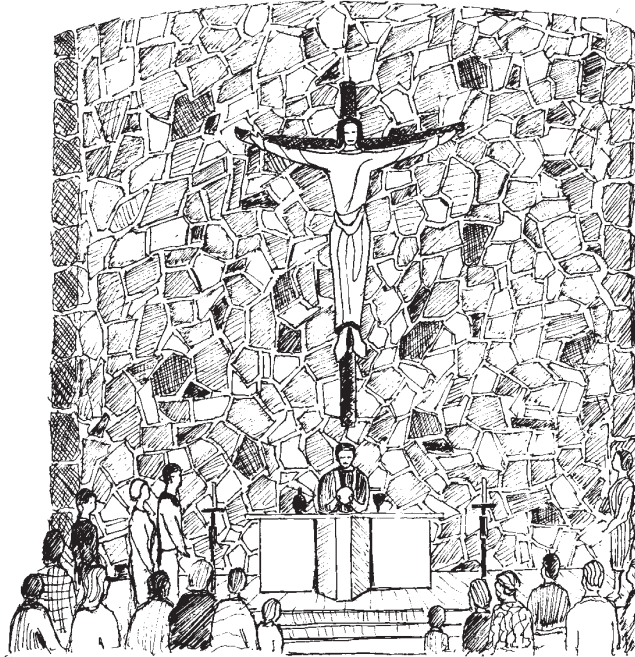


# St. John Vianney Church



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**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

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## Shepherds for today

In El Salvador in the late 1970s, the country was rocked by political turmoil and violence. Death squads roamed the countryside kidnapping and killing all who opposed their policies and regime. Archbishop Oscar Romero was an unassuming figure in the midst of his country's chaos. Selected as the compromise candidate, Archbishop Romero had stayed clear of politics, and had even harshly criticized Catholic priests in the country who had embraced the new and radical liberation theology.

One night the Archbishop stood in a small parish church looking out at the crowd gathered to hear him speak. Fear gripped the countryside, and Oscar Romero promised them that the violence would end. That peace would come to El Salvador. That he was with them in their fear and in their struggle. One of Romero's biographers wrote later "The peasants had asked for a good shepherd and that night they received one."

At this point in El Salvador's sad history, 3,000 people were being killed per month. Bodies were dumped in streams, and in the garbage dump of San Salvador.

Oscar Romero took to the airwaves, and in his weekly homily, promised that he would not rest until all the violence was ended, until peace came to El Salvador. He refused to attend the inauguration of El Salvador's latest president, which further inflamed the opposition against him. All the bishops of El Salvador turned on him, complaining to the Vatican that he had become "politicized." But Romero continued to speak out.

The final straw came when Romero, in a radio address to the El Salvadoran troops, urged them to stop killing their fellow citizens, and told them that "No soldier is obliged to obey an order that is contrary to the will of God . . ."

The next day, while saying a public mass, Oscar Romero was shot in the chest by a man standing at the back of the church. Romero fell behind the altar, at the feet of the massive crucifix of Jesus, who was shown bleeding from the wound in his own side. There Romero died, a martyr for God, a good shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep.

Just before Romero was shot, he said, "'One must not love oneself so much, as to avoid

getting involved in the risks of life that history demands of us, and those that fend off danger will lose their lives."

Shepherds in faith are people of integrity who care for others; people who help us follow the right path, and show compassion toward others in their weakness. The shepherd image does not apply only to bishops as the official "pastors" in succession to the apostles, or to the local pastors in the parish. The shepherd role applies in one way or another to all kinds of leadership, in the household and social spheres as well as in matters of faith. We are invited today by God's word to examine what sort of leadership we ourselves provide for others.

In much of Western society there is a crisis of authority nowadays. Merely being placed in charge no longer ensures unquestioning obedience. The ideal leader today is one who can win respect and generate trust, one with an obvious sense of responsibility, who can get things done while respecting other people's dignity and feelings.

The shepherds condemned by Jeremiah were the leaders who neglected their responsibilities and let abuses thrive. His message today might be to political figures, ministers and government officials at all levels, who have the task of keeping public order, defending the rights of citizens and promoting fairness for all, insofar as possible.

The shepherd image suggests that *authority* is not mainly the power to impose rules. The shepherding role is one of service more than dominion. Its goal is to set a good direction and enable a community to live together in peace, where each individual has dignity and an equal chance of personal fulfillment.

Besides the official leaders of Church and State, many others must offer pastoral leadership at a local and domestic level. Parents and teachers are the most obvious examples of this. It is they who help to develop a child's character, laying the foundations for growth into adult maturity. They pass on values and foster qualities that can grow over the years. For this they need the sensitivity and compassion shown by Jesus in today's Gospel. "He had compassion for them and began to teach them many things."



## Masses For The Week

Saturday July 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:00 pm † Doug Miller Requested by: Irma Miller
	5:00 pm † James MacDonald Requested by: J.J. Murphy Assembly 2020 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree
Sunday July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 am For the special intentions of <b>Marjorie Oliveira</b> Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † Joan Armstrong Requested by Ross and Family
	11:30 am † John Paul Dempsey Requested by: Mom & Dad
Wednesday July 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm † Ana & Paul Kokelj Requested by: Emma & Andrew



## Catholic Women's League

Thank you to all those who helped make our "Glitz and Glamour" tea a success. We were able to donate \$2470.08 of the proceeds to Social Justice Outreach Ministries of our church.

\$5.00 Tim Horton's cards for the homeless- 92 cards (\$460.00) were taken to the Provincial CWL Convention for distribution to three charities from SJV CWL Council.

The next CWL General meeting will be 17 September 2018 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

### ANNUAL MASS FOR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday August 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** In Barrie the Mass will be celebrated at **St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery 208 Sunnydale Road Barrie, ON** Most Rev. Wayne Kirkpatrick will be the celebrant. In the event of rain Mass will be celebrated at St. John Vianney Church



## Guardians of the Galaxy Summer Camp:

This year's summer day camp will be themed *God's Guardians of the*

*Galaxy.* The dates this year are August 13-17<sup>th</sup>. There are forms in the folder beside the Youth Ministry board or available on the parish website. If you and/or your teen are interested in volunteering, contact Denis Nugent. Email; [Dnugent71@gmail.com](mailto:Dnugent71@gmail.com) or Call/text (705)817-4636



Are you hoping to have your child baptized in the near future? Are you

looking to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage? Perhaps you, or someone you know is considering becoming a Roman Catholic? For details on preparation for any of the Sacraments, please call the Parish Office at 705-726-8007.

### **CATHOLIC STUDENTS CLUB AT GEORGIAN**



This September, there is a new Catholic Students' Club for Georgian College students being formed. The group is being organized with the

participation of the 3 Barrie Catholic Parishes and the Office of Catholic Youth of the Archdiocese of Toronto and will initially meet at St. Mary's Church. For info or to join the club, email: [georgiancatholics@gmail.com](mailto:georgiancatholics@gmail.com).

Watch your bulletins in early September for details about the club's launch at St. Mary's on Sept. 15 after the 5:00 Mass.



*Please pray for those who are sick:* Francois Pelletier, Len Smyth, Eileen Aistrop, Denise Burgess, Elsie Walsh, Barbara

Nadon, Nadia Allesio, Sherry Wyman, Graeme Sutherland, Valentina Marrone, Ted Huston, Rigo Ongaro, Jean Boileau, Jo-Anne Ransome, & Marjorie Oliveira.

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