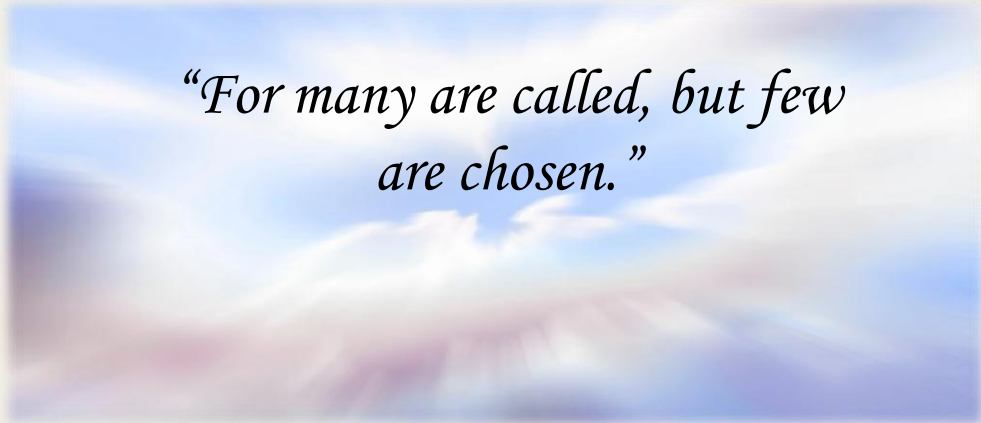


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OUR MISSION

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.



*“For many are called, but few
are chosen.”*

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Sunday

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Monday & Tuesday

7:00pm

Wednesday - Friday

9:30am

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WHEN HEAVEN SETS THE TABLE

There are some invitations we cannot afford to refuse.

A child waits for the invitation to come home. A family waits for the invitation to gather around the table. A lonely heart waits for the invitation that says, *"You belong here."*

And in today's Gospel, heaven itself sends an invitation. Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who prepares a wedding feast for his son. The table is ready. The food is prepared. The celebration is about to begin. Everything has been made ready, and the invitation goes out: **Come to the feast.** But remarkably, some refuse. They have fields to attend to. Business to manage. Other things to do. Nothing necessarily evil. Just other things. And perhaps that is precisely why the parable is so unsettling. We rarely reject God because we hate Him. More often, we neglect Him because we are busy with everything else. **The greatest danger to the soul is not always doing something wrong; sometimes it is becoming so occupied with lesser things that we forget the greatest thing.**

Isaiah gives us a glimpse of what God has prepared: *"A feast of rich food, a feast of well aged wines."* The prophet sees salvation as a banquet prepared by God Himself. It is the great feast of communion, where sorrow will not have the final word, death will be defeated, and God will *"wipe away the tears from all faces."* This is more than beautiful poetry. It is a revelation of the heart of God. **God does not merely want to rescue us from something; He wants to bring us into something: communion with Himself.**

The whole story of salvation moves toward a table. From the manna in the wilderness, to the Passover meal, to the feeding of the multitudes, to the Last Supper, and finally to the Eucharist, Scripture continually reveals a God who feeds His people. And at this altar, the promise of Isaiah becomes astonishingly close. The Lord does not simply prepare a feast and send us a message about it. **He becomes our food.** The Eucharist is therefore not an interruption in our busy lives. It is the place where we remember what our lives are actually for. The Catechism calls the Eucharist *"the source and summit of the Christian life."* Here Christ gathers His people, speaks His Word, offers Himself in sacrifice, and feeds us with His own life. Perhaps this is why Thanksgiving is such a fitting moment to hear these readings. The word **Eucharist** itself comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving. Every Sunday, we come to the altar carrying the ordinary contents of our lives, our joys and disappointments, our families, our worries, our hopes, our failures and our gratitude. And Christ teaches

us to place them into the hands of the Father. Thanksgiving is more than saying, "Thank you, God, for what I have." It is learning to see **everything as gift.**

St. Paul says, *"I have learned to be content with whatever I have."* He has known abundance and deprivation, hunger and plenty. Yet he has discovered the secret that the world often forgets: **a grateful heart does not depend upon having everything; it depends upon knowing whom it has.** *"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."* Paul is not boasting about his own strength. He is proclaiming his dependence upon Christ. And so, on this Thanksgiving weekend, perhaps we should pause long enough to notice what we usually overlook. Who put food on our table? Who worked when we were sleeping? Who sacrificed so that we could have opportunities? Who prayed for us when we did not know we needed prayer? Who stayed when life became difficult? Who loved us when we were not particularly easy to love? And behind every human gift, can we recognize the generosity of God?

Let us give thanks for our families and friends. Let us give thanks for those whose labour provides the food we place upon our tables. Let us remember farmers, workers, caregivers, teachers, volunteers and countless people whose ordinary faithfulness sustains our communities.

