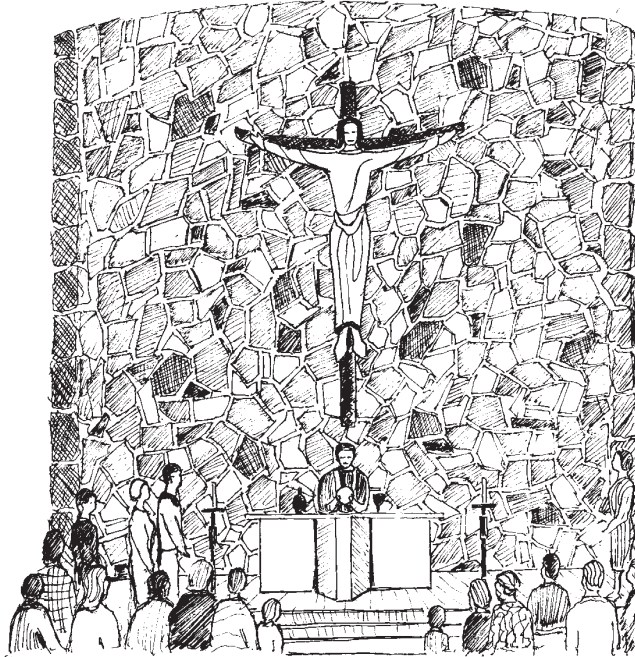


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in 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. 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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The Eucharist & Personal Transformation

Three Sundays ago they were grumbling. Last week they were murmuring. This week they're quarreling. We can imagine how difficult it was for the Jewish people at the time of Jesus to come to terms with his teaching on the Eucharist. The words he uses as recorded in the Gospel of John must have sounded incredible to them, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.'

What we are dealing with in the words of Jesus here is some teaching that is entirely novel. Here is the Son of God come down from heaven. He was about to give his life on the Cross and to rise from the dead in order to forgive the sins of all of humankind. And he gives his followers a commemorative meal to remind them of this in which he says that the bread and wine become his flesh and blood. He invites them to consume this flesh and blood in order to deepen their union with him.

Nobody had ever heard anything like this before, it was something completely new. Nowadays we take it all for granted, but in those days it must have been very difficult for people to even begin to understand what Jesus was talking about.

The point that we have to understand about the Eucharist is that it is transformative. The Eucharist changes us. We are imperfect beings, we all need to make changes in our lives in order to become better people. We all require transformation.

The Eucharist is spiritual food, it feeds our souls and through our participation each Sunday we gradually become more like Christ. You may not be very aware of this transformation, but the people who live around you are. They realise that coming to mass is good for you, they know that it helps to make you the person you are.

Of course, if we come to mass with hardness in our hearts it will do us no good whatsoever. We need to be open to the grace and power of Christ, we have to allow him into our hearts; we have to let him change us. If we

come to mass with our hearts closed to the one above, if we remain locked in to our own preoccupations, we could receive Holy Communion a thousand times and it wouldn't make a bit of difference.

It is all a question of attitude. If we come to mass with the right attitude, if we come seeking forgiveness of our sins, if we come with a desire to do better towards our fellow human beings, if we come with the wish to worship God and to pay due reverence to our Saviour, then with these attitudes we can rightfully expect a transformation to gradually take place in our lives.

The best attitude we should try to develop in relation to the Eucharist is that of reverence. By reverence we mean putting ourselves in the correct relationship we ought to have with God. It means acknowledging that he is as far above us as it is possible to imagine and that we owe him absolutely everything. We owe him our whole lives, every bit of pleasure and human satisfaction that we experience, we owe him all our family and friends, and we acknowledge that everything that we possess has its origin in him.

But more than this, because he sent Jesus to live among us and show us the way and ultimately to save us from our sins and bring us to heaven. So while on the one hand we know that we ought to grovel before him, on the other hand we recognise that it is he who lifts us up and invites us to share in his life.

Taking these two things into account we realise that we ought to be living a life in true companionship with the Lord. We know that we ought to be following his commandments and sharing in his sacraments. If we have this idea in our heads, that we should show him reverence and give him all the honour that is his due, then we should have no fear when it comes to approach the altar and receive him in Holy Communion.

Our relationship with the Lord will have deepened and we will see him as a companion on our journey through life. We will see him as the one who loves us and sustains us with the gift of his body and blood.



Saturday 5:00 pm † Peter Thomas
August 18th Requested by: Bijumon Peter

Sunday 9:30 am For the special intentions
August 19th of Marjorie Oliveira
Requested by: Family

9:30 am † Maria Sinagoga
Requested by: Sinagoga Family

11:30 am † Amber Lee Hine
Requested by: Family

11:30 am For the special
intentions of Peter Costabir
Requested by: Phylis



THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16th

Tickets on sale from NEXT WEEKEND

Our annual church picnic which will take place on Sunday September 16th at 11:30 am. Immediately following the Mass, lunch, featuring chicken wings courtesy of *South Barrie Wild Wing*, will be served in the parish hall. Please join us on this important occasion and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship with your church family!

Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share with others! (You can drop off your food donations in the parish hall kitchen any time after the 8:00 am Mass on September 16th) Tickets are \$5.00 each.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2018 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

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CRAFTING SESSIONS

Once again all types of crafts will be happening in the parish hall from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning August 22nd. Bring your ideas, skills and a sandwich in a brown bag for lunch. Everyone is welcome and all your efforts help us to make the November Bazaar a success.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



Coffee Fellowship

Fellowship after the 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Mass provides a welcoming place to meet new people, relax with friends and get to know your priests.

Coffee hosts are volunteers from the various ministries or communities, and provide coffee, tea, and light treats. Next week's hosts will be the Indian Community.



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