

# 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. 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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DIVINE MERCY IN ACTION



A Time magazine issue in 1984 presented a startling cover. It pictured a prison cell where two men sat on metal folding chairs. The young man wore a blue turtleneck sweater, blue jeans and white running shoes. The older man was dressed in a white robe and had a white skullcap on his head. They sat facing one another, up-close and personal. They spoke quietly so as to keep others from hearing the conversation. The young man was Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope's would-be assassin (he shot and wounded the Pope on May 13, 1981); the other man was Pope St. John Paul II, the intended victim. The Pope held the hand that had held the gun whose bullet had torn into the Pope's body. This was a living icon of mercy. John Paul's forgiveness was deeply Christian. His deed with Ali Agca spoke a thousand words. He embraced his enemy and pardoned him. At the end of their 20-minute meeting, Ali Agca raised the Pope's hand to his forehead as a sign of respect. John Paul shook Ali Agca's hand tenderly. When the Pope left the cell he said, "What we talked about must remain a secret between us. I spoke to him as a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust." This is an example of God's Divine Mercy.

The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith and our need for God's forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of Mercy." In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat several times, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!"

The first reading stresses the corporal acts of mercy practiced by the early Christian community before the Jews and the Romans started their persecutions. Practicing the sharing love, compassion and mercy of God as Jesus taught, this witnessing community derived its strength from community prayer, "the Breaking of the Bread" and the apostles' teaching, read at the worship service. The second reading: After focusing on the corporal and spiritual works of

mercy, John reminds us that we practice spiritual works of mercy by obeying God's commandments given in the Old Testament and especially Jesus' commandment of loving others as He loves us – with selfless, sacrificial, agape love. Loving others as Jesus loves us also demands that we treat others with God's mercy and compassion.

Today's Gospel also emphasizes the importance of Faith in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord of Mercy. To believe without having seen is every later Christian's experience. We are invited to receive liberation from doubts and hesitation by surrendering our lives to the Risen Lord of Mercy. Let us ask God our Father to open our hearts so that we may receive His Mercy in the form of the Holy Spirit.

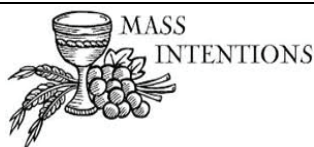
One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Gospel command, "*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful,*" demands that we show mercy to our fellow human beings always and everywhere. We radiate God's mercy to others by our actions, our words, and our prayers. It is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment. The corporal works of mercy are feeding the hungry, giving water to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, or ransoming the captive and burying the dead. The spiritual works of mercy include instructing, advising, consoling, forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently.



I would like to extend a very special thank you to all those who helped make our Easter celebrations such a joyous occasion. I would like to recognize the efforts of the lectors, choir members and cantors, Knights

of Columbus, Altar Servers, Eucharistic and Hospitality Ministers, Youth, and those who assisted with linens, flowers and decorating. A special thank you to Sharon and Paul Laplume for your steadfast devotion during this busy time of year.

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, Pastor



**REMINDER:  
PREPARATION FOR  
CONFIRMATION**

This is a reminder to parents of Confirmation Candidates (Group B) who are registered to receive their Confirmation on May 26 or 27 that your classes begin on **Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the church.

**THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

Have you or someone you know ever considered becoming a Catholic? If so, the RCIA process is for you. For those who are not baptized and for those of other Christian denominations who are already baptized, the RCIA/RCIC (children ages 7 and up) process is a wonderful response to the Lord's call to His disciples to "come and see". If you are interested in joining the RCIA/RCIC process please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with the Pastor.



**Summer is coming  
...and so are the  
HOLY-DAYS!**

Kids Summer Camp –

August 13-17, 2018 Daily 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
We will be leading the children to embark on a journey through scripture to discover Holy days in the Catholic Church. We will learn more about our faith than we ever thought possible, as well as each other and ourselves!

Activities include: Daily Mass, skits, crafts, singing, outdoor fun, games and extreme fun formed in a safe environment with our trained teen and adult leaders. Registration forms are available next to the youth bulletin board in the vestibule or on our parish website. Cost is \$40 per child.

Baptisms will take place this Sunday. We pray that the love and peace of God be with your child and family on this day and always.



Please pray for those who are sick: Margaret Breckinridge, Pat Carter, Ted Huston, Rigo Ongaro, Jean Boileau, Jo-Anne Ransome, Leonard Gibbons, Yvette Doiron, & Marjorie Oliveira. Please pray for those who have died recently: † Lynn Camirand & † Celesta Thomas

- Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † **Gerald Bernier**  
Requested by: Maher Family
- 9:30 am † **Huynh Thi Dung & Tran Chi Lau**  
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
- 9:30 am For the special of **Marjorie Oliveira**  
Requested by: Family
- 11:30 am † **Lorenzo Castellano & Carmen Filice**  
Requested by: Family
- Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am † **John Prior**  
Requested by: Suzanne Prior
- Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am † **William Dale**  
Requested by: Marion & Jack Biggers
- Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm For the special intentions of **Desmond & June D'Souza**  
Requested by: Family
- Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am † **Ugo Chiandet**  
Requested by: Maria Del Mel
- Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am † **Dora Jackson**  
Requested by: The Rosary Apostolate
- Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am For the special intentions of **Maria Thuy Mai & Maria Khuyen Hoang**  
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families



**POTS - Parish Outreach To Seniors  
Volunteer Recruitment**

St. John Vianney Parish Outreach to Seniors has been very successful due to the generosity of our volunteers. However, we still have many seniors waiting to be matched with a volunteer. Research has shown that doing something nice and kind to make others happy, makes our lives happier. If you have an hour a week to share a visit with an isolated senior in our community, please contact the church office at (705) 726-8007 Ext. 103 or [sjvparishoutreachtoseniors@gmail.com](mailto:sjvparishoutreachtoseniors@gmail.com)



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