

St. John Vianney Church



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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. Joshy George, C.M.I., Associate Pastor

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

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'I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD'

In the liturgy for the fourth Sunday of Eastertide the Church presents us with the powerful and appealing image of Christ as the Good Shepherd. A common and very ancient way in which Christ as the Good Shepherd is depicted in Christian art is that of Christ carrying a sheep on His shoulders, holding its legs firmly with His hands. It is an image full of reassurance; one that promises safety and security; one that tells us to rely totally on Christ, just the sheep is totally supported by Him. As Christ promises His hearers in the Gospel, 'I shall give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. No one shall snatch them out of my hand.' Christ the Good Shepherd holds on to His sheep very tightly indeed!

Today's gospel comes at a crucial point in the Gospel of John. The opposition to Jesus and the threat upon his life are intensifying. He has just cured a man born blind, and the authorities are looking for ways to destroy him. They are also starting to persecute his followers. The man born blind is thrown out of the synagogue for witnessing to the healing power of Christ. The stage is split between those who listen to the voice of Jesus and those who refuse. There is a deep division among the people between those who accept Jesus and those who reject him.

Jesus is the good shepherd, who calls out to us in the midst of life's troubles and uncertainties. He is entering into greater and greater danger and he calls on his disciples to follow him, such that when the violence and conflict increase they are united to him and to one another. This unity is not just an earthly belonging together, but is founded upon the unity of the Holy Trinity. When Jesus tells his disciples that he and the Father are one, he is telling them that the community he is calling

them into, the community of the Church, is not just an earthly institution.

As we journey through the confusions and the dangers of life, Jesus calls to us like the shepherd calling to his sheep. We tend to think of sheep as passive creatures, we criticize people for acting like sheep, but the sheep that Jesus is talking about are far from passive. Just to survive a sheep needs to be constantly aware, listening for the voice of the shepherd. And they can only do this successfully as part of a flock.

When we follow Jesus in his Church, we are far from being passive and unthinking sheep; we are actively following his voice and opening our lives to the love of God and the love of our brothers and sisters in the Church.

Jesus is our shepherd, but aren't all of us called to be shepherds to one another? Being a shepherd to another person is showing a visible sign of God's love. Being there for others is a gift itself. We all have different gifts and we are called to support one another in different ways.

In the next few months we will be strengthening and renewing several of our parish ministry groups. Present members and new volunteers will be invited to get to know each other at a combined social event and information evening. We will begin with an evening for MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4th to review procedures and understand changes. Then we'll welcome new volunteers and socialize over wine, cheese, coffee and deserts.

Do you feel called to this form of service? Please speak to our pastor, call the Parish Office, or join us at our get together.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday April 21st 5:00 pm † **Joan Armstrong**
Requested by: Ross & Family

5:00 pm † **Annie Malesic**
Requested by: Galic Family

Sunday April 22nd 9:30 am † **Alexander Cowley**
Requested by: Shirley Kenny

9:30 am † **Ada Guzzo**
Requested by: Fiorenzo & Maria Coccimigli

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

Monday April 23rd 8:30 am For the special intentions of **Edna Hornet**
Requested by: Bertha Kenny

Tuesday April 24th 8:30 am † **William Dale**
Requested by: Marion & Jack Biggers

Wednesday April 25th 7:00 pm † **Marion Timmins**
Requested by: St. Joan of Arc Ladies



Please pray for our young boys and girls who will be receiving the Sacrament of

First Communion next weekend at the 5:00 pm and 11:30 am Masses. May God richly bless them and their families as we journey together in faith.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 2nd Annual



Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday May 13th

in the hall at **12:30 pm**. The cost is \$20 per person, \$10 for ages 12 and under. Free for under 3yrs. The extensive buffet menu is posted on the bulletin

board in the vestibule. Tickets are available for purchase after all Masses until May 6th only, and will not be sold at the door.



Exciting Opportunities for Youth! website <http://www.stjohnvianney.ca/life/teen.html>

EDGE Camp Deadline

Our parish has had the early bird **deadline** for EDGE Camp extended **until May 15th**. Go to the youth website and click the EDGE camp link for more information and the application process which is online. Camp is August 22-26th. If you need help/have questions, contact Denis Nugent (info below).

Steubenville Toronto Teen Conference (Grades 8 to 12) This year's Steubenville Toronto conference is July 13-15. It is an excellent teen conference with awesome music, speakers, faith and friends. Register online at: steubenvilletoronto.com (Group name is St. John Vianney Barrie). **Register and make payment to the office by May 1st**.

Children's Day Camp (Current Year's Grade: JK to Grade7) (Gr. Grade 8 – Adult helpers appreciated)

This year's Summer day camp will be themed **God's Guardians of the Galaxy**. The dates this year are August 13-17th. There are forms in the folder beside the Youth Ministry board or available on the youth ministry website. Note **deadline for applications is July 1** due to the need to order materials and T-Shirts. If you and/or your teen are interested in volunteering, contact Denis Nugent (info below).

Email, text or call Denis Nugent if you need help with youth ministry applications/information. Dnugent71@gmail.com or Call/text(705)817-4636



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Prayer Works Please pray for those who are sick: Graeme Sutherland, Valentina Marrone, Sherry Wyman, Connie Chisholm, Jack Brady, Margaret Breckinridge, Pat Carter, Ted Huston, Rigo Ongaro, Jean Boileau, Jo-Anne Ransome, Leonard Gibbons, Yvette Doiron, & Marjorie Oliveira.



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