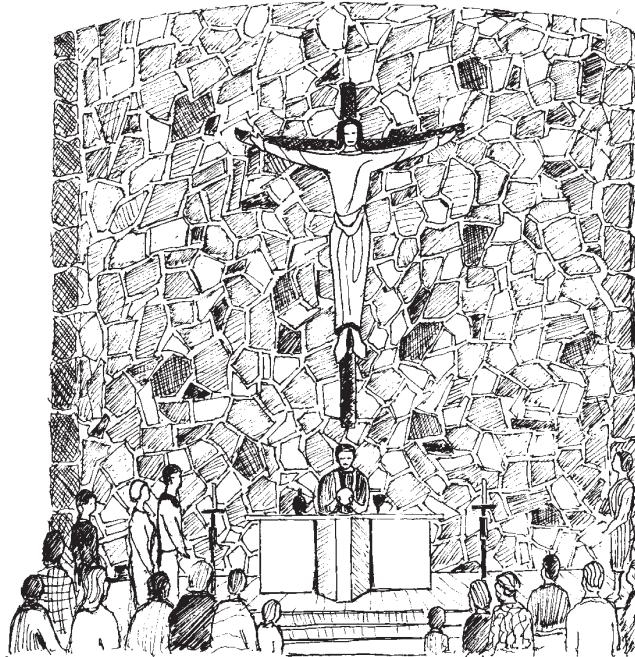


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

St. Vincent de Paul - Press 8

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 Intentions for the Week



Saturday January 30 th	5:00 pm † Ron Boon Requested by: Dora Barker
Sunday January 31 th	8:00 am † Janet Herbert Requested by: Evelyn Herbert
	9:30 am † Tina Rashid Requested by: The Rashid Family
	11:30 am For the special intentions of the less fortunate of our community Requested by: The St. Vincent de Paul Society
Monday February 1 st	8:30 am † Aurele Daigle Requested by: The Family
Friday February 5 th	8:30 am † Marina Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior

LOVE IS INCLUSIVE

There was a song that became a favorite among children and teenagers. Its opening line says, "In or out, am I in or out?" The song speaks of being in or out of someone's affections or someone's heart. Being in or out is not just a teenager's preoccupation. Even adults are preoccupied with belonging or not belonging.

Adults who are conscious of their social status choose the clubs or crowd they want to be a part of. Some elitist groups are very choosy about who can be accepted as members of their club or organization. There are subdivisions that only the very rich can afford. A person or a particular group of people may be in or out not only because of their social status but also because of their tribe or religion. We are more comfortable in working with or living among people who are like ourselves.

This tendency to categorize people as in or out of our circle is not a new one. In today's Gospel reading, even Jesus had to contend with the prejudices of his own closer circle of townspeople and relatives. In their close-knit Mediterranean culture, a person brings honor or

shame not only to his family but to his townfolks as well. They were proud of Him because of the wonderful things they heard him doing in neighboring Capernaum. At the same time, they could not quite understand why He was preaching and healing the sick in a place that was peopled by a large Gentile population.

When Jesus had the occasion to preach to his own relatives, He defended His action by citing the stories of the Gentile widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian who were helped by the prophets Elijah and Elisha. His townfolk did not take kindly to these comparisons. They instead became angry and violent. They were caught up in the cultural mentality of who was in or out. They wanted exclusivity. Jesus was preaching inclusivity.

That God loves all people, not just His Chosen people, was a message that was already preached even by the older prophetic tradition. Jeremiah understood his prophetic call as for "all nations". Jesus was underlining the universalism of God's love.

Love is inclusive. The second reading contains St. Paul's famous description of what love is. This passage is often read during weddings and even funerals. Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not snobbish. Love is not jealous. And so on. If one examines this very closely, one will find out that love is not choosy. Love by its very nature overflows. It overflows even outside our defined circles.



BIBLE STUDY
New Series:
Passion Narratives

Join the Bible Study for a five-week Lenten series investigating the Gospel accounts of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus led by Fr. Joseph Lazar beginning on **Monday February 15 at 7:00 pm** in the hall and continuing every Monday until March 14. In order to properly prepare for the number of attendees, we ask that those wishing to participate to please sign up at the Welcome Table in the hall.

Valentine's Dinner & Dance on February 13th



Join us for an evening of fun...come dine and dance those winter blahs away! The evening will feature the sounds of a local DJ and dinner by Triple G Catering both of whom catered our last dance. Menu will consist of carved Roast Beef/Herb Chicken dinner, roast potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and dessert. There will be prizes, raffle draw, music and more. Beer/Wine will be available for purchase. Cost of tickets are: \$25 per person and are available for purchase after all Masses in the parish hall. We hope to see you all there!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES
A reminder to all parents who have registered their children to celebrate the Sacraments of First Holy Communion (St. Gabriel the Archangel School)
First Communion: Classes begin on Tuesday Feb. 2nd from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the parish hall



A Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins February 13, 2016

MARRIAGE MATTERS The Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate Marriage Sunday in our parishes the weekend of February 6/7, 2016. On Saturday February 13, 2016 at 4:30 p.m., couples from across the Archdiocese will gather for a Celebration of Marriage with Cardinal Thomas Collins at St. Andrew Kim Parish (849 Don Mills Road, North York). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome! Couples celebrating special milestone anniversaries – 25th, 40th, or 50+ anytime throughout 2016 are asked to RSVP online at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage by Feb. 1, 2016 to ensure reserved seating. Call (416) 934-8694 or visit the website above for more info.



BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE: March 19th

Among the most serious crises facing our society today is the lack of true men. Women, children, the Church and the world are yearning for true men to setup and assist God in the mission of saving the world by saving souls. On March 19th, join Cardinal Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold in what is going to be an amazing day filled with prayer, fellowship and an opportunity to be emboldened and challenged in your faith. This is a full day retreat for men, 18 and over. The location is at the Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

There will be a group from Barrie going to this event. If you are interested in going with the group, receiving a group rate and carpooling together, please see our poster on the back bulletin board or call the parish office.



Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. **Upcoming Weekend: February 19-21, 2016** (Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga)

For more info, www.wwme.org or Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925

CATHOLIC EDUCATION
The Spirit is Alive

The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board is kicking-off a registration campaign for its elementary and high schools with radio and newspaper advertisements during the first week of February.

We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. It is a blessing that the youngest members of our parish have the opportunity to grow in spirit and faith within a Catholic school community. Our Catholic schools offer distinct faith-filled learning experiences, with a combined focus on academic, spiritual, social and emotional growth. Together, our Catholic schools and our parish community will guide children in their ongoing growth in faith.

To help parents and students get ready for Kindergarten, the board has developed a package, including a parent booklet, child's activity book and DVD. We encourage parents who are looking to register their child for Kindergarten to drop by their local Catholic school to pick up their copy of the package. Our Catholic high schools have a similar package called *Come Grow With Us*. You can also find all of the information at www.smcdsb.on.ca.

The **Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest** is being held at SJV Parish Hall on Saturday, Feb 6, 2016 from 10 am to noon. One student in grade 7 or 8 from each of the parish "feeder" schools is eligible. The contest is also open to parish students who attend public schools or are homeschooled. Please call Brenda Malone for details is 705-721-7624.



Please pray for those who are sick: Clayton Leonard, Michael Clark, Dyril Hayen, Gerald Borho, John McCorkell, Nick Brooks, Lillian Pottage, Michael Foster, Baby Ayah Stewart, Baby Avery Maset, & Carson Batters.

*And for those who have died recently:
† Theresa Contois, & † Maureen Blackett*



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