

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

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Loaves and Fishes

Some situations seem beyond our abilities to cope. The challenge feels too great to be faced. Today's gospel offers an example of apparent powerlessness. Jesus is faced with a very large crowd of hungry people in a deserted place. They all need to be fed and the resources to feed them don't seem to be there. The sense of being overwhelmed by the task that needs doing is audible in the disciples' comments. Philip grumbles that, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each,' and while Andrew sees that there is a small boy present with five barley loaves and two fish, he asks with a shrug, 'What is that between so many?'

Seeing the hungry crowd and the scarce number of loaves, Jesus was aware of the enormity of the task of feeding them all. But he did not share the apostles' sense of defeatism. He saw that in some way the small boy with the five barley loaves and two fish was the key to feeding five thousand people. We cannot imagine what exactly happened on that day out in the wilderness but it is clear that the small boy with his few barley loaves and a couple of fish played a vital role. It was just enough food for a simple meal for a poor family. Yet the boy was willing to part with his barley loaves and his fish. When he handed them over, in some mysterious way, Jesus was able to work with the young boy's generous gift to feed everyone. One generous boy was the key to feeding the multitude. One person's generosity gave Jesus the opening that he needed. Through small and willing gifts, something powerful can still happen, in our time.

Clearly this story spoke very powerfully to the early church. The early believers came to appreciate that the Lord can use our limited efforts to perform his greatest works. As Paul puts it: "God's power is often made perfect in our weakness." The Lord can work powerfully in and through the very little that we possess, if we are generous with that little. The small boy is our teacher in that regard. He gave over his few barley loaves and fish, and the Lord did the rest. So often the spontaneous generosity of children

can have a great deal to teach us. In giving away the little we have we leave ourselves very vulnerable. Yet, the gospel suggests that the Lord can work powerfully in and through that very vulnerability which is the fruit of our generosity.

The Lord needs us to be generous with what we have, even though it can seem very small and very inadequate in our eyes. The Lord does not work in a vacuum; he needs us to create an opening for him to work. Without the presence of Jesus, the crowd would not have been fed. Without the presence of the small boy and his few resources the crowd would not have been fed either. The Lord needs us to be generous with what we have today if he is to continue to feed the various hungers of today's crowd, whether it is the basic hunger for food, or the hunger for shelter, for a home, for friendship, for community, for acceptance or the deeper spiritual hunger for God. Today's gospel teaches us never to underestimate the significance of even the tiniest efforts we make to be generous with the resources we have at our disposal, whether it is resources of money, or time or some ability or other.

All of the evangelists see a link between what happened in the desert that day and what happened at the Last Supper and what happens at every Eucharist. Just as Jesus transformed the small boy's simple gifts of five barley loaves and two fish into a feast for thousands, so he transforms our simple gifts of bread and wine into a spiritual feast for all, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. The way the Lord works in the Eucharist is how he works in the rest of our lives. He takes the little we offer to him and by means of it, in the words of Saint Paul, he is 'able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.'



Celebration of the Feast of St. John Vianney, Our Patron Saint

We will celebrate the feast of our patron saint on **Saturday August 4th** at the 5:00 pm Mass. All are welcome to attend.



Masses For The Week

Saturday July 28 th	5:00 pm † Gerald Borho & † Jerry Gulka Requested by: Betty Borho & Family & Debbie Gulka & Family
	5:00 pm † Jim MacDonald Requested by: Anne MacDonald
Sunday July 29 th	9:30 am For the special intentions of Marjorie Oliveira Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † Bronis Herbowy Requested by: K of C 10370
	9:30 am † Francesco Mendicelli Requested by: Maria Mendicelli
	9:30 am † Silvio Santi Requested by: Santi Family
Friday August 3 rd	8:30 am † Marina Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior

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



Couples wishing to be married must contact the pastor at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office at (705) 726-8007 to book an appointment.

August 3rd is the first Friday of the month. There will be Eucharistic adoration following the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am when Benediction will be given.



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 13-17th. 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 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.



Baptismal Preparation Kits (Registration Forms) are available at the Welcome

Table in the Parish Hall or on the table in the church vestibule. Baptisms take place the first Sunday of the month (unless otherwise indicated). Attendance at a baptism preparation class is mandatory before baptism takes place. Please fill in the applicable form(s) and submit them to the parish office. A meeting with the Pastor will then be scheduled prior to attending the preparation class.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless. ~ Mother Teresa



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

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