

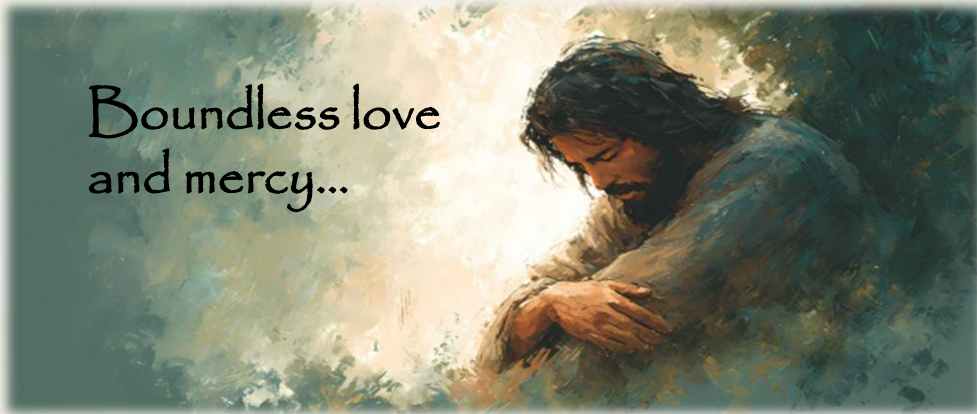
ST. JOHN VIANNEY CONNECTIONS

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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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday (Vigil)

5:00pm

Sunday

8:00am - 9:30am & 11:30am

Monday & Tuesday

7:00pm

Wednesday - Friday

9:30am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MASS

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday

4:00pm - 4:45pm

(and after our Weekday Masses)

OFFICE HOURS

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9:00am - 4:00pm

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GRACE DOES NOT KEEP A TIME SHEET

There is something wonderfully unsettling about the Gospel this Sunday. Jesus tells us about a landowner who goes out repeatedly throughout the day looking for workers for his vineyard. Some begin early in the morning, others at noon, others much later. Finally, with only an hour remaining, he finds still more people waiting and asks them a striking question: "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They answer simply, "Because no one has hired us." At the end of the day, the landowner gives each worker the same wage. Our instinct immediately begins calculating. Surely those who worked longer deserve more. Yet Jesus is not giving us a lesson in employment policy. He is revealing something about the Kingdom of God: God's grace is gift before it is reward. The workers who arrived first had begun to think that their long service gave them a greater claim upon the generosity of the landowner. This is the spiritual danger hidden in the parable. It is possible to serve God faithfully and, almost without noticing, begin to measure our relationship with Him by what we think we deserve. Jesus turns that calculation upside down. The landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" The question reaches beyond the vineyard. Can I rejoice when God is generous to someone else? Can I welcome the person who has returned to faith after many years? Can I accept that the mercy I depend upon is the same mercy God freely gives to another?

This is where Isaiah gives us the key to understanding the Gospel: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." God does not see a human life merely as a record of achievements and failures. We often see the years someone has been away; God sees the possibility of return. We remember the mistake; God sees the person who can still become holy. We may think that it is too late; God continues to go out looking for workers, even at the eleventh hour. The Catechism beautifully describes grace as "favour, the free and undeserved help that God gives us" (CCC 1996). Christianity begins precisely here. Before we accomplish anything for God, God has already acted for us.

This truth should shape the character of a parish. At St. John Vianney, our desire to be a Welcoming and Connecting Parish is not simply a slogan about hospitality. It has a deeply Catholic meaning. The Church is the vineyard into which Christ continues to call people at different hours of their lives. Some have been practising the faith since childhood. Some are returning after decades. Some know exactly where to sit at Mass; others enter the church wondering whether they still belong. Some carry strong faith; others arrive carrying questions, disappointment, grief, or a quiet desire to begin again. The Gospel gives us the answer: there is room in the vineyard. No one should have to become perfect

before approaching Christ. Conversion itself is already the work of grace.

St. Paul takes us one step further in the second reading. Writing from imprisonment and facing the possibility of death, he says, "For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain." This is not indifference toward life. It is the testimony of someone whose life has acquired a new centre. Paul no longer asks simply, "What do I want from life?" His deeper question is, "How can Christ be magnified through my life?" That is Christian maturity. We may not control the length of our lives, the circumstances we encounter, or the hour at which certain doors open or close. But we can decide what our lives will be centred upon. Paul therefore urges the Philippians, "Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."

These readings leave us with a remarkably hopeful theology of the Christian life. Isaiah tells us that God's ways exceed our calculations. Jesus reveals a God whose generosity cannot be reduced to what we deserve. Paul shows us what happens when a person finally allows that grace to become the centre of life. Perhaps the most consoling truth this Sunday is very simple: God is still going out into the marketplace. He has not stopped calling. If you have served Him faithfully for many years, remain grateful rather than calculating. If you have wandered, come home. If you feel that you have wasted too much time, remember the workers of the eleventh hour. If you are carrying regret about the past, do not allow yesterday to convince you that God has nothing left for tomorrow. The Lord of the vineyard is still asking us to come. And in His Kingdom, the decisive question is not simply how early we arrived, but whether, when He called, we allowed ourselves to be found.



