

# St. John Vianney Church



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**Office Hours:**

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

**Friday: 9:00 - Noon**

**Lunch: Closed from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

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, 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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From Compassion To Action

The gospel reading tells us that on hearing of the execution of John the Baptist, Jesus withdrew by boat "to a deserted place by himself". He must have been badly affected by this bad news not only because John was His friend but also because of the consequences he went through in preaching God's Word: imprisonment and finally, death. Thus Jesus wanted time and solitude to think and pray to discover whether or not He should go on with His mission at all and if yes, how His Father would have Him carry it out.

However, this was not to happen. The crowd found out where Jesus was and followed him on foot. They had come with their hope that He would do something to ease their afflictions. On seeing them, "his heart was moved with compassion." Forthwith He set aside His own need for solitude and prayer and attended to their needs. He saw some of them sick and He healed them. He saw all of them hungry, He fed them even if He had to perform a miracle to do so. Thus His compassion (to suffer with) lessened their sufferings and even gave them hope to go on. In other words, His compassion was translated into action. And it was hope- and life-giving.

The apostles also had compassion on the people. But theirs was a different kind. Seeing it was getting dark, they advised Jesus to "dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." That was just how far their compassion went.

From this gospel episode, we can easily see that Jesus was genuinely concerned not only for the spiritual but also for the material welfare of the people. His compassion extended to the whole person--its material and spiritual needs.

Jesus wants us to have compassion. But not the kind of compassion the apostles had, a compassion without corresponding action, a compassion that points to others to do the action needed. Rather, Jesus wants us to adopt His kind of compassion--one that flows directly into action and thus gives encouragement and is life-giving.

Jesus wants us to help one another, to give joy and hope to each other--to be our brother's keeper. For did not Jesus say, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me?"

Yet how often do we see the reverse happening by the misuse of our God-given faculties, talents, time, and resources? Instead of using them to give joy and hope to others, we make their life more miserable. For example, we only see the negative traits of others as if we do not have any of our own. Not only that, many of us find joy in talking about their negative traits. Acting thus, we not only make other people suffer untold pains and misery but we also close or even bring death to our relationship with them. How true is the statement, "Saying nasty things behind other peoples' back is an indirect way of praising ourselves." What many of us do just to be indirectly praised!

Would it not be better to follow the saying "If you have nothing good to say about someone, then say nothing?" Definitely, that is a much better attitude than to be critical in a destructive way. But just to avoid saying negative things is not enough. As Christians we are to make our compassion flow into action--by praying for and thinking well of others, by talking about their positive traits, by complimenting them for a job well done, by being encouraging and supportive of their good works, by sharing with those who have nothing from the little we have, etc. In short, we are to show compassion by giving of ourselves and our resources in the same way as Jesus did.

Let us ask for the grace to have the same kind of compassion that Jesus had. A compassion that give encouragement and support to others in their difficult moments. A compassion that builds better interpersonal relationships. A compassion that leads to action. In short, a compassion that gives joy and life.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR CHURCH!



Warmest of greetings are extended to our summer visitors as well as any new parishioners of the parish. We hope you feel welcome and at home.

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# Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00 For the special intentions of **Gisela Witt and Maria Thuy Mai**  
Requested by: The Tran Family

Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am For the special intentions of **Marjorie Oliveira**  
Requested by: Family  
9:30 † **Ryan Tran & † Agnes Nguyen Thi Quy** Requested by: The Tran Family  
9:30 † **Giovanni Campanella**  
Requested by: His wife  
9:30 † **Silvio Santi**  
Requested by: The Family  
11:30 am For the special intentions of the **Hardie Family**  
Requested by: Family

Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm † **Christian Rynkowski**  
Requested by: Dorota

Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am † **Dominic D'Souza**  
Requested by: D. & J. D'Souza & Family



"What is happening in front of our Church?"

"Want to learn more about the exciting project transforming your church grounds? There will be a presentation after all masses on August 12th and 13th. You won't want to miss it!"

## ANNUAL MASS FOR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

All are invited to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday August 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** The Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, 208 Sunnydale Road Barrie. Most Rev. Wayne Kirkpatrick will be the celebrant.

In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church. **There will be no Mass here on Wednesday, August 16.**



Are you hoping to have your child baptized in the near future? Are you looking to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage? Perhaps you, or someone you know is considering becoming a Roman Catholic? For details on preparation for any of the Sacraments, please call the Parish Office at 705-726-8007.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Parents, mark your calendar for the opportunity to welcome your child to the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration will take place on the following dates and times:

### FIRST COMMUNION

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 AT 6:00 PM AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH OR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24 AT 12:30 PM AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH OR TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26 AT 6:30 pm AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL**

If your child attends one of the six feeder schools associated with St. John Vianney Church and is in Grade 2 a registration package will be distributed to children through their class when they return to school. (Please remember to bring with you a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and \$75 to reserve a family space)

### CONFIRMATION

Registration for the program will be at the church: **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 6:00 PM OR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, AT 12:30 PM OR THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, AT 7:00 PM.**

(Please remember to bring with you a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and \$75 to reserve a family space)



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

*or pain especially:* Trudy Schoutsen, Eileen Aistrop, Faith White, Ron Ricketts, Jerry Gulka, Joy Gunt, Rosaleen Thyne, Sherry Wyman, Raymond Valney, Jamie Ringler, Rosa Maria Santos, Jebreil Syed, Maria DeMelo, Joanne Ransome, Richard Benoit, Lillian Pottage, Stephanie Chalmers, & Marjorie Oliveira.

**And those who died recently:** Doug McKenzie, Christine Jones, John Peter Corcoran, Francesco Mandicelli & Mary Denise Dunnett.

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