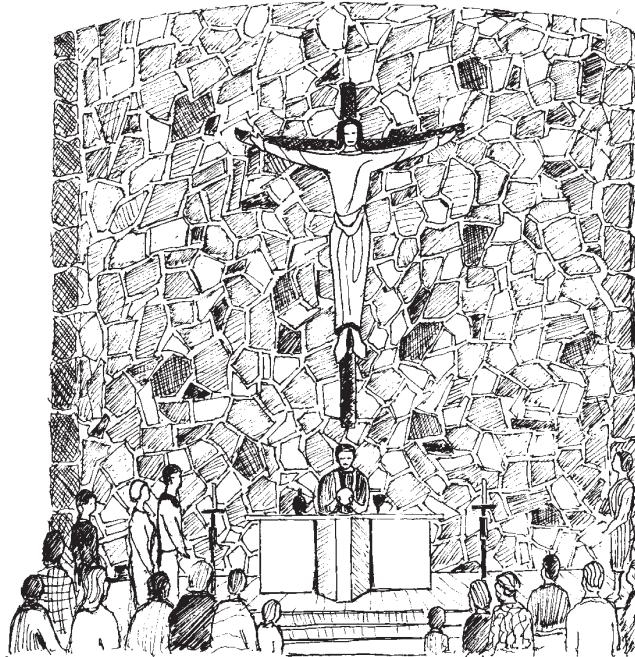


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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm

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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

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Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6

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Look Who's Coming To Dinner

If someone were to ask you to describe your relationship with your spouse, your best friend, or one of your parents, what would you say? A marriage counselor once posed this question to a couples group and was disturbed to hear one husband describe his wife only in terms of what she did for him- namely, keep the house neat and him well fed. Hoping to get this man to reconsider his definition, the counselor asked the other husbands to share how they understood their wives. To his shock, they all said pretty much the same thing, describing their wives in reference to themselves and what their wives did for them. It's no wonder, the counselor concluded, that they all had troubled marriages.

To understand other people only in terms of what they can do for us is certainly selfish, to say the least. But more than that, it puts us on a proverbial "slippery slope." Because when we think this way, then those people who *can't* do anything for us are, in our mind, worthless and valueless. And when something- or someone- has no value, what's the point of keeping it around? It's easier just to get rid of it.

Katie Hopkins a controversial star from England said she'd like "euthanasia vans" rolled out across the world because there are "far too many old people". She added: "It's ridiculous to be living in a country where we can put dogs to sleep but not people." Asked for her solution, she said: "Easy. Euthanasia vans - just like ice-cream vans - that would come to your home."

We see this mindset among those who defend the abortion of children who may be born sick or handicapped, and the trend toward the creation of so-called "designer babies" through sperm and egg donation, genetic manipulation, or even cloning. We see it in political policies that ignore the needs of the poorest, weakest, and most vulnerable in our nation. We see it in those institutions that don't make the effort to be accessible to persons with disabilities. And we see it in the real fear that DNA screening may one day be used to deny employment or insurance to those who have a predisposition to certain illness, as such people are understood to present an unacceptable financial risk.

Jesus challenges this mindset in today's gospel. The well to do of his day- in this case, the scribes and the Pharisees- would extend dinner invitations to others with the full expectation that

they would later be repaid. In effect, they created their guest lists by asking: "What's in it for me?" That's how they maintained their social status. If a person accepted a dinner invitation, he or she had to return the favor. Not to do so was a disgrace, a dishonor. Therefore, no one ever considered inviting the poor, the crippled, the lame, or the blind to their banquets. Because they couldn't reciprocate or repay, they were considered to be dishonorable, and worthless.