In 2026, the Archdiocese of Toronto is celebrating the **Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel on Sunday, September 27**. We invite you to join in praying the novena to St. Michael. Before you begin, two things should be kept in mind. First, we approach the Lord with faith, trust and in a humble, loving manner. Second, we choose a particular intention to be mentioned throughout the novena. May God bless you on this prayer journey.



Adopt - A - School

St. John Vianney Catholic School has been chosen for the exciting **Indigo Adopt a School Program!** When you visit the **Indigo store on Mapleview Drive this month**, you can make a donation at the cash register to help buy brand-new books for the students. Every single dollar raised goes straight to the school library, so please help the school fill their shelves with wonderful stories!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday September 19 th	5:00 pm ✠ Elena & Alfredo Arnone & Michelina Valente Requested by: Family
	5:00 pm For the special intentions of Carmen Valente Requested by: Family
Sunday September 20 th	8:00 am ✠ Lawrence & Davis Kim and Family Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am ✠ Georgina Paquete Requested by: Gina Paquete
	11:30 am For the People of the Parish
Monday September 21 st	7:00 pm ✠ Ramon Sabaniano Requested by: Family
Tuesday September 22 nd	7:00 pm ✠ Connie McCormick Requested by: Les & Mary Watts
	7:00 pm ✠ Ida Lenarduzzi Requested by: Al & MaryAnn Weishar
Wednesday September 23 rd	9:30 am ✠ Maria Sousa Requested by: The Sousa Family
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Herminia Lopes Requested by: The Sousa Family
Thursday September 24 th	9:30 am ✠ Marg & Bob Balazs Requested by: Linda & Michelle Hodgins
Friday September 25 th	9:30 am ✠ Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am ✠ Hilario Davide III Requested by: Hermosa Pacursa
	9:30 am ✠ Jeremiah Cremin & Dan Rahilly Requested by: Mary Cremin

 **Online Registration for the 2026-27 First Communion and Confirmation Programs is CLOSED** Please call Anita at 705-726-8007 ext. 203 if you have missed the deadline.

 Save the date! Blessed is She has organized a Marriage Retreat for Saturday, October 10th from 9am – 3pm. The theme of the retreat is, "Marriage and Community". More details to come!

Seasons of Hope - Bereavement Group

Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed and shall be comforted. *Seasons of Hope* helps us come together to share in God's love. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning **October 7, 2026** in the library at **St. Mary's Parish, 65 Amelia Street, Barrie**. **Registration is required.** For more details or to register please contact Catherine Ecker in the parish office at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org.



The September CWL meeting will take place this Tuesday night, September 22, 2026 in the hall after the 7pm Mass. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.



Crafters, Knitters, Crocheters meet Tuesday mornings in the hall from 930 to Noon. Bring a snack for yourself or to share. Knitters and Crocheters are currently working on squares for blankets and Crafters on items for the Annual Bazaar.



For those doing up preserves this season, please set aside a jar or two for the upcoming CWL Annual Christmas Bazaar. More information to come. If you are no longer canning and would like to donate your pint and half pint jars, please contact the CWL at 705-726-8007 ext 208

The Barrie Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

The 46th annual Barrie Prayer Breakfast is on **October 7th at 7:25 a.m.** at the Southshore Community Centre. This is an ecumenical event that features a guest speaker and allow us to share faith with other Christians. St Mary's church is a supporter of this event. Tickets are \$35.00/each or \$40 at the door and available at barriepayerbreakfast.ca. If you have any questions, you can contact Allan Johnson at johnsonallan60@gmail.com



IS THIS THE YEAR TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

If so, please scan the QR code on the bulletin board to fill out the online inquiry form. Paul, our Catechist, will reach out to you with next steps.

Humanitarian Relief – Nepal & Columbia

Those wishing to help may donate through the Archdiocese or through the parish. Please make cheques payable to **St. John Vianney – Humanitarian Relief – Nepal Mudslides** or **St. John Vianney – Humanitarian Relief – Colombia Earthquake**. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Funds will be channeled through trusted Catholic partners assisting those most affected.



FELLOWSHIP

Join us after the 9:30 & 11:30 Masses for Fellowship. This is a wonderful way to meet your priests, make new friends and grow our parish family. Volunteers from the parish will be hosting this weekend!

Parish Ministry Updates

Bible Study (now on Tuesdays)



Resumes **October 6** After **7:00 PM** Mass

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

✠ Michael Lichtenfeld & ✠ Jose Faria



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