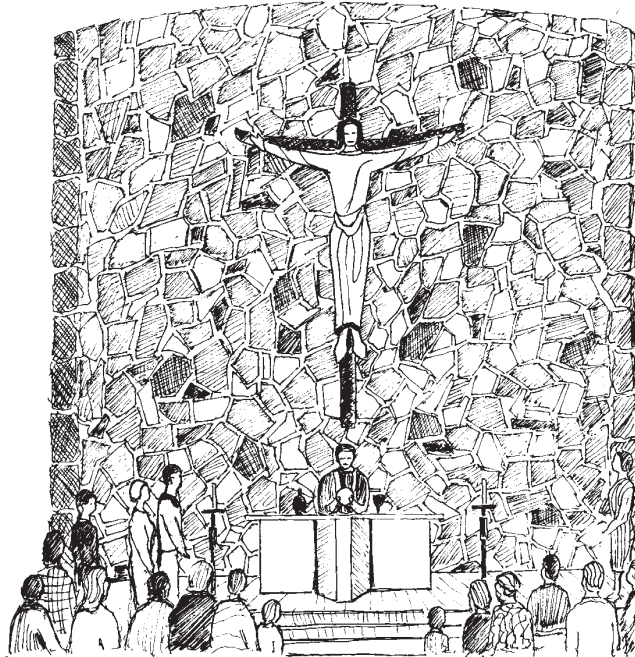


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

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

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

Mass Intentions  for the Week

Sunday
Jan. 8th 8:00 am For the special intentions of **Krystyna Reitmeier**
Requested by: Joseph Kawa
9:30 am † **Tina Rashid**
Requested by: Paul Rashid

11:30 am † **Ada McCabe**
Requested by: Helen Aitken

11:30 am † **Gail French**
Requested by: St. Vincent de Paul Society Members

Tuesday
Jan. 10th 8:30 am † **Peter & Dorothy Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



Presents and Presence

During Christmas time we give presents to different people and others give presents to us. What's it all about? It all goes back to the story of the wise men going to Bethlehem, falling down on their knees, and offering the best gifts they could afford to the Baby King. But Christmas is not just about giving presents. It's more about *being present*, i.e. sharing ourselves with warmth, affection and sincerity. The quality of our personal presence is everything. In practice, gift-giving may sometimes be aimed more at keeping on side and keeping the peace than being really present. In fact, gift-giving may at times be part of the commercialization of Christmas instead of an expression of unconditional love.

The wise men were completely single-minded and sincere in their gift-giving. Their gifts were expressions of their respect, reverence, gratitude and love for the child. Their gifts were given with no strings attached, no conditions, and no mixed motives. The flaws in our own gift-giving may make us feel that the whole business of exchanging Christmas presents should be abolished, and that the commercialization of

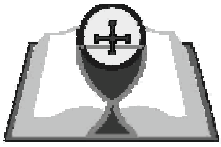
Christmas should be restrained and restricted, if not eliminated altogether.

If we think such thoughts, it may help to remember that the consumerism of Christmas is somewhat necessary. Were it a completely spiritual celebration, hundreds of small businesses would go to the wall. Thousands of factory workers making bon-bons, trees, chocolates, decorations, cards and toys, would find themselves unemployed. It may also be helpful to remember that if people did not spend money on gifts to family and friends at Christmas, their consciences would not be roused to make donations to the poor and needy at this special time of giving and sharing.

Despite the limits and flaws in our gift-giving, it's important to both keep the practice alive and to purify it of its worst excesses. It's particularly important to the lives of children. The good news is that while they are attracted to receiving e.g., a gift of an I-pad or of shiny new roller-blades, they are also attracted to the Crib and to the story of the baby lying there clothed in rags. Their hearts are touched by the plight of his parents who are so poor that they can offer him nothing but their protection and affection.

In fact, children very easily get the message that this is a story of love. They appreciate the humanity of the Holy Family, their struggles and their sacrifices, to bring to the human race the Light of the Nations. The story of the visit to the Crib by the Wise Men is a story of giving and receiving. It speaks of how gifts express love between persons, and of how gifts given with love bind people together. But it is not simply about the giving of things but the giving of persons, the sharing of selves.

In celebrating Epiphany we are celebrating the greatest proof of goodness there has ever been, of God's deeply personal love for us. For it was out of love, that the Father gave us the Son, and gave him to be our Light, our Savior, our King and our Joy. His present to us is nothing less than the divine presence in our lives.



RCIC – Rite of Christian Initiation of Children
7 TO 15 YEARS OLD

What if my child, or a child I know, has ‘missed’ a step . . .

RCIC

- is not baptized?
- was baptized, but not as a Catholic?
- didn't make First Communion?
- doesn't know Confession?
- should receive Confirmation?

Then the RCIC Program is a chance to ‘catch up.’ Please come to church on **Sun. Jan. 15th at 9:30 a.m.** Registration packages may be picked up from the parish office or at the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall.

2016 TAX RECEIPTS for donations made in the 2016 tax year will be issued before the end of February 2017. If you have had an address change, please notify the parish office (705) 726-8007. We are truly grateful for your continued generosity and support for the parish!

FAMILY OF FAITH 2016 TAX RECEIPTS

The Family of Faith campaign will be issuing 2016 tax receipts for Family of Faith donations by the end of February 2017. These receipts are not issued by the parish. Tax receipts will be issued for the value of the gift amounts received and postmarked on or before December 31, 2016. If you are one of the many donors who prefer to receive your tax receipt via e-mail, please contact the Donations Processing Center via campaign@archtoronto.org. Please provide your full name, address and the name of your parish.



2017 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please remember to write your name and address on your 2017 Offertory

Envelopes for the first month to ensure proper allocation of all donations. **ALSO PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS AS NEW NUMBERS ARE ASSIGNED EACH YEAR AND THIS ONLY CREATES DIFFICULTY WHEN INPUTTING YOUR DONATIONS INTO THE COMPUTER.** 2017 Offertory Envelopes are available in the church hall. Thank you all for your support throughout the year!



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If you foresee that you will require a pastoral letter of reference from the pastor for the purpose of applying for a position within the Catholic School Board or to become a Confirmation sponsor or Godparent, it is essential that you introduce yourself to the priest well in advance so that he can get to know you. A letter of reference is meant to attest that a person is a “practicing Catholic”, one who regularly attends Sunday Mass with the Parish Community and is actively involved in the parish. A priest who does not have some acquaintance with a person cannot satisfy such a request. Another means to attest to your attendance at Mass is by the use of Offertory envelopes and regular contributions to the Sunday collection.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
JANUARY 18 – 25, 2017

Theme: “Reconciliation-the Love of Christ Compels Us,” inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:14-20.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was first proposed in 1908 as an observance within the Roman Catholic Church by Fr. Paul Wattson, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Graymoor, New York. In November of 2014, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops endorsed the cause for Fr. Wattson’s canonization. Since the founding of the World Council of Churches in 1948, many other Christian denomination around the world have come to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



Please pray for those who are sick:

Marjorie Lavender-Oliveira, Haden McCabe, John Whittaker, Sherry Wyman, and Lillian Pottage. *And for those who have died recently:*

† Gail French & † Howard Cadeau,

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