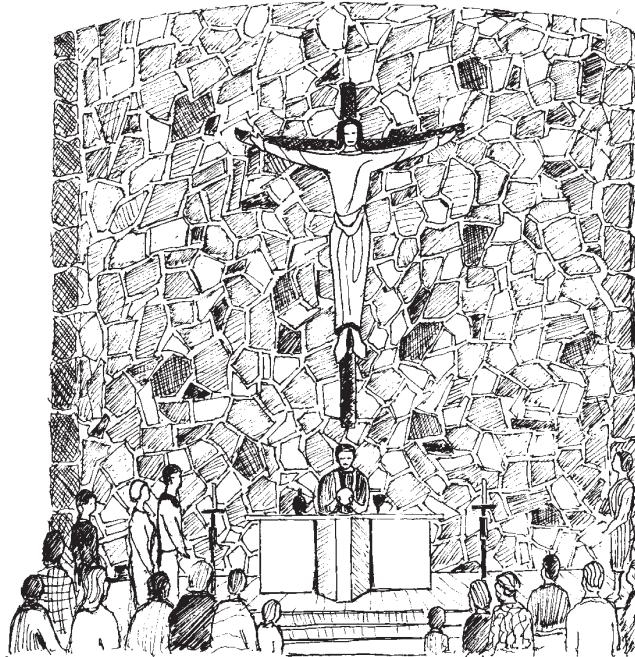


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

Mass Times - Press 9

Baptismal Information - Press 7

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Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6

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Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

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Mass for the Intentions Week

Sunday Dec. 11 th	9:30 am ✠ Tina Rashid Requested by: Paul Rashid
	9:30 am ✠ Salvatore Ardizzi Requested by: St. John Paul School Community
	9:30 am ✠ Chris Bernier Requested by: SMCDSB Friends
	9:30 am ✠ Joseph Hien Tran ✠ Anton Anh Nguyen Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
	9:30 am ✠ Renee King Requested by: Graeme King & Family
Monday December 12 th	8:30 am ✠ George D'Souza Requested by: D. & J. D'Souza & Family
Friday December 16 th	8:30 am ✠ Hugh McCormack Requested by: Bridie McCormack
Saturday December 17 th	8:30 am ✠ Lydia Librodo Requested by: Ralyn & Lito Mitra

that we are frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together. The truth is there is no better time to be happy than right now.

Second, 'If you are happy, *let your face know.*' Maybe we could begin to be more joyful by glancing in the mirror and asking ourselves: does my face look like the face of someone who has heard the good news of the Gospel, namely that I am loved unconditionally by God?

Third, joy will come to us if we set about trying to *create it for others.* If I go about my life demanding that others carry me rather than seeking to carry them; feeding off others rather than feeding them; demanding that others meet my needs rather than trying to meet theirs, joy will never find me no matter how hard I party or try to crank up good cheer.



JOY IN THE LORD

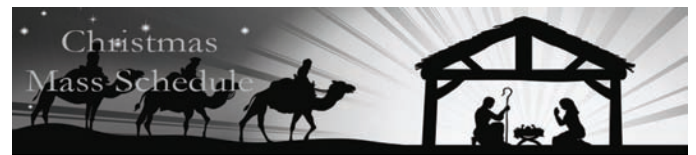
"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God". Today is Rejoice Sunday. Today the candle on the wreath is pink, not purple as on the other Sundays of Advent; to express the joy felt at the nearness of the Lord. Some people seem to be happy by nature; others mournful by nature. Here is the story of a priest who always preached mournful sermons. He was asked by his parish priest to preach about St. Joseph instead, as he was a cheerful man. The following Sunday the priest spoke about Joseph who happened to be a carpenter and as a result spent a lot of his time making coffins and here we go again with sad, sad tales.

