

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

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Leaving home

When young adults leave home for the first time to make their way in life, it can impact on all the family. The one leaving will often have mixed feelings, wanting to strike out and be independent and yet feeling the pain of leaving loved ones. Parents will have the same mixed feelings, on one side glad that their son or daughter is ready to move on and yet knowing that they will miss them very much. In contrast to partings, homecomings are usually happy experiences for all involved. Yet, homecomings can be complicated too. The one returning for a visit may have changed significantly since going away, and those at home may have changed too. There can be mistaken expectations based on how things were in the past rather than on how things have changed in the meantime. Adjusting to what have taken place while the family member was away can be a challenge for everyone.

Jesus returns to his home town of Nazareth, having left there some time previously. He had spent the best part of thirty years in Nazareth. During that time he was known by all as the carpenter, the son of Mary. However, since leaving Nazareth, Jesus' life had taken a new direction. He had thrown himself into the work that God had given him to do. He had left Nazareth as a carpenter; he returned as a teacher and a healer. There was in fact much more to Jesus than his own townspeople had ever suspected while he was living among them. The gospel suggests that they could not accept this 'more'; they rejected him. They wanted him to be the person they had always known; they would not allow him to move on from that. Jesus' homecoming turned out to be more painful than his leaving home. God's unique Son who proclaimed the presence of God's kingdom was experienced by the people of Nazareth as a thorn in the flesh, to use an image from today's 2nd Reading.

The people of Nazareth thought they knew him well. The image they had of Jesus, which they held on to with great tenacity, became a block to their learning more about him. Too easily we assume that we know someone, when, in reality, we only know one side to them. We can form strong opinions on the basis of past experiences. We can become so attached to these opinions that even when the evidence is there to challenge them, we are completely unmoved. There was more to Jesus than the people of Nazareth could know. Indeed there is always more to every human being than we are aware of. That is true even of those we would

claim to know well, such as family members and good friends. We are each made in God's image. There is a profound mystery to each one of us. We can never fully probe the mystery of another person's life. We each need to approach everyone with the awareness that there is more here than I can see.

It was Jesus' very ordinariness that made it difficult for the people of Nazareth to see him as he really was, in all his mystery. God was powerfully present to them in and through someone who was as ordinary, in many respects, as they themselves. God continues to come to us today in and through the ordinary, in and through those who are most familiar to us. In the religious sphere there can be a certain fascination with the extraordinary and the unusual. The gospels suggest that the primary way the Lord comes to us is in and through the everyday. This is what we mean by the incarnation. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The ordinary is shot through with God's presence.

The Lord can reach us even through an experience that initially seems very negative. St Paul made this discovery for himself, according to his letter today. He struggled with what he called a thorn in the flesh. It is not easy to know what he means by this. Whatever it was, he wanted to be rid of it. He saw no good in it and he prayed earnestly to the Lord to take it from him, fully expecting that his prayer would be heard. Paul's prayer was answered, but not in the way he expected. In prayer he came to realize that God was powerfully present in and through this thorn in the flesh.

When we struggle with something inside ourselves or with something outside ourselves, some other person perhaps, we can be tempted to see the struggle as totally negative and just want to be rid of it. Like Paul, however, we can discover that this difficult experience is opening us up to God's presence. The very thing we judge to be of little or no value can create a space for God to work powerfully in our lives. There is something of a paradox in what Paul hears the risen Lord say to him, 'My power is at its best in weakness.' It is often when we most feel life as a struggle that God can touch our lives most powerfully and creatively.

**There will be No Adoration on
Wednesday July 11th, however Mass
will continue to be celebrated at the
usual 7:00 p.m.**



Masses For The Week

Saturday July 7 th	5:00 pm † Alex Couvrette Requested by: Cyrille Couvrette
	5:00 pm † James MacDonald Requested by: J.J. Murphy Assembly 2020 4 th Degree
Sunday July 8 th	9:30 am † Nhon Thi Nguyen & Yonne † Ngoc Tran Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Marjorie Oliveira Requested by: Family
	11:30 am † Keri Stark Requested by: Janice Gutta & Family
	11:30 am For the special intentions of Graeme Sutherland Requested by: Jane & John Bradbury
Monday July 9 th	8:30 am † James MacDonald Requested by: Jim & Phyl Taylor
Wednesday July 11 th	No Adoration – Only Mass at 7:00 pm 7:00 pm For the special intentions of Amber Dawe
Saturday July 14 th	8:30 am † Emily Fazari Requested by: Sal Fazari

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

Thank you to those parishioners who have signed up for the Pre-Authorized Giving. In the summer months our attendance drops but our expenses remain. It's easy to enroll, just fill out a yellow registration form (available at the back of the church), attach a void cheque and drop it in the offertory basket. Thank you for your support. ☺

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have you or someone you know ever considered becoming a Catholic? If so, the RCIA process is for you. This process begins each fall and runs with weekly meetings up to and including the Easter season. For those who are not baptized and for those of other Christian denominations who are already baptized, the RCIA/RCIC (children ages 7 and up) process is a wonderful response to the Lord's call to His disciples to "come and see". If you are interested in joining the RCIA/RCIC process for the fall of 2018 please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Fr. Biju. (705) 726-8007.



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, text or call Denis Nugent if you need help with youth ministry applications/information. Dnugent71@gmail.com or Call/text (705)817-4636

BLUE MASS

A Blue Mass, in honour of our Emergency Services and Military personnel will be held here at Saint John Vianney on Tuesday, September 18th at 7pm, presided by the Most Reverend Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick with refreshments to follow. Mass booklet ads in memory of past EMS workers or military family members may be purchased at a cost of \$10 no later than Aug 24th. Contact David (705) 735-9519 for ads. Please save the date and plan on attending to show your support for these essential Services.



Please pray for those who are sick: 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. *And for those who have died recently:*

† Edward Schmidt, † James A. Cooper

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