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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

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

Fr. Joshy George, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 106

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday Jan. 6 th	5:00 pm † Gerald Borho Requested by: Betty & Family
Sunday Jan. 7 th	9:30 am † Tina Rashid Requested by: Paul Rashid & Family
	9:30 am † Rita Stones Requested by: Bob Stones
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Marjorie Oliveira Requested by: Family
	11:30 am For the special intentions of Auriel & Ron Johnston Requested by: Keith & Eve Binns & Family
Thursday Jan. 11 th	8:30 am † Dorothy & Peter Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior



The Epiphany of the Lord

There is a Russian legend about an old grandmother who was invited to meet the royal Child who was just born in Bethlehem. The woman was about to retire for the night when shepherds knocked at her door. They shared with her the good news that the long awaited Child has now been born and begged her to come and give what help she could. She was a good-hearted woman, but the warmth of her bed looked more appealing than a cold journey on a winter's night. So she told them that she would go the following day. When asked to give them food that they could take in her stead, she answered, "Tomorrow."

When dawn came, the woman, true to her promise, prepared a basket with goods and gifts. But when she arrived to give her gifts, the Child had already left. She was angry with herself for not heeding the shepherds' invitation the night before. She then began to wander around the world looking for the Christ-child. She joined the legions of wanderers down history to search for the one who would bring new hope and new meaning into their lives. She found children everywhere and gave gifts to everyone in the hope that that child was the Christ-child. But she was never sure.

Today, we are celebrating the feast of the Epiphany, popularly known as the Feast of the Three Kings. The three were really astrologers but they were considered as "wise men" among their people. Through the story of the visit of the Wise Men from the East, Matthew wants to teach us that God's plan of salvation was not only for the Jews but also for the Gentiles, for all humanity.

According to spiritual writers, the gifts of the Wise Men underscore Jesus' identity both as God and man. Incense points to His being God; myrrh, to his being human; and gold, to his being King.

When the Wise Men left their gifts with the Christ-child, they took away a treasure that surpassed anything they themselves brought. They were not only enriched beyond imagination by their encounter with the Child but also took with them the gift of knowing who Jesus was -- the Son of God manifested to the Gentiles. Tradition has it that when they returned to their home country, they told people on the way and in their own country about the Infant "in the manger" and enriched others with the truth of their own experience. Thus even if they did not yet know Christ's teachings, they had laid the groundwork in their own country for the person of Jesus. They had become "missionaries." Thus when early Christian missionaries went to the East, they were surprised to know that many people had already heard about the Infant Jesus. They were thus open to the preaching of the missionaries and many were eventually baptized.

By our baptism, we have received Christ, the Light. Just as the star led the Wise Men from the East to the Infant King and later proclaimed to their people as the Light of the world, we should do likewise with the Light of Christ we have received through baptism. Enriched by the sacraments, especially the Eucharist which is our spiritual nourishment and through which Jesus resides in our hearts, we have to make this Light disperse the dark areas in our lives. We also have to show our love and concern for Jesus by radiating this Light all around us through what we say and do so that others, too, will embrace the Light and in turn, pass it on to others.

When are we going to do this? Not tomorrow as the woman in our story did. For tomorrow is still to come and is beyond our control while yesterday is gone forever. Now is the only time we have and under our control. Thus now is our time to accept Jesus as our Light and radiate Him to others. Then, unlike the woman, we will not suffer any future regrets.



THANK YOU TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Today, the solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord, marks the end of Christmas season. As we begin another year, I would like to thank you for all you do and the many ways you help to make our parish the great parish that it is. Your continued support both financially and through your active involvement is truly appreciated.



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 on **Sunday, January 14th at 9:30 a.m.**



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 1st. 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.



your tireless work and continued support of all our initiatives.

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus 10370 and the St. John Vianney Catholic Women's League for their recent donations presented over the Christmas holidays. We are most grateful for

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

NEW POLICY FOR HANDLING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Archdiocese of Toronto has implemented a new policy regarding Special or Extraordinary Collections in the Church at various times throughout the year. Effective immediately, when a second collection by the Archdiocese is mandated, the parish will conduct two separate collections at each Mass. The second collection will take place after Communion.



The Society of St Vincent de Paul would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our Parishioners for such an overwhelming response to our North of 60 Initiative. We were all so pleased with the positive feedback we received. It was wonderful that our Parish was so eager to try something new, exciting and worthwhile. We were able to gather almost 900 items, and we received some very generous donations that will be used to aid Pelly Bay directly. Either to purchase other needed items, or to help with transportation costs. With the help of the Knights of Columbus and the children of St John Vianney School, we were able to load up and store all the boxes until early spring. This truly was an initiative supported by the entire St John Vianney Parish Community. Thank you again,
The Members of your Society of St Vincent de Paul



2018 Council Basketball Free Throw Competition *Sat. Jan. 13th, 2018 at St. John Paul II School, 211 Ashford Drive in Barrie* for girls and boys 9 to 14 years old (age as of January 1st, 2018)

Register at St. John Paul II School between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. All Contestants must complete the registration / entry form (signed by their parents or guardian) and provide proof of age (birth certificate, health card or passport) Winners will go onto the District finals in February. Ages 9-11 shoot from 12 foot line
Ages 12-14 shoot from the 15 foot line
Kyle Tilley at kmtilley_1@hotmail.com or (705) 722-0212



Please pray for those who are sick: 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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