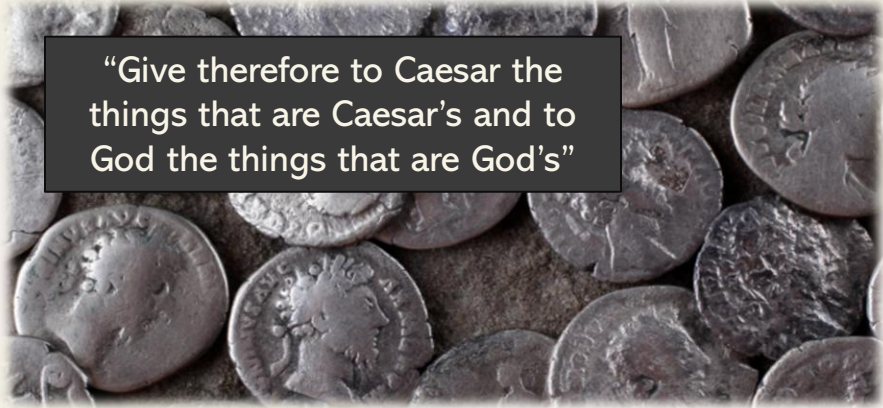


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OUR MISSION

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.



"Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's"

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Monday & Tuesday

7:00pm

Wednesday - Friday

9:30am

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WHOSE IMAGE DO YOU CARRY?

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every coin carries an image, but every human heart carries something infinitely more precious, **the image of God.**

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees attempt to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to Caesar. Jesus asks them to show Him a coin and then poses a simple question: "Whose head is this, and whose title?" When they answer, "The emperor's," Jesus responds with His timeless wisdom: "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:20–21). But beneath this familiar exchange lies a profound spiritual question: **If a coin belongs to Caesar because it bears his image, to whom do we belong, since we bear the image of God?**

The answer takes us back to the very beginning of Scripture: "So God created humankind in his image" (Genesis 1:27). We belong to God, not merely because He created us, but because He loves us. Our lives, our talents, our relationships, our time, and even our struggles are entrusted to us as gifts. We may have many responsibilities in this world, but our deepest identity is found in the One whose image we carry. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the divine image is present in every human person (CCC 1702). This means that human dignity is never diminished by age, illness, poverty, failure, or weakness. The elderly person who feels forgotten, the young person searching for direction, and the stranger seeking acceptance all carry the same sacred image. **To honour God, therefore, is also to recognize and respect His image in one another.**

In the first reading, God calls Cyrus, a foreign king who does not even know Him, to accomplish His divine purpose. What a remarkable revelation! God's providence is not confined by human boundaries, political powers, or religious expectations. He can work through unexpected people and circumstances, even when His presence is not immediately visible. As the Lord declares, "I am the Lord, and there is no other" (Isaiah 45:5). This is a reassuring truth for anyone facing uncertainty. Even when life takes an unexpected turn, when prayers seem unanswered, or when the future appears unclear, God has not abandoned His people. **His providence is often at work long before we recognize His hand.**

In the second reading, St. Paul praises the Thessalonians for their "work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope" (1 Thessalonians 1:3). These three virtues offer us a beautiful portrait of Christian discipleship. Faith must become visible in our actions, love must find expression in our service, and hope must

sustain us through life's difficulties. This message becomes especially meaningful as we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, a day when the entire Catholic Church renews her commitment to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world. Instituted by **Pope Pius XI in 1926.**

World Mission Sunday reminds us that the Church is missionary by her very nature. On this special Sunday, Catholics throughout the world are invited to unite in prayer and extend their hands in generosity to support the Church's missionary work. Our contributions help sustain missionary communities, support the formation of priests and religious, build churches, and bring the Gospel to places where the Church is young, growing, or facing significant challenges. What may seem like a small gift from our hands can become a source of hope and transformation in another part of the world. **Not everyone can go to the missions, but everyone can support the mission.** A parent patiently nurturing a child's faith, a young person choosing kindness over cruelty, a parishioner visiting someone who is lonely, a volunteer serving without seeking recognition, or a family quietly caring for a suffering loved one, all can become living expressions of the Church's mission.

