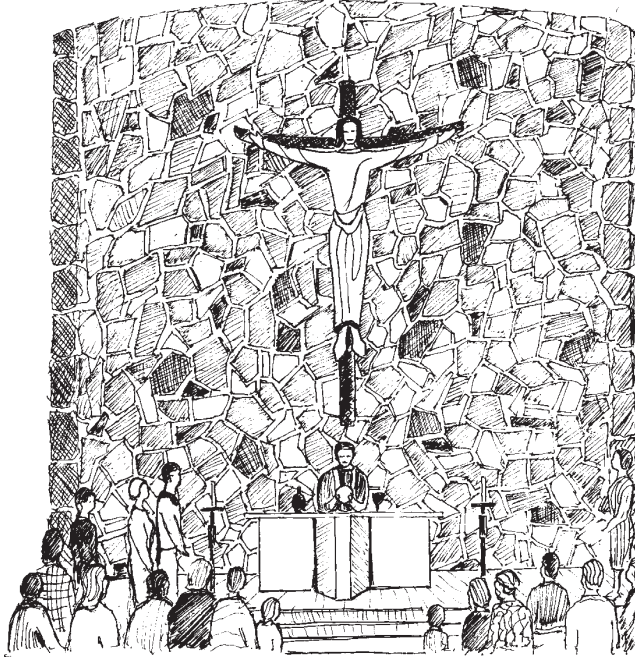


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

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## **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.

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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**

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# Mass for the Intentions Week

Sunday Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30 am ✠ Alfred Spaziani Requested by: The Burgess & Mitsku Families
Tuesday August 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am ✠ Alice Liberman Requested by: Cynthia Armstrong

## **Who's The Boss?**

"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord." St. Paul said this in today's second reading from his letter to the Ephesians. From my experience, whenever these words are read in church, women get angry or roll their eyes, and the men smirk, poke their wives in the ribs, and whisper, "I told you so!" I want to address this teaching, for three reasons. First, it has been used to justify some very negative interpersonal dynamics in troubled marriages. Second, some understand Paul's teaching as giving women an inferior role and status to men. Third, official Catholic Church teaching on the relationship between husbands and wives has significantly developed over the past forty years.

It's important to point out that Paul is not speaking to the Ephesians about gender issues. This means that Paul is not presenting women as second-class citizens, or teaching that they are somehow inferior to men, or endorsing a notion that women have fewer rights than men.

However- truth be told- for much of Christian history Paul's words were taken to mean that the role of a wife was to obey her husband in just about everything, unless he commanded her to do something wrong. In Christian marriages, the husband was the undisputed boss. But then came, the Second Vatican Council in the 1960's with its divinely-inspired purpose to renew and update church teaching. Its document that deals with the family doesn't refer to the "obedience" of wives. It speaks instead of "cooperation" and "affectionate sharing" between husbands and wives. One individual who contributed to this text is a man we came to know as Pope John Paul II.

In his teachings, John Paul II gave great attention to the love between a man and woman in marriage. He concluded that husbands and wives are called to an equal partnership. He wrote, "The awareness that in marriage there is 'mutual subjection of the spouses out

of reverence for Christ,' and not just that of the wife to the husband, must gradually establish itself in hearts, consciences, behavior, and customs."

The Holy Father didn't say that wives should NOT be subject to their husbands. He affirms that they should. But he also said that husbands are to be subject to their wives, and that both husbands and wives are to be subject to Christ. This isn't a contradiction of St. Paul. In fact, this teaching really comes from Paul himself.

Let's take another look at today's second reading. It begins with Paul saying, "Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ." This is what John Paul 2 stresses and affirms. And then when Paul turns his focus to husbands, he insists that they should sacrifice themselves for their wives and love them as they love their own bodies, just as Christ loves the Church.

Well, when some husbands hear that they need to sacrifice for their wives, they automatically think of being a provider. They conclude that they need to work hard to bring home the bacon to meet the family's needs. And there's truth in that. It's a virtue to work hard and provide for one's family. Other husbands think that maybe the sacrifice Paul refers to means giving up the occasional golf or fishing outing in order to spend more time at home. There's some truth in that too.

Sacrifice does involve work and giving things up. However, Paul is asking much more of husbands than this. This sacrifice he speaks of involves husbands loving their wives as they love their bodies, in imitation of Jesus. And how did Jesus show love with his body? He allowed his body to be nailed to a cross; he died that we might live. That's the sacrifice husbands are to imitate; that's the submission they're asked to make for their wives. They are to die to self, so their wives might live.

This mutual sacrifice, this mutual subordination that is being asked of Christian couples represents a model of marriage more demanding, yet ultimately more wonderful, than the model the world operates with. It involves trying to understand and serve each other's needs; giving of one's self to heal the other; helping each other grow as human beings and in faith; sharing feelings in an atmosphere of honesty and trust; exercising forgiveness, patience, and compassion; and trying to become, not just a team, and not a 50/50 partnership, but a unity of love in which each party gives 100 per cent of themselves to the other. Because anything less than 100% is not a sacrifice. Or at least, not a sacrifice like Christ's.

PARISH PICNIC TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



Join In The Fun ★★

Our annual parish picnic will take place on Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 –

5 pm on the church grounds and adjacent park. Lunch will include barbecued hamburgers, hotdogs, and a beverage and will be served from 12:45 – 2:00 pm. Tickets are on sale after all Masses in the parish hall for \$5.00 each. Please bring your favorite salad or

dessert to share with others. **Don't miss out; there will be our first ever DUNK TANK with the opportunity to dunk your Pastor. There will be children's games, face painting, music, and a family baseball game plus loads of fun and fellowship and hopefully plenty of sunshine!** *All proceeds will be donated to the David Busby Outreach Centre.*



**CALLING ALL CROCHETERS AND KNITTERS** The CWL needs your special talents to supply the **Christmas Bazaar** which will be held on **Sat. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>**. We are

looking for infinity cowls, hats, mitts, scarves, slippers, cloches, long and short fingerless gloves and boot cuff sets, head bands for all ages and some baby items . There will be some wool and patterns in the Luke room available after the masses on the week end of Aug 29 / 30. You may also call Susan Mays at 705-456-7836 for drop off of wool and pick up of finished items on Thursdays in Sept/ October. All items needed by Nov. 12. Also please save a few jars of your delicious pickles, jams, preserves and sauces for our Country Kitchen. We will need baked goods as well. More to follow in upcoming bulletins. Thanks for thinking of us.

**CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2015 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

**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.**



**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 18<sup>th</sup>**, 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 multicultural 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 and registration as a participant please, contact the church 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 2015 please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with the Pastor .



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

- Joan & Gary Thompson, Catherine Dion, Robert Porteous, Marguerite Cooper, Michael French, Tina Rashid, Muriel Coutinho, June Tribble, Denise Foster, Dylan Wilson, Wilson Gasewicz, Baby Nathan Brent, Baby Avery Maset, & Carson Batters**

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