volunteers Always Needed!

Please fill out a **yellow card** found at the **Welcome Desk** if you would like to join this fun and rewarding Ministry.

FOLLOW f - Grow. Serve. Lead. (grades 5-12)

Come be a part of our new **Youth Ministry!**

Please pick up a flyer from the Welcome Desk for dates and information on this year's gatherings. There are registration forms available as well. Information can also be found on our website. **Join us on September 19th as we start Chapter 1 of our journey!**



We wish Kelly Luvisotto all the best as she leaves her role as Youth Minister. Kelly has been gracious enough to offer to help at the Parish Fiesta and will remain an active member of St. John Vianney Parish. Thank you, Kelly, for sharing your kind and gentle spirit with us over the last two years. We look forward to seeing you around the Church!

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

✠ Ida Lenarduzzi (Funeral will be held at St. John Vianney Church on September 9th @ 11am)



Please pray for those who are sick:

Shawn Hunter, Crystal Stasiuk, Irene MacDonald, Dale Macdonald, John Pace, Maria Pace, Peter Bissonette Sr. & Kendra Frey

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