Three things about happiness: first, happiness needs to be appreciated *right now.* We convince ourselves that life will be better when we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we are frustrated that the kids are not old enough and we will be more content when they are. After

ADVENT RECOLLECTION & CONFESSIONS



Due to unforeseen health concerns with Fr. Michael Knox on Nov. 26th we were forced to reschedule our Advent Retreat to a later date. We apologize for this inconvenience and have now rescheduled the retreat for **Thursday December 22.** Please join us for a special Mass in the evening at 6:30 pm followed by Reflection and Confessions. There will be up to six priests available to hear confessions. **Please note, there will be no Mass in the morning on Thursday December 22.**



Saturday December 24th
5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, Midnight

Sunday December 25th
9:30 am & 11:30 am

Saturday December 31st
New Year's Eve 5:00 pm Vigil Mass,

Sunday January 1st
New Years Day
8:00 am 9:30 am & 11:30 am

**CHRISTMAS CAROL
SING-ALONG**

Come one, come all! The Music Ministry is delighted



to host "Christmas with Our Kin", an at-home carol sing for all parishioners. Join us for an hour of cheerful tunes such as Walking in a Winter Wonderland and God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, and step up to the challenge of singing Carol of the Bells and Ding Dong Merrily on High! While you catch your breath, enjoy a few special performances by the members of our wonderful choir, family band and children's band. The sing-along will be followed by tea and cookies in the hall. "Christmas with Our Kin" will be held on the evening of **Friday, December 16th** at 7:00 p.m. There is no cost, and everyone is welcome.



Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus 10370 for their recent donations totalling \$11,100.00 that will go a long way in assisting with our various ministry initiatives and our social outreach programs. We are most grateful for your generous support!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THANK YOU!



The St. John Vianney - St. Vincent de Paul Society, would like to extend a sincere thank you to all our parishioners. Once again your response to our Angel Gift Giving Tree was truly amazing. We celebrated with our special families this past Sunday. It was a very fun filled day with crafts, bingo, and some festive singing...just to name a few! The day concluded with a visit from Santa. Pictures were taken and your wonderful gifts were handed out by the big man himself. The looks of joy on the children's faces was priceless. Thank you again so much, you've helped brighten the Christmas of so many of our children. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all once again for your continued support throughout the year. We would not be able to fulfil our mission without you. God bless! *The Members of Your St. Vincent de Paul Society*

Coming Soon...DISCOVER INDIA – Explore Dubai 2017 Itinerary to be published next weekend. A travel journal of our 2016 Trip to India, written by Alan Atkins is available at the back of the church.

2017 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



2017 envelopes are available in the hall this weekend. Be sure to write your name & address on envelopes for the first few weeks of 2017 as an additional means of confirming your contact information. To

avoid any confusion, please do not use 2017 envelopes until the New Year. Please write the donation amount on your envelope, it would be extremely helpful to the counters.

If you are not currently using donation envelopes, please consider using them or signing up for a monthly preauthorized giving plan. Both of these methods provide income stability to your parish, as well as guaranteeing that you receive a valuable tax receipt each year. Those of you who use weekly envelopes or sign up for a monthly preauthorized giving plan can also rent the parish hall at a subsidized rate. When picking up your 2017 envelopes, please ensure that you fill out the card that is sticking out of the box with your full name(s), address, and telephone number (keeping in mind that more than one person may have the same surname). For those parishioners who use Pre-Authorized giving - there are boxes of envelopes available to you that contain only the Archdiocesan special collection envelopes. Please ask for the special Pre-Authorized Giving envelopes when picking up your envelopes. **Thank you for your continued support!**



The CWL General meeting and Pot Luck dinner will be held on Monday Dec. 12 beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm followed by meeting/dinner in the parish hall at 7:30 pm. Bring your favorite hot meal, dessert, or salad to share and bring a friend to experience our CWL's great spirit and friendship. Memberships are now due. Still just \$25.00. We look forward to seeing you there.

The **2016-2017 SUNDAY MISSALS** are available at the Welcome Committee table in the hall following Mass at a cost of \$5.00.



Please pray for those who are sick: Lillian Pottage, Val Houston, Barbara Charuba Sr., Teresa Johnson, Gail French, Fred Tomlinson, Baby Jaxon Timmerman, Wilson Gasewicz, Avery Maset & Carson Batters.



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