Here at St. John Vianney Parish, as we continue striving to be a **Welcoming and Connecting Parish**, may we remember that our greatest mission is not simply to fill our church, but to help every person who enters experience the love of Christ and discover that they belong to God's family. Our mission also extends beyond our parish boundaries, embracing brothers and sisters throughout the world through prayer, solidarity, and generosity.

Dear friends, the world often measures our worth by what we possess, achieve, or accomplish. But God sees something far greater. He sees His own image within us. One day, we will leave behind everything that bears the image of this world. What will remain is the love we have given, the faith we have lived, and the lives we have touched. **The coin in the Gospel bore the image of Caesar and belonged to Caesar. Our hearts bear the image of God, and they belong to Him.**

On this World Mission Sunday, may we give God not only what is in our hands, but also what is in our hearts. May our faith inspire generosity, our generosity become a blessing, and our lives become a living witness to Christ's love.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. Joshy

Fr. Joshy George, CMI

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday October 17 th	5:00 pm ✠ Stephen Roach Requested by: Shelley Smith
	5:00 pm For the special intentions of Judy Arksey Requested by: Family
Sunday October 18 th	8:00 am ✠ Tony Dolinar Requested by: The Kokelj Family
	9:30 am For the People of the Parish
	11:30 am For the living and deceased members of The Sulima Family Requested by: Kasia Sulima
Monday October 19 th	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Judy Arksey Requested by: Mary Cremin
Tuesday October 20 th	7:00 pm ✠ Janina Opryszczko Requested by: Kasia Sulima & Family
	7:00 pm ✠ Anne LeClair Requested by: Les & Mary Watts
	7:00 pm For the living and deceased members of the CWL
Wednesday October 21 st	9:30 am ✠ Lawrence & Davis Kim and Family Requested by: Anna Kim
Thursday October 22 nd	9:30 am ✠ Gabriela Arruda & Udi Muldinado Requested by: The Sousa Family
Friday October 23 rd	9:30 am ✠ Julian Lacasse Requested by: Linda Lacasse
	9:30 am ✠ Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am ✠ Anna & Joseph Balazs Requested by: Linda & Michelle Hodgins
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Judy Schoeneich Requested by: Wendy & Rob Gordanier
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Angel Chisholm Requested by: Self



Koinonia – NEW Young Adult Ministry

Ages 18–35

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 PM

This new ministry encourages young people to gather, take part in engaging conversation and grow in faith together!



Drop-In for fun activities, plenty of conversation and refreshments. We meet every Wednesday from 10:00 am–1:00 pm (after Morning Mass).



CWL NEWS

The SJV CWL is hosting the nine Regional CWL parishes this Tuesday, October 20th for a Regional Meeting. The evening will begin at 6:30pm with the Rosary in the church followed by Mass at 7:00pm, concluding with a member reception in the Hall. We invite all parishioners to join us and say the Rosary (at 6:30pm) for the Pope's intentions.

There will be no crafts/knitting group this Tuesday

Bible Study – cancelled this week

Youth Ministry TEEN Volunteer Meeting

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Youth
Wednesday, October 28 | 7:00–8:30 PM
Anyone interested in getting involved is welcome to attend!



Thank you to the St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus for their most recent donations of \$3000 to our Youth Ministry and \$3000 to our parish. We are truly blessed!

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.



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. 17/18. The cost is \$25 per person, and payment can be made by cash or debit.



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. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting this weekend!

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

✠ Michael Morris (Funeral Mass on Oct. 24th @ 11:00am)
✠ Tony Pereira ✠ Maria Choi & ✠ Gail Russell



Please pray for those who are sick:

Nora Russell, Alfred Lovey, Amerino Rizzuto,
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