Yet these are exactly the people Jesus says *should* be invited to dinner, precisely because they aren't able to return the favor. In effect, Jesus is saying that in God's eyes they are honorable people worthy of respect and love. In other words, those whom God considers to be worthy and valuable are not always the same people the world considers to be worthy and valuable. God values people not because of what they can do, how much they have, what they look like, or their physical or mental health. Instead, God values all people because of who they are. When God looks upon you or me or any other person, he sees something that other people often miss: in each one of us, God sees a reflection of himself, because we are made in his image and likeness, and everything God makes is good.

Today, Jesus invites each one of us to see his Father's face and discern his very presence in those people whom our society frequently de-values or neglects, and who are so often dismissed, patronized, or ignored: The poor and the homeless; the frail, lonely elderly; prisoners in jail; immigrants and refugees; the physically handicapped; the mentally challenged; and those of races, cultures, and religions different from our own. All of them, Jesus tells us, are worthy of our love and respect; all of them, he assures us, have a right to life; and all of them, we learn from the cross, are of immense value, because Jesus bought them with a price. The truth is, God created every person for a purpose; every person has a role to play in the unfolding of God's plan; and every Christian person has a unique and indispensable membership in the one Body of Christ.

It's as the great Christian writer C.S. Lewis once wrote: "It is with awe that we should conduct all our dealings with one another... There are no *ordinary* people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Next to the Blessed Sacrament, the human being is the most precious thing that God presents to our senses."

Mass for the Intentions Week



Sunday August 28th 8:00 am † Elizabeth Kawa
Requested by: Joseph Kawa

8:00 am † Paul Kokelj
Requested by: Kokelj Family

9:30 am For the special intentions of **Silvestel Han**
Requested by: Cecilia Han

9:30 am † Alfred Spaziani
Requested by: Burgess & Mitsku Families

9:30 am † Manuel Pereira
Requested by: Maria Medeiros

11:30 am In Thanksgiving for the intentions of the **White-Jacobs Family**

11:30 am † Claudio Raposo
Requested by: Natalie & Family

Friday September 2nd 8:30 am † Marina Prior
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

St. John Vianney Youth Ministry would like to thank all the dedicated volunteers for their incredible support at last week's Minion Kids Camp. It was a tremendous success. A special thank you also goes to **Cedar Links Golf, Richard Gibson at Home Depot and Cup Cake Bakery** for their generous donations to add to the success of our day camp.

Biblical Lectures on the Book of Psalms
Rev. Dr. A. Joseph Lazar (Doctorate in Biblical Theology) and Associate Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Barrie is pleased to host **Biblical Lectures on the Book of Psalms**. Lectures start September 1st through to September 22nd, 4 consecutive Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. Please contact St. Mary's Parish office to register.

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.



CHRONIC PAIN

SELF-MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Those living with chronic pain, support persons, or family members, are invited to attend a 6 week workshop series with weekly sessions beginning on Wed. Sept. 7th at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. There is no cost for this workshop. Topics include: Pacing and planning, mediations for chronic pain, fatigue & weight management, communicating about pain, and an "Easy Moving Exercise Program". Receive a Chronic Pain Book and Moving Easy CD free. Limited space is available. A signup sheet will be available at the Welcome Table in the church hall on a first come, first serve basis. Deadline to register is September 1st. For more information contact Helen Russell 705-734-1346 or email: russellht@gmail.com

FIRST FRIDAY

September 2nd is the first Friday of the month. First Fridays have traditionally been associated with devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament. To appropriately observe First Fridays there will be Eucharistic adoration following the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am when Benediction will be given.



Thank you for the most generous support you have provided to the 2016 ShareLife Parish Campaign. As we conclude the annual appeal on July 31st, we're truly grateful for the support of the St. John Vianney Catholic Community. Your contributions are already making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in our region and around the world through ShareLife agencies. St. John Vianney can be proud of the goal we attained...**\$175,707.83**



Please pray for those who are sick: Peter Myatt, Ian Baker, Maria Elena Ramos, Herman Jacobs, Shirley Chew, 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. *And for those who have died recently:* † Gregorio Agresta

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