

# St. John Vianney Church



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**Office Hours:**

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

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**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, 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**

Baptismal Information - Press 7

Parish Outreach for Seniors - Press 103

*Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6*

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## Are you what you can be?

A story is told of a traveling portrait painter who stopped in a small village hoping to get some business. The town drunk - ragged, dirty and unshaved - came along. He wanted his portrait done and the artist complied. He worked painstakingly for a long time, painting not what he saw but what he envisioned beneath that disheveled exterior. Finally, he presented the painting to his customer. "That's not me," he shouted. The artist gently laid his hand on the man's shoulder and replied, "But that's the man you could be." This story may be the story of many of us - the story of unfulfilled potentials. In today's first and third readings, we see the opposite - three stories of fulfilled potentials.

First there was Samuel. He was the son of a barren woman who in her old age gave birth to him in answer to her prayer. After he was weaned, she brought him to the temple to be reared by the priests, in particular, by Eli, the high priest.

When Samuel grew up to be a young man, Eli was already advanced in age. Though blind, he could still hear. Samuel took care of him. One evening while asleep, Samuel heard a voice calling for him. Thinking it was Eli who was calling, he went to his room and inquired what he needed. Eli responded that he did not call and told him to go back to sleep. Later, Samuel heard the voice again and as before he went to Eli. It was then that Eli told Samuel that if he heard the voice again, he should respond, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel did precisely that when he heard the voice again. The voice was God's. Thus began his "career" as the last of the great judges of Israel and its first king-maker.

We also see something similar in the gospel reading. One day, while John the Baptist was with two of his disciples, he said as Jesus walked by, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Thereupon, the two, one of whom was Andrew, followed Jesus. When Jesus asked them what they were seeking, they answered, "Teacher, where are you staying?" He answered "Come, and you will see." So they went and stayed with him that day.

We don't know what the two disciples saw and heard during their one day stay with Jesus. But when Andrew met his brother Simon later, he told him, "We have found the Messiah." He then brought him

to Jesus and on seeing him, Jesus said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Peter (Rock)."

It is easy to see that there are common elements in the three stories above. It was Eli the high priest who was instrumental in Samuel's discovery and acceptance of his vocation. It was John the Baptist who was instrumental in Andrew's discovery of Jesus as the Messiah and becoming one of Jesus' first apostles. Finally, it was Andrew who was instrumental in Peter's becoming not only an apostle but also the "Rock" upon which Jesus founded His Church.

Moreover, the three became what they were because they responded positively to God's call after it was made known to them and persevered in it. If they had not done so, then they could have become just any other human being who came into the world and died without making any contribution to others or to the community they grew up in. Or they could have become like the drunk in our story above who wasted his life away instead of becoming what he could be as portrayed by the painter.

When we reflect on the beginnings of our Christian faith, many of us can point out to certain people, incidents or events that led us to Jesus. They can be our parents who taught us about Him from our childhood and who as we grew up lived according to Jesus' teachings in thought, word and deed in their quiet way. They can be people who are bedridden or suffering from a chronic illness yet continue to put their trust in God as they fingered their rosary beads thus remaining cheerful, kind and considerate despite everything. Or it can be a good deed done to us by someone we do not even know or something we have heard or read or an event that happened to us which made us reflect on what life is all about thus leading us to start or even restart our journey of faith.

In short, before we got to know Jesus, there were a litany of people, incidents and events that came our way who\which enabled us to know and accept Him in faith. In fact, this is the story of how Christianity spread throughout the world and how we accepted it in our own time.

God revealed His grand plan of salvation for each one of us in and through His Son Jesus. Having accepted Jesus, have we become the person we can be by living up to His teachings and examples? Have we also become instrumental in bringing another person to meet and accept Jesus in faith?

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

Sunday  
Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am † Tina Rashid  
Requested by: Paul Rashid & Family

9:30 am † Evaille Lebreton  
Requested by: Family

9:30 am For the special intentions of  
**Marjorie Oliveira**  
Requested by: Family

11:30 am † Jerome Bialek  
Requested by: The Santi Family

11:30 am † Michael & Maria Kramer  
Requested by: Teresa Mika & Family

Wednesday  
Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm † Joseph & Maddalena  
**Marchese**  
Requested by: Family



Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

Baptism is a prerequisite for other Sacraments such as First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you wish your child in Grade 2 or older to be baptized or to be welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church (when baptized in another Christian church) please contact the parish office to register. RCIC will begin this **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**



The C.W.L. general meeting will take place on Mon Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the parish hall.



**2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

2018 Envelopes are available in the parish hall. To avoid any confusion, please do not use envelopes from previous years. Please ensure you put your name and address the first 3 envelopes beginning with January 1<sup>st</sup>. All those with pre-authorized monthly giving are reminded to pick up envelopes as not all envelopes are covered by your pre-authorized giving. There are registrations forms for parishioners requesting wishes to begin pre-authorized monthly giving.

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**PEACE BE WITH YOU**



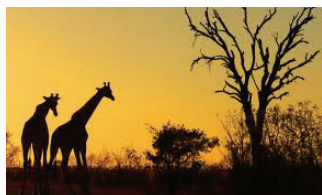
The cold and flu season is upon us! Some people may feel hesitant to give or receive the sign of peace via shaking hands. If you wish, an alternate way to show the *Sign of Peace*, would be to simply nod, smile and say "Peace be with you".

The 2017-2018 SUNDAY MISSALS are available at the Welcome Committee table in the hall following Mass at a cost of \$5.00

**SPECTACULAR SOUTH AFRICA**

**Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Under the leadership of Fr. Biju Kannampuzha



**An information session for those interested in a cultural tour of South Africa will take place on Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parish**

**hall for those who are interested in this trip to South Africa.**



This is a reminder to First Communion parents of Group B (St. Francis of Assis and St. John Vianney Schools) who are registered to receive their First Communion on February 24 or 25 that your classes begin on

Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

**THANK YOU to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations last Sunday after the 11:30 am Mass. Many hands make light work so thank you for all the hands that made this task quick and easy!**



*Please pray for those who are sick:*

Nadia Allesio, David Demorest, Judy Schoeneich, Kurt Kroeger, Len Smyth, Bob Waring, Catherine Dion, Ted Huston, Denise Foster, Jerry Gulka, Sherry Wyman, Jebreil Syed, Maria DeMelo, Joanne Ransome, Lillian Pottage, & Marjorie Oliveira.



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