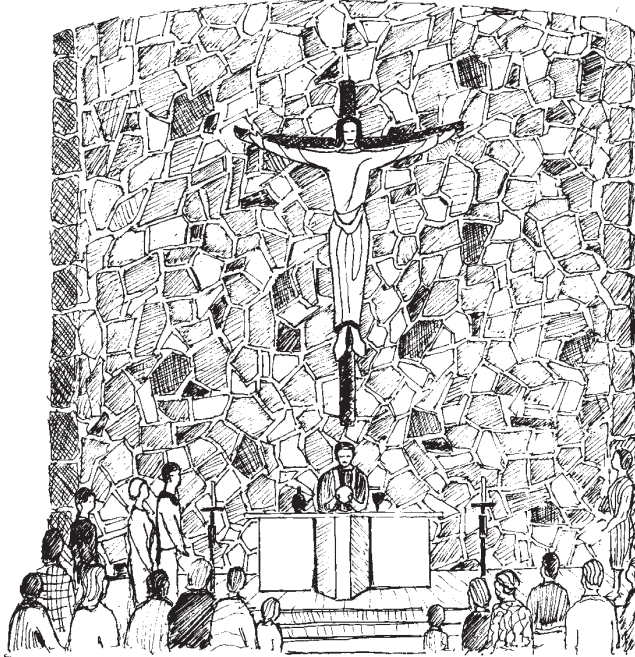


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in 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. Jose Koluthara, 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., Associate Pastor - 106

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Francavilla, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

Mass for the Intentions Week



Sunday 9:30 am ✠ Giovanni Campanella
 Aug. 2nd Requested by: Giuseppina Campanella

11:30 am ✠ Silvio Santi
 Requested by: Mellany & Andrew Santi

Friday 8:30 am ✠ Marina Prior
 Aug. 7th Requested by: Suzanne Prior

The Search For Satisfaction

The words “faith” and “belief” refer to the loyalty, commitment, and solidarity that bind people closely together. For Jesus faith is more than simply a matter of the mind; it’s also- and supremely- a matter of the heart.

We need to keep this in mind as we reflect on today’s gospel. Jesus identified himself as the bread of life, and promised that if we *come* to him we will never hunger, and that if we *believe* in him we will never thirst. In other words, by stressing the importance of believing in him, Jesus is saying that we must be loyal to him and commit ourselves to him in an intimate, personal bond. One might say that Jesus is inviting us to stay close to him, no matter what –for better, for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health- kind of like a marriage covenant.

We might say, then, that faith, in its fullest sense, is about a love relationship with Jesus. Indeed, the Bible often does describe faith in exactly this way! Now this isn’t to say that faith doesn’t involve accepting certain things as being true; have no doubt about that. When we profess the Creed together every Sunday, our basic body of doctrine, we begin with the words: “I believe.” And to say this with understanding and a clear conscience is very important! However, if we simply accept things as true, without committing ourselves to the Person behind those truths, then we’ve reduced faith to just a body of information, or a collection of doctrines. And that would be a shame. Because information by itself cannot save us; doctrines alone cannot heal us or forgive us; creeds by

themselves are unable to give us meaning and direction in our life. Only Jesus is able to do all of this!

And this brings us back to today’s gospel. A great crowd of people had been searching for Jesus. At first, they went looking for him in the wrong place; it turned out that Jesus wasn’t where they first thought he would be! Next, after they did find him after a boat trip across the sea, Jesus explained that they were seeking him out for the wrong reason; apparently they were looking for more bread and fish like they had eaten the day before, and not the spiritual nourishment that Jesus wanted to give them. Finally, they admitted that they didn’t know exactly what they were looking for, or what they were supposed to do. “What can we do,” they said, “to accomplish the works of God?”

The experience of this crowd is a pretty typical one, if you think about it. It might just ring a bell for some of you. Like those in the crowd, many people- both then and today- come to a realization that something is missing from their life, and so they begin a quest to find whatever, or whoever, it is they think they’re looking for. They may begin by searching in the wrong place. Perhaps they look for answers or satisfaction in work, or human relationships, or recreational pursuits, or various philosophies and ideologies. They may be motivated in part by selfish or misguided reasons. It’s not uncommon for people to take their first steps in religion in order to satisfy the expectations or demands of a friend or spouse, or even because it seems trendy and fashionable, as certain spiritual practices are today. And they may not know exactly what to do or where to turn, and so they seek help from others who they think might point them in the right direction. Perhaps this has been your experience; perhaps it continues to be your experience, to some degree. Each one of us here, no matter how long we’ve been a Christian, is on a journey of continuing conversion.

Nevertheless, the truth is that it is Jesus, and Jesus alone, who can answer our questions, replace what was missing, and satisfy our spiritual hungers. Only Jesus can really nourish us. Maybe that’s why he describes himself as bread- a true bread that has come down from heaven, a bread given to us by God the Father, a bread that gives life to the world. Indeed, it is under the appearance of bread that Jesus continues to give himself to us today, and every day, in the Holy Eucharist. In response, Jesus calls us to give ourselves to him- in an act of faith, which is ultimately an act of love.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR FAITHFUL
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FAMILY HERITAGE FESTIVAL

St. John Vianney Parish is a dynamic and thriving community which is enriched by the vast cultural diversity amongst our many

families. United as one body, we are comprised of peoples from countries throughout the world who have converged and come together in our Christian home. We would like to celebrate and learn more about the cultural traditions of our families and are planning to host a *Family Heritage Festival* on the afternoon of **Sunday, October 18th**, beginning with a culturally diverse Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by celebrations which will conclude at 5:00 p.m. This festival will feature multi-cultural displays, food samples, music and dance which will appeal to every age group, and we would like to have as many countries represented as possible. Please consider sharing your ancestral heritage with others with a display of art, clothing and food, or set the day aside to attend and discover the unique heritage of your friends and neighbors of St. John Vianney Church. For more information, contact the church office.



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ANNUAL PARISH

PICNIC Mark this date on your calendar as a day to definitely be at St. John Vianney Parish for our annual

Church Picnic. **Sunday September 20th from 12:30 -5 pm.** Tickets will go on sale for \$5.00 each after all Masses beginning middle of August.



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.

PARISHIONERS ARE REMINDED NOT TO USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS AS NEW NUMBERS ARE ASSIGNED EACH YEAR AND THIS ONLY CREATES DIFFICULTY WHEN INPUTTING YOUR DONATIONS INTO THE COMPUTER.



Holy Humor: C and E Catholics...

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the pastor was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands of the parishioners.

He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The pastor said, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend said, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

The Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."



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

Marguerite Cooper, Michael French, Tina Rashid, Muriel Coutinho, June Tribble, Denise Foster, Dylan Wilson, Tina & Margaret Poirier, Baby Nathan Brent, Baby Avery Maset, & Carson Batters

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