ST. JOHN VIANNEY 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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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday (Vigil)
5:00pm
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
9:00am - 4:00pm
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12:00pm - 1:00pm for lunch

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Learning to Live in the Presence of the One Who Is Coming

The Church begins a new liturgical year not with a celebration of achievement, but with an invitation to wait. This is particularly significant in a society that measures progress by productivity, efficiency and immediate results. Advent introduces an entirely different understanding of time. It teaches us that some of the most important realities of human existence cannot be manufactured, purchased or hurried. They must be received with patience, preparation and an openness to grace. Advent is far more than a period of preparation for Christmas. It is a season in which the Church remembers the historical coming of Christ in Bethlehem, recognizes his presence among us today and anticipates his glorious return at the end of time.

The Courage to Recognize Our Need for God

The first reading from Isaiah contains one of the most profound expressions of humanity's longing for divine intervention:

"O that you would tear open the heavens and come down." (Isaiah 64:1)

These words emerge from the experience of a people struggling with the consequences of their own unfaithfulness. Isaiah recognizes that the deepest crisis of Israel is not merely political or social; it is spiritual. The people have gradually lost their awareness of God and, consequently, their understanding of themselves.

Yet Isaiah does not conclude with condemnation. Instead, he offers an image of extraordinary tenderness:

"We are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." (Isaiah 64:8)

The image of the potter suggests that human life remains unfinished.

Grace Precedes Our Efforts

In the second reading, St. Paul addresses the Christian community at Corinth with gratitude. Despite its imperfections and internal difficulties, Paul recognizes the abundance of grace already present within the community.

His confidence rests upon a fundamental Christian conviction: *"God is faithful."* (1 Corinthians 1:9)

This brief statement contains an entire theology of hope. Christian hope does not depend primarily upon favourable circumstances, personal success or emotional certainty. Its foundation is the faithfulness of God. There are seasons in life when prayer appears unanswered, relationships become difficult, illness interrupts our plans, or the future remains uncertain. Advent does not promise the immediate removal of these difficulties. Rather, it assures us that our circumstances are never outside the reach of divine grace.

Watchfulness: The Spiritual Discipline of Attention

The Gospel of Mark presents the central spiritual instruction of Advent:

"Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:33)

Jesus describes a master who leaves his household, entrusting each servant with a particular responsibility. The emphasis is not upon calculating the moment of his return, but upon remaining faithful to the responsibility entrusted to each person. One of the subtle dangers of contemporary life is that a person can be constantly occupied without being genuinely attentive. We may communicate frequently without listening deeply, live under the same roof without truly encountering one another, and participate in religious practices without allowing them to transform our attitudes.

To remain spiritually awake is to become increasingly conscious of these encounters.

Advent as a Parish Experience

As a welcoming and connecting parish, St. John Vianney has a particular opportunity to make the spirituality of Advent visible through the quality of our communal life.

The authenticity of our Christmas preparations will be measured not simply by the beauty of our decorations, the generosity of our celebrations or the number of activities we organize, but also by our capacity to notice those who might otherwise remain unnoticed. A person attending Mass alone, a family experiencing financial hardship, someone grieving the absence of a loved one, a young person searching for belonging, or an elderly parishioner longing for companionship may discover something of God's presence through a simple gesture of Christian hospitality. Our parish ministries, charitable outreach, sacramental celebrations and moments of fellowship are expressions of this shared responsibility. Each becomes an opportunity to prepare a place for Christ in the life of another person.

During these weeks of Advent, I particularly encourage our parish families to rediscover the beauty of praying together, spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and practising quiet acts of generosity.

Making Room for the Mystery of Christmas

The first candle of the Advent wreath is traditionally associated with hope. Its small flame offers a fitting image of Christian faith. It does not remove all the darkness surrounding it, yet its presence changes the character of that darkness.

Christian hope works in much the same way. It does not deny suffering or uncertainty but introduces into them the assurance of God's presence and the promise of redemption.