And let us give thanks for our parish family. I am deeply grateful for the many parishioners of St. John Vianney who quietly give themselves for the life of our community. Thank you to those who serve at the altar, proclaim the Word, sing, welcome, teach, prepare families for the Sacraments, accompany our children and youth, visit the sick and elderly, organize parish ministries, care for our facilities, support our charitable works, and generously offer their time, talent and treasure. Some ministries are visible. Many are not. But heaven sees every act of love. **A parish is built not only with bricks and mortar, but with thousands of unseen acts of generosity.** That is why I am grateful for you.

Yet the Gospel gives us one final and important warning. The man without the wedding garment reminds us that receiving an invitation is not the same as responding to it. Grace is freely offered, but it calls for conversion. Baptism clothes us in Christ, and throughout our lives we are called to keep that garment bright through faith, repentance, charity and holiness.

God has prepared the feast at **the table of the Kingdom.** Until then, let us live gratefully, serve generously, forgive readily, love deeply, and come faithfully to the Lord's Table.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday October 10 th	5:00 pm For the special intentions of Catherine Requested by: The Son Family
Sunday October 11 th	9:30 am ✠ Janina Opryszczko Requested by: Kasia Sulima & Family 11:30 am For the People of the Parish
Monday October 12 th	9:30 am For the special intentions of Ross Armstrong
Tuesday October 13 th	7:00 pm ✠ Vicky Simpson Requested by: Linda & Michelle Hodgins
Wednesday October 14 th	9:30 am ✠ Annamma Ouseph Requested by: Fr. Joshy George
Thursday October 15 th	9:30 am For the deceased members of The Knights of Columbus
Friday October 16 th	9:30 am ✠ Lawrence & Davis Kim and Family Requested by: Anna Kim 9:30 am ✠ Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise 9:30 am ✠ Bob Hargrave Requested by: Barb Hargrave



On Saturday, **October 17th**, couples are warmly invited to a workshop presented by WWME. Take a break from

the busyness of daily life to celebrate your relationship and discover practical ways to live your faith together. The day begins with Holy Mass at **10 am**, celebrated by Fr. Henry Alva, OFM, Cap., followed by a talk and workshop, concluding at 3 pm. A light lunch will be provided. There is no charge to attend; donations are welcome. There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule.



FALL FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have teamed up for a much needed food drive. The Knights will be handing out bags after all the Masses **THIS** weekend, October 10th & 11th and will then collect them the following weekend, October 17th & 18th. Some much needed food items include; **school snacks, cereal, peanut butter, jam, Kraft Dinner, cookies, crackers, spaghetti sauce, coffee, tea, juice boxes, cakes mixes, sugar, pancake mix and syrup, canned meat, canned pasta, canned fruit, toilet paper and toiletries.**

Please be careful not to bring in expired food or soup (we have an excess of canned soup!)

Financial donations are always welcome.

Thank you for your support!



Bible Study - Tuesday, October 13th
after Mass - **Genesis 13**

THERE WILL BE NO FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEKEND

✠ No Welcome Wednesday – October 14



Youth Ministry Volunteer Meetings

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Youth Ministry!

- Adult Volunteers: Wednesday, October 14 | 7:00–8:30 PM
- Teen Volunteers (ages 16–18): Wednesday, October 28 | 7:00–8:30 PM

Anyone interested in getting involved is welcome to attend!



Pizza Fellowship – October 17

Join us for fellowship after the 5:00 PM Holy Mass on Saturday, October 17. Pizza will be provided by our Youth Ministry. Everyone is welcome to stay, enjoy some pizza, and spend time together!



Sacramental Team Volunteers Needed

Our parish is looking for volunteers to join our Sacramental Team and provide extra help with our First Communion and Confirmation programs. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mekha Jafri at MJafriDavid@archtoronto.org.



The office will be closed on Monday, October 12th for Thanksgiving Day. **Daily Mass will be at 9:30am (not 7:00pm).**



All Souls Day

Monday, November 2nd is a special day of prayer in commemoration of all the faithful departed. As Catholics, it's our duty to offer prayers for friends and loved ones who have passed away. We invite parishioners to enter

the names of their departed loved ones in the **Book of Remembrance** located in the vestibule when you enter the church. On that day we will celebrate a **Solemn Requiem Mass at 7:00 pm with a reception in the parish hall to follow.**

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The Knights of Columbus have planned a night of food and fun as they host their first Fish Fry! This event will take place on October 23rd and will run from 4-7pm. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses this weekend, Oct. 10/11 and next weekend, Oct. 17/18. The cost is \$25 per person, and payment can be made by cash or debit.



"Blessed is She" Women's Group:

Join us on **Tuesday, October 13th**, for a relaxed evening of fellowship and conversation. Refreshments will be provided, and participants are welcome to bring something to share. Come as you are – all ages welcome! We meet on the second Tuesday of each month after the 7:00 pm Mass

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

✠ Joe Prospero & ✠ Valentina Fichera



Please pray for those who are sick:

Alfred Lovey, Amerino Rizzuto, Helen Bich Vu, Maria Hue Le, Tony Pereira, Matteo McMorro, Kevin Schaub, Heather Godin, Helen McCorkell, Eleanor Donovan, Anton Trung Nguyen and Doug Woolway

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