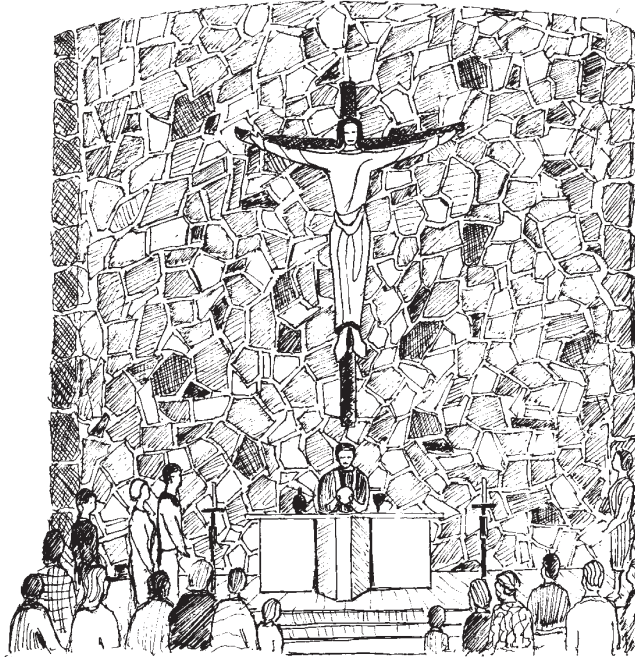


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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm

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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.

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'I am the Vine, you are the branches'

Today's Scripture selections emphasize the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity and holiness. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, testifies to the abundance of spiritual fruits yielded by the apostles because of their close bond with the risen Lord. The reading tells us how the Lord pruned the former Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus, the fanatic who had persecuted the Church, to produce a fruit-bearing branch called Paul, the zealous Apostle to the Gentiles, entirely dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel. Even Paul's forced return to Tarsus for a brief period is an example of God's pruning of the vine to bring forth a greater harvest, namely, the mission to the Gentiles.

In today's second reading, John, in his first letter to the Church, explains that only if we remain united to Christ by putting our faith in him and drawing our spiritual strength from him, will we be able to obey God's commandments, especially the commandment of love.

In the Gospel, taken from the Last Supper discourse, Jesus uses his favorite image of the vine and branches to help his disciples understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of their maintaining it. They are not simply rabbi and disciples. Their lives are mutually dependent - as close as a vine and its branches. In fact, in using this image, Jesus is explaining to them and to us what our relationship with him should be like.

God is the Vine-grower who has planted a vine, Jesus. The Father removes every branch that bears no fruit and prunes the other branches, so they may bear more fruit. Those who grow roses will know that they need to be pruned if you are to get the best out of them. What is true of roses is true of most plants; pruning brings on new life. Jesus refers to pruning in today's gospel. He suggests that in various ways God prunes our lives to make them even more fruitful than they presently are. There are some things we may need to shed if we are to become all that God is calling us to be. Some

kind of letting go, which can be very painful at the time, can help us to grow in our relationship with God and with others.

Cutting out of our lives everything that is contrary to the spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals in our lives every day is the first type of self-imposed pruning expected of us. A second means of pruning is practicing self-control over our evil inclinations, sinful addictions and aberrations. Cordial mingling with people of different cultures, races, religions and orientations in our neighborhood and society enables us to prune away our selfish and prejudicial tendencies and to treat others in our society with Christian charity and openness. Jesus prunes, purifies and strengthens us by allowing us to face pain and suffering, contradictions and difficulties with courage of our Christian convictions.

Through any experience of pruning in our lives, the Lord is near to us. In the words of the gospel, he makes his home in us, he remains in us. The Lord who makes his home in us sustains us in those times, leading us into a new and more fruitful life. But for this to happen we need to remain in him as he remains in us. Even a well-pruned branch cannot bear grapes unless it abides in the vine, drawing water and minerals from the main trunk and transporting food prepared in the leaves to the main trunk and to the roots. Jesus reminds us that we cannot bear fruit either, unless we abide in him just as he abides in us. This life of intimate union with Christ in the Church is maintained by the spiritual helps common to all the faithful, chiefly by active participation in the Liturgy.

Personal and liturgical prayers, frequenting of the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, daily and meditative reading of the Bible and selfless, loving acts of kindness and mercy and forgiveness enable us to abide in Jesus, the true Vine, as fruit-bearing branches.

Friday May 4th is the first Friday of the month. First Fridays have traditionally been associated with devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament. To appropriately observe First Fridays there will be Eucharistic adoration following the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am when Benediction will be given.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday April 28th 5:00 pm † **Joe Topshee**
Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. Topshee

Sunday April 29th 8:00 am † **Irene Balogh**
Requested by: Irene Fatiga & Family

9:30 am † **Helena Czackowski**
Requested by: Shirley Kenny

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

Wednesday May 2nd 7:00 pm For the special intentions of
Catherine Campbell
Requested by: Ramsbottom Family

Friday May 4th 8:30 am † **Marina Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



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.

GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 2nd at Innisbrook Golf Course, with all proceeds going to "Simcoe

Candlelighters" which supports families of children fighting cancer. The cost is \$110 per golfer including green fees, cart, roast beef dinner and prizes. All ladies, men and junior golfers are welcome, including single registrations. Prize donations and hole sponsors are required for anyone wishing to donate. Registration forms are available on the Welcome Table in the hall.

XLT (Exalt) May 4th
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Final get-together of the year for BLAST, EDGE and Lifeteen at St. Mary's Church - 65 Amelia St., Barrie.

Adoration followed by our powerful guest speaker, David Patterson talking about God working in YOU. Hope to see you there.

MINISTRY RENEWAL PROJECT

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:

Friday May 4th at 7:00 pm

followed by,

LECTORS:

Friday May 11th at 7:00 pm

We will meet 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.



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



**Altar Server Appreciation
and Recruiting:**

Current Altar Servers and those wishing to become Altar Servers

are invited to a Pizza and Bowling Night sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on **Tues. May 29 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm** at the Bowlerama - Bayfield Mall.

Please RSVP by May 10th to the parish office by calling 705-726-8007 Ext. 101 or svjsecretary@rogers.com



Please pray for those who are sick: Sherry Wyman, Pat Carter, Graeme


Sutherland, Valentina Marrone, Connie Chisholm, Jack Brady, Margaret Breckinridge, Ted Huston, Rigo Ongaro, Jean Boileau, Jo-Anne Ransome, Leonard Gibbons, Yvette Doiron, & Marjorie Oliveira.



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