

# St. John Vianney Church



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**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Friday: 9:00 - Noon**

**Lunch: Closed from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

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 Saviour 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.

## **Parish Priests:**

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, C.M.I., Pastor  
Fr. Saji Thomas, C.M.I., Associate Pastor  
Fr. Joshy George, In Residence

## **Celebration of the Eucharist**

### *Sunday Eucharist*

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. (Life Teen Mass)

Sunday at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

### *Weekday mass times*

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday Adoration at 6:00 p.m., Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

## **Celebration of Reconciliation**

Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. or any time by appointment.

## **Parish Information**

Baptismal Information - Press 7

Parish Outreach for Seniors - Press 103

*Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6*

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, C.M.I., Pastor - 102

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Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

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Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 am † **Jiacobe Huynh Van Ho**  
 † **Maria Nguyen Thi Hoa**  
 Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

9:30 am † **Christian Rynkowski**  
 Requested by: Dorota Rynkowski

9:30 am For the special intentions of **Marjorie Oliveira**  
 Requested by: Family

11:30 am † **Mary Morrison**  
 Requested by: Mary Lou & Glenn Campeau

Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm † **Wayne Scicluna**  
 Requested by: His parents

Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am † **Marina Prior**  
 Requested by: Suzanne Prior



**'Weeping Jesus'**

The Gospel story of this Sunday is raising of Lazarus from death. It seems a bit strange to have this gospel on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. It seems to be clearly about the resurrection and yet we are still plodding through Lent and have to get through Good Friday before we get to Easter. What's going on; have the Church's liturgical engineers got it all wrong?

Can we suggest that this text is more about death than resurrection? After all, Lazarus isn't walking around today; he had to undergo another death. This text is more about our life and death here and now rather than about the resurrection. We will have time enough to consider the resurrection when we get to Easter Sunday and the weeks of celebration afterwards.

Jesus never hides his tenderness towards the two sisters and their brother who live in Bethany. Surely they are the ones who welcome him in their home whenever he goes up to Jerusalem. One day Jesus receives the message: "Our brother Lazarus, your friend, is sick". Shortly afterwards, Jesus heads out for their small village.

When he gets there, Lazarus has already died. When Mary, the younger sister, sees him there, she breaks down crying. No one can console her. When Jesus sees his friend crying, along with the Jews who are with her, he can't contain himself. He too breaks down and cries right along with them. The people

remark: 'See how much he loved him!' Jesus doesn't just cry for the death of a very beloved friend. His soul is broken when he feels the powerlessness of all in the face of death.

All of us carry in our deepest heart an insatiable will to live. How often we wonder, why do we have to die? Why isn't life happier, longer, more secure, and more fulfilled? Today too, like people of every age, we feel in our hearts that unsettling question, one that's hardest to answer: what's going to happen to us when we die? What can we do in the face of death? Fight it? Give up?

Without doubt, the most usual reaction is to just forget that question and get on with living. But isn't the human person called to live life lucidly and responsibly? When the end finally comes, do we end up just approaching it stoically, not knowing where we stand? In face of the mystery of our final destiny neither scientific nor religious dogmas are of much help. They can't lead us beyond this life. The more honest approach seems to be that of the sculptor Eduardo Chillida who on one occasion said: "Concerning death, my reason tells me that it is final. But then, concerning reason, I guess that my reason is limited".

We Christians don't really know any more about the next life than anyone else. Like all others, we need to approach humbly the dark fact of our death. But we do it trusting radically in the goodness of the mystery of God that is shown to us in Jesus. This Jesus is the one whom we love, without having seen him, and whom in that love, we profoundly trust.

This trust can only be lived by one who responds with simple faith to what Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life. Do you believe this?"

Recently Hans Kung, the most critical Catholic theologian of the 20th century, coming toward the end of his life, said that for him, 'dying is resting in the mystery of God's mercy'. That's how we should die.

**Lenten Reflection by Rev. Paul Acton**



Lent is a season of reflection and preparation leading us to Good Friday and Easter. Please join us on **Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** as we welcome our guest speaker, Fr. Paul Acton who will

lead us in Lenten Reflection followed by Confessions. **The evening will begin with a poverty meal at 5:00 pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm.**

Holy Week		HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE		
Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Saturday April 8 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm  Sunday April 9 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am	April 13 <sup>th</sup> The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm	April 14 <sup>th</sup> The Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm  Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm	Saturday April 15 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm	April 16 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

### The Stations of the Cross



Join us for Stations of the Cross on **April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** hosted by the Catholic Women's League.

The fine ladies of the CWL will serve a simple Lenten meal in the hall before the Stations of the Cross from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Join us for the sustenance of food and fellowship!



### SPRING TEA

St. John Vianney C.W.L. presents our Spring Tea Celebrating Canada's 150th Birthday on Saturday, April 29 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Come dressed in your red and white or any fashions from

the past 150 years. Indulge in our "Famous SJV High Tea Fare" with a bonus feature of "Canadian cuisine". Tickets are \$15.00 each and may be purchased in the hall after all Masses. (Tables of 6 or over can be reserved if advised.) For info. call Hazel Hawrish at 705-735-1375 or Barb Hargrave 705-424-3568. All proceeds are donated to St. John Vianney Parish.



All ladies are invited to the Northern Regional spring general meeting to be held on **Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** at Guardian Angels, Orillia. Mass is at 7 pm. We will be carpooling from St. John Vianney parking lot at 6 pm.



### Knights of Columbus 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at Innisbrook Golf Course Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Scramble Format. All proceeds going to Hospice Simcoe. Limited to the first 144 golfers. **Registration deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>**

(See Poster in Vestibule for details)

Forms are available on the tables in the hall or from a K of C member. We are still looking for hole sponsors and prize donations; please speak to a K of C member if you'd like to contribute.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

A reminder to all parents who have registered their children to celebrate the Sacraments of First Holy Communion (Group C) and Confirmation (Group B) that your classes will begin this month.

**First Communion:** Classes begin on Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the parish hall

**Confirmation:** Classes begin on Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the church.

### BAPTISM



Baptismal Preparation Kits (Registration Forms) are available at the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall or on the table in the church vestibule. Baptisms take place the first Sunday of the month (unless otherwise indicated). Attendance at a baptism preparation class is mandatory before baptism takes place. Please fill in the applicable form(s) and submit them to the parish office. A meeting with the Pastor will then be scheduled prior to attending the preparation class



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—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.



**Please pray for those who are sick:**  
Maria DeMelo, Ian Baker, Joanne Ransome, Richard Benoit, Anthony Sacco, Stephanie Chalmers, and Marjorie Oliveira. **And for those who have died recently:**

† Laura Ramirez



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