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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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Saturday (Vigil)
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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)

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Monday - Friday
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The Wisdom of Being Ready: Living Today in the Light of Eternity

There is a quiet but important difference between preparing for the future and being prepared for life. We prepare for appointments, celebrations, careers, retirement, and countless responsibilities. Yet the most significant realities of our existence, love, faith, relationships, and our encounter with God, require a different kind of preparation. They require the daily formation of the heart. As the Church approaches the conclusion of the liturgical year, the Scriptures invite us to consider a question that is both profoundly spiritual and remarkably practical: Are we living today in a way that prepares us to meet God tomorrow?

Wisdom Is the Art of Living Well

The Book of Wisdom presents wisdom not as an achievement reserved for intellectuals, but as a divine gift available to everyone who sincerely seeks it. We are told that wisdom is "easily discerned by those who love her" (Wisdom 6:12). Biblical wisdom is more than knowledge. It is the ability to recognize what truly matters, to distinguish what is urgent from what is important, and to make decisions in the light of God's presence. Wisdom becomes visible in ordinary choices: the decision to listen rather than judge, to reconcile rather than remain resentful, to give time to one's family, or to make room for prayer amid a demanding schedule. These choices gradually shape the kind of person we become.

Hope That Reaches Beyond the Grave

Writing to the Thessalonians, St. Paul addresses one of humanity's deepest experiences, the sorrow of losing someone we love. He encourages Christians not to grieve "as others do who have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). Paul does not suggest that faith eliminates grief. Christianity never asks us to pretend that separation is painless. Rather, our grief is transformed by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This message carries particular significance during November, when the Church remembers and prays for the faithful departed. The Catholic tradition of praying for the dead expresses our belief that the bonds of Christian love are not destroyed by death. As the Catechism teaches, our prayer for the departed can help them and make their intercession for us effective (CCC 958). We remember our loved ones with gratitude, pray for them with love, and entrust them to God with hope.

The Oil That Cannot Be Borrowed

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of ten bridesmaids awaiting the bridegroom. All ten receive the same invitation, and all ten become drowsy. What distinguishes the wise from the foolish is their preparation. Five have brought sufficient oil for their lamps; the others have not. The central message is not about predicting when Christ will return. It concerns the quality of our readiness to receive Him. Parents can introduce their children to faith, priests can preach the Gospel, and a parish community can provide opportunities for spiritual growth. Yet each person must freely respond to God's grace. Jesus concludes with the instruction, "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13).

A Parish That Keeps Its Lamps Burning

At St. John Vianney Parish, our vision of being a Welcoming and Connecting Parish finds its deepest meaning in this Gospel invitation. A parish is not simply a place where religious services are offered. It is a community where faith is nurtured, relationships are strengthened, burdens are shared, and people are encouraged to grow closer to Christ. Perhaps the most important question for us this Sunday is not whether we are doing enough, but whether we are becoming more attentive to God and to one another. Are we giving our families the presence they deserve? Are we making time for prayer? Is there someone waiting for our forgiveness? Have we noticed the person who feels forgotten or alone? Such questions bring the Gospel from the pages of Scripture into the reality of our daily lives.

The Grace of Today

One of the great temptations of the spiritual life is postponement. We intend to pray more when life becomes less demanding, reconcile when circumstances improve, or become more generous when we have greater resources. But the Gospel reminds us that the present moment is where our response to God begins. Holiness is rarely formed through extraordinary achievements alone. More often, it grows through the quiet consistency of ordinary faithfulness. May we recognize that preparing for eternity does not mean withdrawing from the responsibilities of today. It means fulfilling them with greater love, wisdom, and awareness of God's presence. May our homes be places of prayer, our parish a community of genuine belonging, and our hearts lamps kept burning by faith, hope, and love.



Wednesday, Nov. 11th is REMEMBRANCE DAY

We are proud to dedicate this day to honouring the courageous men and women who sacrificed, served, and continue to serve our country. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. *"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them."*



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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday November 7th	5:00 pm ✞ **Annie & Peter Lopushenski** Requested by: Linda & Michelle Hodgins
Sunday November 8th	8:00 am **People of the Parish**
	9:30 am For the deceased members of the **Lacasse Family** Requested by: Linda Lacasse
	11:30 am ✞ **Eleanora Michelucci Strom & ✞ Amelia Fantin** Requested by: Nancy, Karen, Sandy and the Strom Family
Monday November 9th	7:00 pm ✞ **Mike Morris** Requested by: The McCoy Family
Tuesday November 10th	7:00 pm ✞ **Dolores Sexton** Requested by: John & Helen Russell
	7:00 pm ✞ **Bernice Hollohan** Requested by: Carole & Doug Woolway
	7:00 pm ✞ **Gerhard Volkening & Family** Requested by: Kasia Sulima & Family
Wednesday November 11th	9:30 am ✞ **Osvald Ricci** Requested by: Kathy Ricci
Thursday November 12th	9:30 am ✞ **Ed Henderson** Requested by: Colette Henderson
Friday November 13th	9:30 am ✞ **Tony Pereira & Emanuel Lopes** Requested by: The Sousa Family
	9:30 am ✞ **Mary Abbott** Requested by: BW Madigan
	9:30 am ✞ **Fred Aloise & Family** Requested by: Maria Aloise
	9:30 am ✞ **Maria Choi** Requested by: John & Helen Russell
	9:30 am ✞ **Genevieve & Ray McAndrews** Requested by: Suzanne Prior
	9:30 am ✞ **Violet & Lionel Silva** Requested by: The Wijesinghe Family
	9:30 am ✞ **Mabel & Peter Wijesinghe** Requested by: The Wijesinghe Family
	9:30 am ✞ **Lawrence & Davis Kim** and **Family** Requested by: Anna Kim



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

Bible Study - Tuesdays, November 10th & 17th is **cancelled**

MISSALS should be in next week.

Blessed Is She – Women's Group
Tuesday, November 10 after Mass
All women of the parish are welcome

Brothers in Christ – Men's Group
Monday, November 9 after Mass
All men of the parish are welcome

Both groups meet the second week of each month.



Join us from **March 1st – 4th** as we travel by bus to visit **St. Joseph's Oratory, Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, Notre Dame Basilica, Sainte Anne de Beaupré** and more! This 4-day, 3-night pilgrimage costs **$989** per person based on double occupancy and 40 passengers. **There will be an information sheet at the Welcome Desk.**

SOMETHING EXCITING IS COMING TO SJV YOUTH MINISTRY

WE THE NORTH RETREAT | NOVEMBER 13–14
Ages 13–19
Two days of faith, friendship & fun at St. John Vianney Parish!

EDGE KICK-OFF | NOVEMBER 25
Grades 5–8
Get ready for an exciting **Amazing Race – All Hands on Deck!**

M.E.R.C.Y. KICK-OFF | DECEMBER 2
Kindergarten–Grade 4
Connect, grow in faith and make new friends!

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MORE WAYS TO GROW IN FAITH!
Our regular Saturday SJV Youth Ministry gatherings continue as usual, with even more opportunities for faith, friendship and fun!

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.



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 Nigerian Community will be hosting this weekend!

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT
✞ Katarzyna Slusarek ✞ Michele Evola
✞ Mary Theresa Johnson ✞ Pablito Sicat



Please pray for those who are sick:

Maria Hue Doan, Utte Mary, Helen Bich Nguyen Dang Nguyen, Nora Russell, Alfred Lovey and Amerino Rizzuto.

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