Perhaps the most meaningful examination of conscience for this season is to consider how much room God actually occupies in our daily lives. What have we allowed to diminish our spiritual sensitivity? What needs reconciliation? What deserves greater attention? What part of our lives have we yet to entrust to the hands of the divine Potter?

Christmas celebrates the astonishing truth that God desires to dwell among his people. Advent prepares us to respond to that desire.

Come, Lord Jesus. (Revelation 22:20)

Wishing you and your families a blessed and spiritually fruitful season of Advent.

Fr. Joshy George, CMI

Pastor

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday November 28th	5:00 pm ✞ **Larry White** Requested by: The White Family
Sunday November 29th	8:00 am ✞ **Alma Bermoy** Requested by: Emily Corillo
	9:30 am For the special intentions of **Ross Armstrong**
	11:30 am For the special intentions of **Hanh Tran** Requested by: The Tran & Nguyen Families
Monday November 30th	7:00 pm ✞ **Betty Emdin** Requested by: Suzanne Emdin
Tuesday December 1st	7:00 pm ✞ **Esmeralda Carreira** Requested by: The Sousa Family
	7:00 pm ✞ **Jim Taylor** Requested by: Family
	7:00 pm ✞ **Lawrence & Davis Kim** and **Family** Requested by: Anna Kim
	7:00 pm For the special intentions of **Rebecca Branch** Requested by: Self
Wednesday December 2nd	9:30 am ✞ **Fred Aloise & Family** Requested by: Maria Aloise
Thursday December 3rd	9:30 am ✞ **Mike Morris** Requested by: Dan & Berna Brock
Friday December 4th	9:30 am ✞ **Gary Daigle** Requested by: Florence Daigle
	9:30 am ✞ **Amenia Panti** Requested by: Family
	9:30 am ✞ **Frank, Marina & Paul Prior** Requested by: Suzanne Prior
	9:30 am ✞ **Joao Alves** Requested by: Family
	9:30 am For the special intentions of **Rosella Barrie** Requested by: The Rosary Group
	9:30 am For the special intentions of **Chris Luongo** Requested by: Family



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!!!

The Knights of Columbus are once again hosting breakfast with Santa on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH** at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. This is a free event for children under 12 years old (accompanied by their parents). Enjoy a pancake breakfast, music, activities, and a visit from the jolly old man himself! Parents must pre-register after the Masses **THIS WEEKEND!**

Bible Study

📅 December 1st ⏰ After **7:00 PM** Mass

*****We are studying Genesis*****



WELCOME WEDNESDAY

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

GOOD NEWS! SUNDAY MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED!

Available at the Welcome Desk!

✨ **Adult Missals** – $5.00 each

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



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.**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 16, 2026

🎉 SOMETHING EXCITING IS COMING TO SJV YOUTH MINISTRY

🌟 **M.E.R.C.Y. KICK-OFF | DECEMBER 2**

Kindergarten–Grade 4

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📝 **REGISTER FOR EDGE & M.E.R.C.Y.!**

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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!



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!

Discover the Essence of Eastern Europe!

Travel with us to Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Hyngary, Slovakia & the Czech Republic from September 20th - Ocotber 3rd. For more information please call Intersight Tours at 416-623-7389 or 647-989-7568.

REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

✞ Dragica (Carol) Hegedis ✞ Myrna Belza
✞ Jean-Marc Stelter



Please pray for those who are sick:

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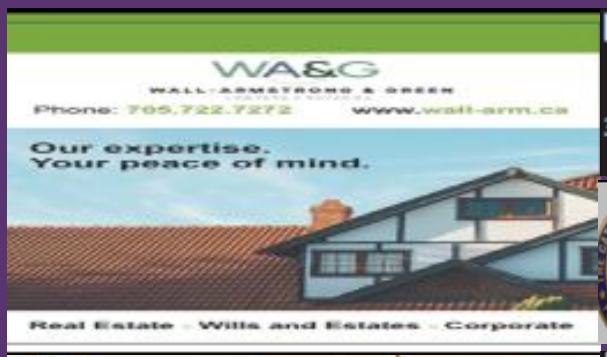

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