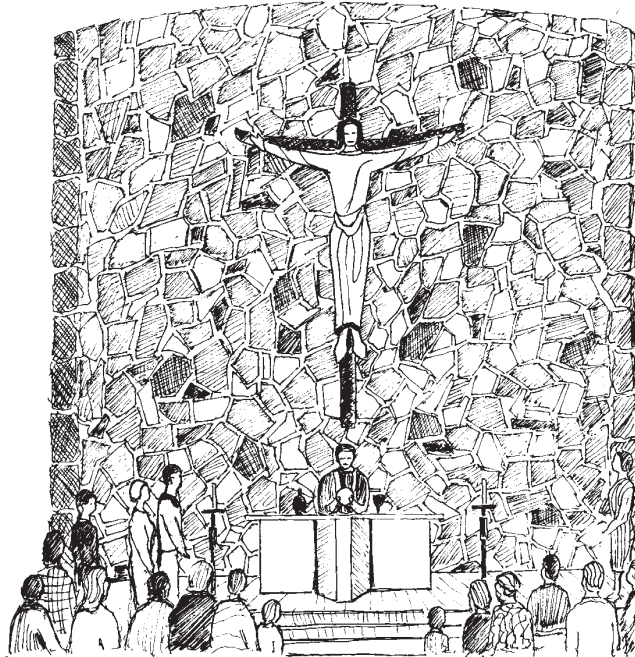


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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm

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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

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

Fr. Jose Koluthara, C.M.I., In Residence - 106

Fr. Saji Thomas, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 108

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sunday
Aug. 14th

8:00 am ✠ **Murray Ball**
Requested by: Carol Forget & Family

9:30 am ✠ **Generoso Pizzari**
✠ **Pasquale Stumpo**
Requested by: Assunta Stumpo

11:30 am ✠ **John Vintar**
Requested by: Val & Joe Egerton

11:30 am For the Special Intentions of
Val & Joe Egerton (58th Wedding Anniversary)

Monday
Aug. 15th

8:30 am ✠ **Alfred Couvrette**
Requested by: Cyrille Couvrette

Wednesday
Aug. 17th

There is no Adoration and Mass due to Annual Mass for the faithful departed at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Divine Division

The central theme of today's readings is that we should courageously live out our religious convictions and principles in our lives, as Jeremiah, Paul and Jesus did theirs, even if doing so should turn society upside down. If no one is ever offended by the quality of our commitment to Christ, that commitment may not be authentic, and if our individual and communal living of the Good News casts no fire and causes no division, then perhaps we are practicing "inoffensive Christianity."

Jeremiah, in our First Reading is presented as experiencing the consequences of the burning word of God within him. Jeremiah's preaching divided the city and incited such opposition that people sought his death. He showed the courage of his prophetic conviction by telling King Zedekiah that the Lord God said he had to surrender to the mighty army of Babylonian empire to save Israel. The result was that Jeremiah was thrown into a deep, muddy cistern to die for his "treason." Standing in this prophetic tradition, Paul, in the second reading, challenges the Judeo-Christians to stand firm in their Faith in Jesus, ignoring the

ostracism imposed on them by their own former Jewish community. Jesus, too, in today's Gospel, preaches the word of God which continues to divide families, a word which, he knew, would ultimately lead to his death. The fire Jesus came to bring is the fire of love and the fire of hope. The disruption, division and revolution Jesus and his true followers cause in society by the fire of sacrificial love and the fire of justice is necessary to re-set what's fractured, put right what's dislocated, and cleanse what's infected. In other words, the curative pain caused by Jesus' ideas and ideals is necessary for the establishment of real *shalom* of God. Even though Jesus brings a sword and causes division, he is the bringer of true and lasting peace. In pursuing his mission, Jesus brings division because some follow him and others oppose him. We must make a decision to follow him or not, to share his "baptism" or not. This choice can result in division, even within families.

On the day of our Baptism, we received the light of Christ and were instructed to keep that torch burning brightly until the return of Christ Jesus. In addition, the Holy Spirit was sent into our hearts at Confirmation to help set us on fire. So, as Christians on fire, we have to inflame people to care, to serve, and to bless one another with all the gifts of Faith. We should allow that fire to burn off the impurities in us and to bring out the purity of the gold and silver within us.

The Jesuit Cardinal Avery Dulles, writing about the role of prophecy in the modern Church communities in his book, *Models of the Church*, remarks: "Christianity is not healthy unless there is room in it for prophetic protest against abuses of authority." God continues to send such prophets to every parish community and it is the duty of the bishop, pastor and other leaders to listen to the well-intended and constructive criticisms of such Jeremiahs. The words of the late Archbishop Helder Camara, the champion of Brazil's poor, serve as a prophetic warning, to all members of the Church: "*When I give bread to the poor they call me a Saint. But when I ask why the poor have no bread, they call me Communist.*"



As you may already know, our Priests are from India and are of the Eastern Rite called Syro-Malabar Rite. On August 21st at 11:30 am, you will have the unique opportunity to experience a Holy Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite. The local Indian community will host fellowship after the 9:30 & 11:30 am Masses. We hope you will join us for this special day.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Wednesday August 17, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
208 Sunnydale Road, Barrie, ON.

In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated at Holy Spirit Parish. There will be no Adoration and Mass here on August 17th due to Annual Mass for the faithful departed at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Parish Registration



New Parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish by completing a parish registration form which is available at the Welcome

Table in the hall after Mass or by visiting the parish office. You may wish to offer financial support to the parish by using Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Pre-Authorized withdrawals. Offertory envelopes and Pre-Authorized giving forms are available at the Welcome Table or through the parish office.

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have you or someone you know ever considered becoming a Catholic? If so, the RCIA process is for you. This process begins each fall and runs with weekly meetings up to and including the Easter season. 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 for the fall of 2016 please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with the Pastor.



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.

This weekend there is a special collection for *The Needs of the Canadian Church*. Envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the church.



Holy Mass is 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 office hours.

For its present and future, St. John Vianney Church welcomes donations and bequests, large or small, so please consider us in your giving and when making your will.

Holy Humor



A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his sermon. The man returned just before the conclusion of the Mass. Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he had gone.

"I went to get a haircut," was the reply. "But," said the pastor, "why didn't you do that before the Mass?" "Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then".



Please remember in your prayers those among our families and friends who are suffering the burden of illness or pain

especially: Neave Alderson, John Navarrete, Sophia Goulah, Carmen Sondhi, Barbara Durnin, Nancy Kearns, Joe Badali, Rose Marie D'Amelio, Stephenie Chalmers, Wilson Gasewicz, Lillian Pottage, Avery Maset & Carson Batters.

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