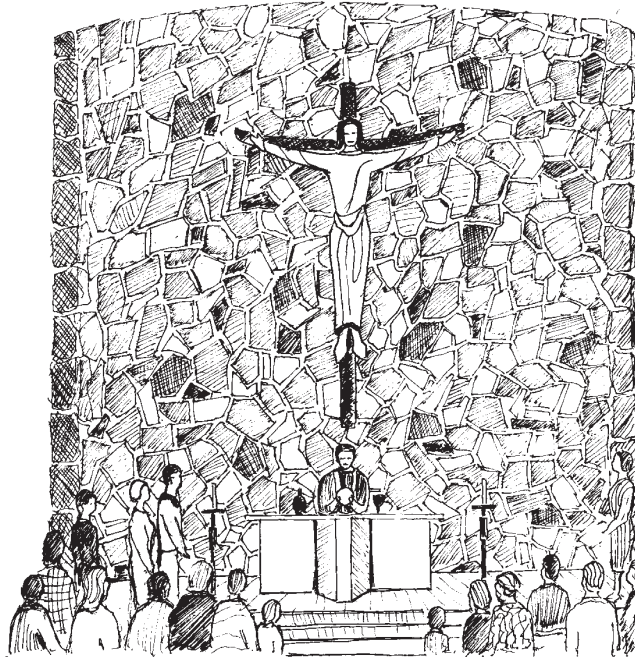


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, C.M.I., Pastor - 102

Fr. Jose Koluthara, C.M.I., In Residence - 106

Fr. Saji Thomas, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 108

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Sunday
Dec. 4th

8:00 am ✠ **Billy Gill**
Requested by: Margaret & Albert

9:30 am ✠ **Pasquale Stumpo**
✠ **Generoso Pizzari**
Requested by: Assunta Stumpo

9:30 am ✠ **Tyrone Showell**
Requested by: Mirta Dopsa

11:30 am ✠ For the special
intentions of **Reg Driscoll** on his 90th
birthday
Requested by: Mary Kominek

Friday
December 9th

8:30 am ✠ **Marina Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

8:30 am ✠ **Eusabio D'Sousa**
Requested by: D. & J. D'Sousa &
Family

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD



Waiting, an inevitable and even necessary aspect of human life, is not something that most of us relish. We wait in lines: in order to purchase groceries; to be served at popular restaurants; to be assisted in a bank; at stop signs and traffic signals; at amusement parks; to see a play or film. We must also wait for flowers to grow and bloom; for babies to be born; for wounds to heal; for bread to rise and cheese to age; for children to mature; for friends to call; for love to deepen. Statisticians have estimated that in a lifetime of 70 years, the average person spends at least three years waiting! Today's readings invite us to wait for the rebirth of the Lord in our lives with repentant hearts and renewed lives.

On the one hand, salvation is God's doing, and we cannot earn His blessings. Today's first reading, from Isaiah, emphasizes that, through his Son, God does all the saving. On the other hand, we must cooperate with God because He cannot force his bounty upon us. That is why John the Baptist, in today's Gospel, summons us to play our essential part - leading lives of

repentance, conversion and renewal and thus preparing the way for the Lord's second coming. We start this process by preparing for the celebration of Christmas, the Lord's first coming. All the kings who succeeded David proved to be increasingly unfaithful, bringing eventual defeat and destruction upon the nation. Because of the bad example of their leaders, the Chosen People were wavering in their loyalty to Yahweh. Isaiah, in the first reading, tries to dispel their fears and stir up hope among his people by God's promise of a new Davidic King (a son of Jesse), who will establish peace and a glorious Kingdom of justice on earth. His kingdom will be a return to the time of peace before sin entered the world. In the second reading, Paul is praying for the Jewish Christians of Rome and instructing them to draw endurance and encouragement from the Old Testament books. They are to live in harmony with Gentile Christians, accepting them as equals -- brothers and sisters -- while they wait for the second coming of Jesus. In today's Gospel, John the Baptizer urges the Pharisees and Sadducees to give evidence that they mean to reform their lives so as to recognize and accept the promised Messiah. He challenges them to repentance, conversion and renewal. He tells the common people, who are filled with expectation that the Messiah will come soon, to act with justice and charity, letting their lives reflect the transformation that will occur when the Messiah enters their lives. In the same way, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas, John advises us to "prepare the way of the Lord."



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.**



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.



OUTREACH TO SENIORS:

We are launching a new ministry here at St. John Vianney Church directed to the needs of lonely and isolated seniors in our community. We hope to launch the program in the coming months and are looking for volunteers to join our ministry. There will be an information/training session on Saturday December 10th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm with lunch provided. If you are interested in joining, please sign up at the Welcome Table in the parish hall.



Welcome Table Volunteers Needed: We are still looking for volunteers for the Welcome Table especially at the 11:30 am Mass. If you are looking for an easy way to help serve your congregation and get involved, please call the parish office (705) 726-8007

Support Our Stamp Appeal: The C.W.L. is requesting parishioners to please save their used postage stamps from your home and work mail. Please bring them to the Welcome Table. The stamps will be used to raise money for the Leprosy Society. If you have any questions, please call Lucy at (705) 722-4565

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

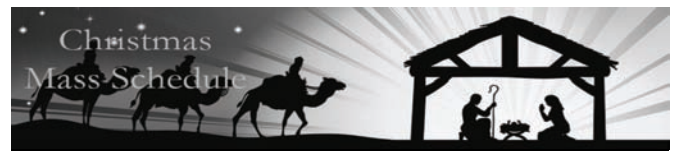
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2017 envelopes are available in the hall this weekend. Be sure to write your name & address on envelopes for the first few weeks of 2017 as an additional means of confirming your contact information. To

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!**



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



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

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