

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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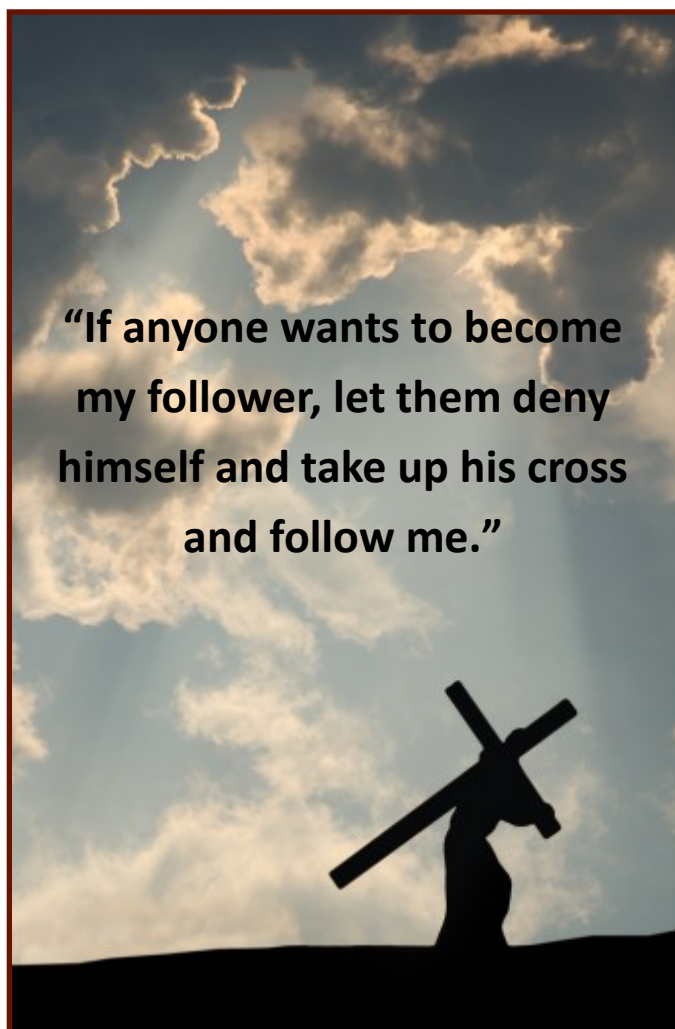
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**"If anyone wants to become
my follower, let them deny
himself and take up his cross
and follow me."**

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

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 COST OF FOLLOWING CHRIST, THE JOY OF BELONGING

Every parish has a story. It is not written first in bricks, stained glass, or parish records, but in the quiet faith of ordinary people who gather week after week around the altar of the Lord. A parish becomes a living Gospel when children are baptized into Christ, young people discover their vocation, families find strength in difficult seasons, the elderly continue to witness to hope, and the Eucharist remains the heart from which every ministry draws its life. This is why the Church has always understood the parish not merely as a place of worship, but as a spiritual family. As *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, **"The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families"** (CCC, 2179).

As we celebrate our **St. John Vianney Parish Fiesta**, we are doing much more than enjoying a day of fellowship. We are marking the joyful beginning of another pastoral year, the moment when our ministries and apostolates begin anew after the summer months. It is an opportunity to renew friendships, welcome new faces, and deepen our shared mission as a **Welcoming and Connecting Parish**. A healthy parish is never built by one priest or one committee. It grows because countless hands serve quietly, generous hearts give faithfully, and many lives reflect the love of Christ in ways that often go unnoticed.

For this reason, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to every parishioner, volunteer, ministry leader, staff member, benefactor, and family who calls St. John Vianney home. Thank you for your generosity, your sacrifices, your prayers, and your unwavering commitment to this parish. Together we continue to build a community where God is truly our Father, where strangers become friends, where faith is nourished through Word and Sacrament, where wounded hearts discover healing, and where hope is renewed each Sunday around the Eucharistic table.

Our celebration also invites us to remember those who once sat beside us in these very pews. Many members of our parish family have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Their prayers, sacrifices, and witness helped shape the community we enjoy today. May the Lord, who is rich in mercy, welcome them into His eternal kingdom. As a parish family, let us remember them with gratitude and continue to pray for the repose of their souls, trusting the promise of Christ that those who die in Him shall live forever.

This **Sunday's Scriptures** invite us to reflect on what it truly means to belong to Christ. Jeremiah speaks with astonishing honesty. He does not hide his struggles before God. **"The word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long"** (Jeremiah 20:8). Yet in the very next breath he confesses something even more

profound, **"There is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones... and I cannot"** (Jeremiah 20:9). Jeremiah discovers what every authentic disciple eventually learns, God's call is sometimes demanding, yet His grace becomes impossible to resist. Genuine vocation is not sustained by enthusiasm alone, but by the quiet fire of the Holy Spirit burning within the soul.

