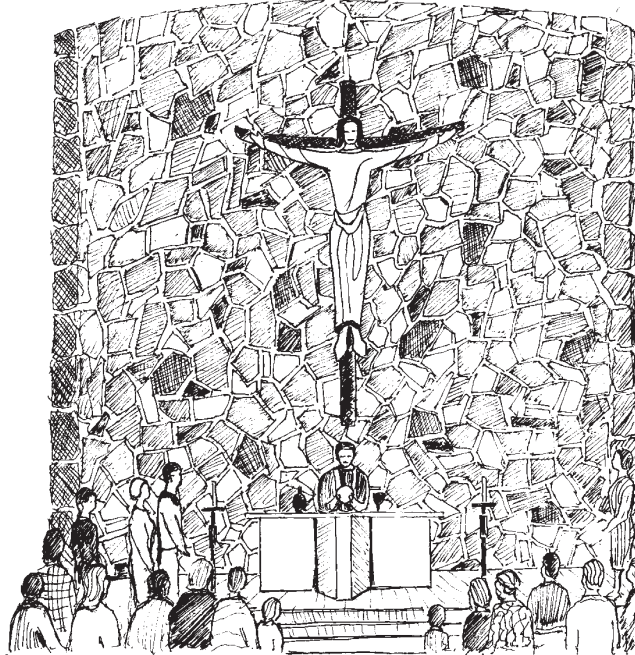


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**Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm**

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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. Jose Koluthara, C.M.I., Associate Pastor

Fr. Saji Thomas, 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**

Mass Times - Press 9

Baptismal Information - Press 7

St. Vincent de Paul - Press 8

*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

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 pm † **Louise Marr**  
Requested by: John & Shannon Taylor

Sunday  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 am † **Leo Monid**  
Requested by: Joseph Kawa

9:30 am † **Tom McManus**  
Requested by: Mellon Family

9:30 am † **Tom McGuire**  
Requested by: School Community of  
St. John Paul II

11:30 am † **Nelly Nelissen**  
Requested by: Michael & Maria Hardie

Tuesday  
April 5<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am † **Louise Marr**  
Requested by: Tim & Karen Taylor

8:30 am † **Wayne Scicluna**  
Requested by: His Parents

### **HAVE YOU SEEN?**

Every so often we will hear someone say something along the lines of "You know, if I had lived in Jesus' day, and had heard him teach and had witnessed his miracles, it would be so easy to have faith; it would be impossible not to believe." The presumption underlying this kind of thinking is that "seeing is believing." Which is fine- because in life to see is indeed to believe. This was certainly the case for poor "Doubting Thomas," as he's come to be known, who had to see the risen Christ in order to believe that he had truly risen from the dead.

However, it isn't always possible for us to see what we're called to believe in. This doesn't mean, 'though, that belief is impossible. Seeing may indeed be believing; but we don't always need to see in order to believe. In fact, if you think about it, each one of us believes in all sorts of things without having seen them; we accept all sorts of things as real and true without having concrete, definitive proof. For instance, the great St. Augustine once said that he had to "take it on faith" that the people who claimed to be his mother and father were indeed his mother and father! We do the same sort of thing all the time. Indeed, we have to. Because if we could rely on or accept only those things we could prove or personally experience, we could rely on very little.

This is certainly the case when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus our Lord. All of us celebrate our

belief that Jesus is risen. Yet none of us were there, early that first Easter morning, to peer inside the empty tomb and be greeted by angels; none of us were there that evening when the risen Lord appeared to his friends and wished them peace; and none of us were there, a week later, to be invited to place our hand in his side or touch the marks of the nails. No, we believe that Jesus is risen because we take it on faith; we profess it, we celebrate it, and we say "Amen" to the creed which enshrines it, but we cannot prove it. If we could prove it, perhaps many more people would be Christian today.

However, the fact remains that proof and faith are two very different things. We can prove things by observation, testing, and experience, but faith can only come as a gift. We cannot approach faith as if it were a discipline, an academic course, a subject to be mastered, knowledge to be acquired. But faith, of course, is none of those things. Faith is a gift, and a gift that can only come from God. Those of us who have already been given this gift need to be grateful. We also need to tend our faith; we need to cherish it, protect it, and nourish it. Faith can be neglected, and faith can be lost. Faith is a gift, but it's a gift that calls for our free acceptance and response throughout our lives, and in every circumstance.

In one sense, faith never changes, because Jesus doesn't change; he is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Yet it can also be said that our faith does change, because we are changing all the time. And when we change, our faith needs to change right along with us, if it to remain meaningful and relevant in our lives. Healthy faith grows and develops over time; it learns from experience; it adapts to changing conditions; and it goes through seasons- sometimes faith seems easy, vibrant, and real; at other times it can be a struggle, or be filled with confusion.

Because of this, we need to both guard our faith and provide for its growth. Today's gospel suggests to us four ways to do this. First, we need to pray, just as Thomas prayed "My Lord and my God!" Second, we need to read Scripture because, as we heard, these things were written so that we might believe that Jesus is Lord. Third, we need to celebrate and receive the Eucharist, just as it's implied the disciples were doing when the risen Jesus came to them. And fourth, we need to stay close to the Church because it was only when Thomas was in the presence of other believers that he finally came to faith. The bottom line is: We can always see what it is we need to believe; but we may never believe, or we may cease to believe, unless we try.



### **CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!**

I would like to congratulate all those who were initiated into our Catholic faith during the Easter Vigil this past weekend. May God bless you as you continue on your journey of faith.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to all those who helped out in so many ways during Holy Week celebrations: musicians, singers, lectors, ushers, Knights of Columbus, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, sacristans, office staff, decorators, and our youth group. A special thank you to **Paul & Sharon LaPlume** for saving the day by providing us with a generator to assist with the multiple power failures! What a wonderful spirit of community and service we have in our parish! We are truly blessed to have such giving and dedicated individuals. I would also like to thank our generous parishioners and visitors to the church for their kind donations and well wishes.

I pray that they and all of us will each know the joy of the Resurrection in our own hearts during this season of new life, thanksgiving and hope.

*Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, Pastor*



Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons, for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact Karen in the Parish office at (705) 726-8007 Ext. 101 or drop by the office during regular business hours.



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.



Couples wishing to be married must contact the pastor at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office at (705) 726-8007 to book an appointment.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY FOR SUMMER 2016**



Check out our website for more information on the following Youth events. [www.stjohnvianney.ca](http://www.stjohnvianney.ca)  
**Steubenville Toronto** (grades 8-12)  
July 22-24, 2016

**St John Vianney Summer Day Camp** (grades 1-8)  
August 15-19, 2016

**EDGE Adventure Camp** (grades 5-8) August 29-September 2, 2016



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Terry obtained his Master's Degree in music and philosophy earlier in life and was successful in careers in spirituality with the Carmelites as well as in the hospitality industry. While working, he became addicted to alcohol. Recognizing the seriousness of his problem and in order to return to work successfully, Terry would need to be involved in a long term recovery program. He chose the spiritually enriched program St Michael's Homes offered and as a result, Terry became focused and deeply connected with the staff at St Michael's and was able to continue on the right path. He looks forward to the day soon when he can confidently leave and be successful once again in the hospitality industry, and an inspiration to those around him. **ShareLife funded agencies like St. Michael's homes helps many men suffering from substance abuse get their lives back on track through life-changing counselling and extensive support.**

**The next ShareLife Sunday is April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please give generously.**



Please pray for those who are sick:

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