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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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Wednesday - Friday
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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MASS

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The Fruitfulness of Faith: Living What God Has Entrusted to Us

"She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy." (Proverbs 31:20)

One of the important questions of Christian life is not simply what we have received, but what we have allowed those gifts to accomplish. Our abilities, time, relationships, education, material resources and opportunities are not merely personal possessions. From a Christian perspective, they are entrusted to us by God, carrying with them a responsibility towards others. This Sunday's readings bring together three essential dimensions of discipleship: wisdom in daily living, vigilance in faith and responsibility in the use of God's gifts.

Wisdom That Becomes Visible in Daily Life

The first reading, from Proverbs 31, presents the portrait of a woman of noble character, traditionally known as the Woman of Worth. Although she is not explicitly identified as Wisdom, her character reflects the biblical tradition of Wisdom personified as a woman throughout the Book of Proverbs. She embodies the qualities that Scripture associates with a life guided by God: prudence, diligence, faithfulness, generosity and reverence for the Lord.

Her wisdom is expressed not merely in what she knows, but in what she does. She works responsibly, cares for her household and opens her hands to the poor. The passage concludes, "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised" (Proverbs 31:30). Here, the fear of the Lord does not mean being afraid of God; it means living with reverence, trust and a deep awareness of our dependence on him.

This reading offers a profound understanding of holiness. Holiness is not confined to extraordinary religious experiences; it takes shape in ordinary responsibilities, relationships and acts of generosity. In the second reading, Saint Paul similarly urges the Thessalonians to remain spiritually awake: "Let us keep awake and be sober" (1 Thessalonians 5:6). Christian vigilance means living attentively, recognizing that our present choices have an eternal significance. We prepare for the Lord by being faithful in the life we are living today.

The Talents: God's Gifts and Our Responsibility

In the Gospel (Matthew 25:14–30), Jesus presents the Parable of the Talents. A master entrusts different amounts to three servants, each according to his ability. Two servants put their resources to work and produce a return, while the third, out of fear, buries what he has received.

The master's response is revealing. The first two servants receive exactly the same commendation: "Well done, good and trustworthy servant." Their faithfulness, rather than the amount they gained, is what matters. The third servant's failure is not that he received less, but that fear prevented him from responding to the trust placed in him.

The talents in this parable can be understood more broadly as the gifts, abilities, responsibilities and opportunities entrusted to us by God. The Gospel is not promoting competition, financial success or a culture of constant productivity. It is teaching that grace calls for a response. What we receive from God is meant to bear fruit through faithful living.

The Second Vatican Council reminds us that human gifts and abilities must be exercised for the good of others and the building up of society (Gaudium et Spes, 30). Thus, Christian stewardship is not simply about preserving what we have; it is about allowing our gifts to serve God's purposes. A talent becomes fruitful when it contributes to the dignity, well-being and flourishing of another person.

The World Day of the Poor: The Fruit of Christian Stewardship

This Sunday, the Church also celebrates the Tenth World Day of the Poor, established by Pope Francis. Pope Leo XIV's message for this year is centred on the theme, "The Lord is the refuge of the poor" (cf. Psalm 14:6). It reminds us that the poor have a central place in the life and mission of the Church.

Poverty is not limited to the absence of food, shelter or financial security. It can also be experienced through loneliness, illness, bereavement, isolation and the loss of human dignity. Christian charity therefore calls for more than occasional assistance. It requires solidarity, personal involvement and a willingness to recognize the dignity of every person. The Catechism teaches that love for the poor is inseparable from our love for Christ (CCC 2443–2449).

For us at St. John Vianney Parish, this celebration invites us to examine what it means to be a Welcoming and Connecting Parish. Our identity must be reflected in the way we receive newcomers, accompany grieving families, visit the sick, support those facing difficulties and reach out to those who may feel disconnected. Every parishioner has something to contribute: time, professional abilities, prayer, hospitality, financial support or simply a willingness to listen. These are different gifts, but each can become an expression of Christ's love.

A parish becomes truly fruitful not simply through the number of its activities, but through the lives it touches and the people it helps to grow in faith, hope and dignity.

Faithfulness Is the Measure

The readings bring us to a common understanding: wisdom must become action, faith must remain attentive, and God's gifts must bear fruit. The final measure of our lives is not simply what we have accumulated or achieved, but how faithfully we have responded to God's grace and how generously we have served others.

Perhaps we can each ask ourselves: What gift have I left unused? Whose life could be touched by my time, attention or generosity? Is there an opportunity to serve that I have overlooked?

We do not need extraordinary abilities to make a meaningful difference. We need to recognize what God has entrusted to us and use it faithfully.

May St. John Vianney Parish become a community where every gift finds its purpose, every person is treated with dignity and no one is left without a place to belong. May our faith bear fruit in works of love, so that one day we, too, may hear the words of the Master: "Well done, good and trustworthy servant." (Matthew 25:21).

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday November 14th	5:00 pm ✞ **Isabel Bermonte** Requested by: Linda & Michelle Hodgins
Sunday November 15th	8:00 am ✞ **Stephen Roach** Requested by: Kristin Wheeler
	9:30 am ✞ **Aurele Daigle** Requested by: Florence Daigle
	11:30 am ✞ **Gord Nixon** Requested by: Cathy & Graham Webb
Monday November 16th	7:00 pm ✞ **Shawna Hill** Requested by: Dorothy & Jack Hill
	7:00 pm For the deceased members of **The Knights of Columbus**
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of **Caroline Harmazy** Requested by: Lydia Harmazy
Tuesday November 17th	7:00 pm ✞ **Joseph Tamas Jr.** Requested by: Linda & Michelle Hodgins
	7:00 pm For the living and deceased members of **The CWL**
Wednesday November 18th	9:30 am ✞ **Joe Spineto** Requested by: Teresa Spineto
	9:30 am ✞ **Fred Aloise & Family** Requested by: Maria Aloise
Thursday November 19th	9:30 am For the special intentions of **Ross Armstrong**
Friday November 20th	9:30 am ✞ **Gabriel & Carlos Sousa** Requested by: The Sousa Family
	9:30 am ✞ **Philip & Cecile Roy** Requested by: Colette Henderson
	9:30 am ✞ **Mike Morris** Requested by: Dan & Berna Brock
	9:30 am ✞ **Lawrence & Davis Kim** and **Family** Requested by: Anna Kim

Koinonia – Young Adult Ministry

👥 Ages **18–35** 📅 **Wednesday, November 18** ⏰ **7:00 PM**

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



The annual CWL bazaar takes place next Saturday, November 21, 2026, from 9 am to 2 pm. Come out and pick up various treasures, baked goods and more. Plan on enjoying a tasty lunch in our Christmas Lunchroom. This is a cash only event.

GOOD NEWS! SUNDAY MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED!

Available at the Welcome Desk!

✨ **Adult Missals** – $5.00 each

✨ **Young Catholics Missals** – $10.00 each

The Shepherds' Trust
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Today's collection helps support our retired, elderly and disabled priests, providing assistance with their living expenses, healthcare and well-being. We are grateful for their many years of dedicated service to our Church. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

WELCOME WEDNESDAY IS **CANCELLED** THIS WEEK.

📚 **Bible Study** - November 17th is **cancelled**



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

🚢 **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!

📝 **REGISTER FOR EDGE & M.E.R.C.Y.!**

Scan the QR code at the Welcome Desk or register online:
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📧 Questions? sjvbarrie6@gmail.com

❤️ **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. This weeks hosts are volunteers from the parish!

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

✞ Roderick Alcala



Please pray for those who are sick:

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