St. Paul develops this same truth from another perspective. Rather than conforming ourselves to passing fashions, changing opinions, or the shifting values of society, Christians are called to **"be transformed by the renewing of your minds"** (Romans 12:2). The Greek word used by St. Paul, *metamorphousthe*, suggests a profound interior transformation, not merely external improvement. Christian discipleship is not cosmetic adjustment, it is spiritual renewal. The Church has always understood holiness not as becoming someone different, but as becoming fully the person God created us to be.

The Gospel brings this invitation into even sharper focus. After Peter has just confessed Jesus as the Messiah, he immediately struggles to accept a suffering Messiah. His instinct is understandable. Like many of us, he wants glory without sacrifice, victory without the Cross. Jesus' response is striking because He does not simply correct Peter's theology, He reshapes his understanding of discipleship itself, **"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me"** (Matthew 16:24).

Perhaps this is the hidden lesson our Parish Fiesta quietly teaches us. Every ministry, every choir rehearsal, every catechist preparing a lesson, every volunteer welcoming at the church doors, every Eucharistic Minister visiting the sick, every person arranging flowers, cleaning the church, serving coffee, or praying silently before the Blessed Sacrament participates in something far greater than a parish activity. Together they reveal the face of Christ to one another.

As we begin another season of parish life, let us renew our commitment to become the community Christ desires us to be. Let every newcomer discover a family here. Let every child encounter faith that inspires wonder. Let every young person find purpose. Let every family experience encouragement. Let every senior know they remain treasured. Let every person who enters our church encounter the gentle presence of Christ.

May **St. John Vianney**, our beloved patron, continue to intercede for us. May he teach us to love the Eucharist, cherish the confessional, serve with humility, and remain faithful to Christ in every season of life.

Together, let us continue building a parish where faith is lived with conviction, charity is offered generously, hope is renewed daily, and every person truly knows they belong.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday August 29 th	5:00 pm † Tom Hogenbirk Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
	5:00 pm † Ferne Williams Requested by: John & Barbara Bagnell
	5:00 pm For the special intentions of Pasquale Mongillo Requested by: The Pisani Family
Sunday August 30 th	8:00 am † Paul Kokelj Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † Julian Lacasse Requested by: Linda Lacasse
	11:30 am † Ursula Dempsey Requested by: Mike & Maria Hardie
Monday August 31 st	7:00 pm † Josephine Pace Requested by: Lorraine Pace
Tuesday September 1 st	7:00 pm † Tom Brouwer Requested by: The Biehl Family
	7:00 pm † John Arksey Requested by: Family
	7:00 pm † Luigi Pezza & † Domenic Pecchia Requested by: Patricia Pecchia
	7:00pm For the special intentions of Michelle Biehl Requested by: Mom & Dad
Wednesday September 2 nd	9:30 am † Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Michelle Biehl Requested by: Mom & Dad
Thursday September 3 rd	9:30 am † Lawrence & Davis Kim and Family Requested by: Anna Kim
Friday September 4 th	9:30 am † Dorothy & Frank Lubrick Requested by: Linda & Michelle Hodgins
	9:30 am † Frank, Marina & Paul Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
	9:30am † Barbara Charuba Sr. Requested by: Barbara Charuba



Rosary Sunday at Martyrs' Shrine

Welcome all parishioners to the 42nd Annual **Rosary Sunday, Sunday, September 13**, at Martyrs' Shrine. The celebration begins with **Noon Outdoor**

Mass, followed by the **Rosary**, **Liturgy**, and **Benediction** at 2:30pm, led by our celebrant, His Eminence **Thomas Cardinal Collins**. Rosary Sunday began in 1984 in celebration of our Blessed Mother Mary and was established in recognition of Pope John Paul II's visit to Martyrs' Shrine. Bring a folding chair and take the opportunity to tour the extensive grounds of our National Shrine at this, the 100th Anniversary of Martyrs Shrine.



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.



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

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.



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 † - 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!

FELLOWSHIP

will resume after the 9:30am & 11:30 am Masses on **Sunday, September 13th**. We look forward to seeing you again!

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

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



Please pray for those who are sick:

Isabella De Oliveira, Christopher Wijesinghe,
Shawn Hunter, Crystal Stasiuk,
Irene MacDonald,
Dale Macdonald, John Pace. Maria Pace,
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