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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.



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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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MASS

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday

4:00pm - 4:45pm

(and after our Weekday Masses)

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9:00am - 4:00pm

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HOLINESS IS CLOSER THAN WE THINK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When we think of saints, we often imagine extraordinary people who lived extraordinary lives. We admire their holiness, their courage, and their sacrifices, but sometimes we quietly conclude that sainthood belongs to a different kind of person. Yet the beautiful truth of today's solemnity is that **holiness is not the privilege of a few; it is the vocation of every Christian.** The saints were not people who never struggled. They were people who allowed God's grace to work through their struggles, imperfections, and ordinary circumstances.

In today's first reading, St. John presents a magnificent vision of heaven: "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" (Revelation 7:9). What a beautiful image of the Church! Heaven is not reserved for one culture, one generation, or one particular way of life. It is the gathering of God's children, united not by their achievements but by the redeeming love of Jesus Christ. There is something particularly consoling in this vision. Those standing before God's throne are people who have "come out of the great ordeal" (Revelation 7:14). Their holiness did not exempt them from suffering. Rather, their faithfulness carried them through it. **Sainthood is not the absence of life's difficulties, but the presence of God's grace within them.**

The second reading takes us even deeper into the mystery of holiness. St. John writes, "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are" (1 John 3:1). Notice that he does not say we might become God's children someday. He says that we already are. Holiness, therefore, begins not with what we accomplish for God, but with recognizing what God has already done for us. We are loved before we are perfect; we are called before we are worthy. Our spiritual life is a gradual transformation into the likeness of the One who loves us.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which might be called the portrait of a saint. He blesses the poor in spirit, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. These are not simply beautiful ideals to admire. They describe a different way of living.

Our world often measures success by wealth, influence, recognition, and personal achievement. Jesus measures the greatness of a life by humility, compassion, integrity, and love. The Beatitudes challenge us to reconsider what truly makes a human life meaningful. **A successful life is not necessarily a holy life, but a holy life is always a life of profound meaning.**

The Second Vatican Council reminds us that all the faithful, whatever their state or condition, are called to the fullness of Christian life and the perfection of charity (*Lumen Gentium*, 40). Holiness is lived in families, workplaces, schools, and communities. It is found in parents who patiently care for their children, spouses who remain faithful through difficult seasons, young people who choose integrity over popularity, caregivers who serve with tenderness, and those who quietly forgive when resentment would be easier.

Perhaps we have encountered saints without recognizing them. Some may have lived in our own homes, sat beside us at Mass, or supported us during difficult moments. Their names may never appear in a Church calendar, but their goodness has left a lasting impression on our lives. Pope Francis beautifully reminds us in *Gaudete et Exsultate* (7) of the holiness found in ordinary people, what he calls "**the middle class of holiness.**" This is a powerful reminder that sainthood is not about becoming someone else. It is about allowing Christ to transform the person we already are.

As we celebrate All Saints today, the Church also invites us to remember All Souls tomorrow. These two celebrations are profoundly connected through the mystery of the Communion of Saints. Today, we rejoice with those who have reached the fullness of life in God. Tomorrow, we pray for all the faithful departed, entrusting them to God's mercy and the promise of eternal life.

On Monday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m., we will celebrate a special All Souls' Day Mass at St. John Vianney Parish. We will remember and pray for all our departed loved ones. Families who have lost a loved one since last All Souls' Day will have an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. Following Mass, we will gather for light refreshments, offering one another friendship, comfort, and the consolation of our shared faith. All are warmly invited to join us for this meaningful celebration of remembrance, prayer, and Christian hope.

Dear friends, All Saints' Day is not merely about remembering those who have reached heaven. It is also about remembering where our own lives are meant to lead. We are all pilgrims on the same journey, sustained by God's grace and encouraged by the witness of those who have gone before us.

The question is not whether we are extraordinary enough to become saints, but whether we are willing to let God make our ordinary lives holy. May the example and intercession of all the saints inspire us to live with greater faith, love more generously, forgive more readily, and recognize Christ in the people we encounter each day.

Happy Feast of All Saints!

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday October 31 st	5:00 pm ✠ Lourdes Zafe Sabaniano Requested by: Family
	5:00 pm ✠ Tony Pereira Requested by: The Sousa Family
Sunday November 1 st	8:00 am ✠ Lawrence & Davis Kim and Family Requested by: Anna Kim
	9:30 am For the deceased members of the Spineto, Ricci and Manzo Families Requested by: Teresa Spineto
	11:30 am ✠ Fred Aloise & Family Requested by: Maria Aloise
Monday November 2 nd	7:00 pm ✠ ALL SOULS
Tuesday November 3 rd	7:00 pm ✠ Helder Claro Requested by: The Foglia Family
	7:00 pm ✠ Shane Lacey Requested by: His Parents
	7:00 pm ✠ Maria Teresa Pistilli Requested by: The Foglia Family
	7:00 pm ✠ Mike Morris Requested by: Dan & Berna Brock
	7:00 pm ✠ Giao Mai & Giovanni Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of Dave & Liz White Requested by: Mary Kominek
Wednesday November 4 th	9:30 am ✠ Jose Rama Sr. Requested by: Family
Thursday November 5 th	9:30 am ✠ Janina Opryszczko Requested by: Kasia Sulima & Family
	9:30 am ✠ Bo Harmazy Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Stephanie Harmazy Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
Friday November 6 th	9:30 am ✠ George Tumalinan Sr. Requested by: The Buena Family
	9:30 am ✠ Frank, Marina & Paul Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
	9:30 am ✠ Joseph, Josephine & Michael Pace Requested by: Lorraine Pace



Welcome Wednesday is CANCELLED this week

Bible Study - Tuesday, November 3
after Mass - **Genesis**



The 2026-2027 Sunday Missals will be on sale in the next couple of weeks. Once they have arrived, you will find them at the Welcome Desk.



Guardian Angels in Orillia is hosting a **Classical Concert** on Sunday, November 15th at 3:00pm. Tickets are \$30 for the concert and \$50 for the concert and dinner. Money raised will be put towards the ongoing restoration of their churches. Please contact Guardian Angels parish or visit their website for more details and on how to purchase tickets.



The annual CWL bazaar takes place on November 21, 2026 from 9 am to 2 pm. Come out and pick up 'one of a kind' gifts for Christmas, home baked goodies, fresh preserves, hand knit items and new to you treasures. Purchase tickets for various draws and raffles. Plan on enjoying a tasty lunch in our Christmas Lunchroom. This is a cash only event



HOSPICE SIMCOE -SEASONS CENTRE VOLUNTEERS PRESENT 'ADVANCE CARE PLANNING - THE MUSICAL'

The St. John Vianney CWL invite all parishioners to join them on November 17th after Evening Mass for an evening of information and good humour. Learn how to start the important conversation now, in order to ensure that your future healthcare wishes are met.

✠ 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

All Souls Day falls on **Monday, November 2nd** this year. 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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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!

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

✠ Mary Teresa Johnson ✠ Teresa Berenguer
✠ Pablito Sicat



Please pray for those who are sick:

Maria Hue Doan, Utte Mary, Helen Bich Nguyen, Dang Nguyen, Nora Russell, Alfred Lovey, Amerino Rizzuto, Helen Bich Vu, Maria Hue Le, Matteo McMorrow, Kevin Schaub, Heather Godin, Helen McCorkell and Eleanor Donovan

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