

# St. John Vianney Church



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**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Friday: 9:00 - Noon**

**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*

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## How little things grow

Children are great for asking questions. They ask one question and, having got an answer, they ask another. As they grow into adolescence, they begin to ask more probing questions, wanting answers to almost insoluble questions. In time, they come to realize that some of life's more profound questions don't have black-and-white, definitive answers. As adults we often have to reconcile ourselves to living with uncertainty. We find that our searching cannot exhaust the many mysteries of life. But we continue to take delight in fresh discoveries, while coming to terms with 'not knowing' as an unavoidable fact of life.

Today Jesus speaks about the mystery of growth. A farmer scatters seed on the good soil of Galilee. Having done the sowing, all he can do is attend to other things, while the seed takes over and does its own work, producing first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear, until the crop is ready for harvest. In the parable the farmer does not know how all this happens. Between his actions of sowing the seed and harvesting the crop nature takes over in a way that he does not fully understand. There is a great deal in our world which we do not fully understand, in spite of the great progress over the centuries on all aspects of science.

There is a reassuring message here for any who are discouraged by the slow progress of goodness in the world. The spreading of God's reign is ultimately the work of God... and that work is going on even when we do not see it or understand it. We have a part to play in bringing about love and justice among us, just as the farmer has a role to play in the coming of the final harvest. However, that first parable in the gospel warns us against overestimating our role. St. Paul expresses this perspective well in his first letter to the Corinthians, 'Neither the one who plants, nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.'

The second parable in today's gospel reminds us that God can be at work in surprising ways and places. There is a stark contrast

between the tiny mustard seed (*the smallest of all the seeds*), and the large shrub that grows from it, in whose branches the birds of the air can nest. Insignificant beginnings can lead to a wonderful result. The kingdom of God is like that; it often is expressed initially in what is small and seemingly insignificant. We can feel that our own faith is insignificant, as small as a mustard seed. Jesus assures us that the Spirit is working in and through such faith. Our faith can appear as small as a mustard seed; but such hope is enough for the Lord to work with. Our various efforts can seem to bear very insignificant results. The parable assures us that the final harvest from those efforts will be abundant.

We must learn to be content with the small contribution that we ourselves can make towards a better world. The kingdom of God is being worked out in quiet and humble ways. We need to learn to appreciate little things and small gestures. We may not have to be heroes or martyrs, but we are called to put a little dignity into our own little corner of the world. There are little seeds of the kingdom that all of us can sow, a friendly gesture towards someone in trouble, a welcoming smile for someone who is alone, a sign of closeness for someone in despair, a little ray of joy for a person in distress. God's reign comes in power through the seemingly insignificant actions of each of one us.



## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

**What Makes a Dad**

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,

And so, He called him ... Dad Author Unknown



## Masses For The Week

- Saturday  
June 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm † **Gerald Borho**  
Requested by: His Children
- Sunday  
June 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am † **Steve Perkić**  
Requested by: Agnes & Family
- 9:30 am For the special intentions of  
**Marjorie Oliveira**  
Requested by: Family
- 9:30 am † **Jack Brady**  
Requested by: Catherine Hall &  
Family
- 9:30 am † **Greta Pecnik**  
Requested by: Francelj Family
- 9:30 am † **Joseph Hien Tran &  
† Anton Anh Nguyen**  
Requested by Tran &  
Nguyen Families
- 11:30 am † **Dioven Carullo  
† Aries Belza**  
Requested by: Narrah Belza



### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

With the school year quickly coming to a close and the onset of summer holidays fast approaching, we would like to remind

parishioners who may be away from the parish during the summer months to please consider supporting the parish through **Pre-authorized Giving** which ensures that the parish will receive your on-going support, which it is dependent on, whether you are able to attend Mass each week or not. It is a safe and convenient way to automatically contribute to your parish. Simply pick up a yellow pre-authorized payment form (available at the back of the church) and fill it out, attaching a void cheque and place it in an envelope in the collection basket or drop it by the parish office. Thank you for your consideration and continued support.



## SJV CWL GLITZ & GLAMOUR TEA

Date: June 23

Time 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Cost \$15.00. Get your tickets early as we only have 150 available. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses this weekend.



### 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. Note **deadline for applications is July 1** due to the need to order materials and T-Shirts. If you and/or your teen are interested in volunteering, contact Denis Nugent (info below). Email, text or call Denis Nugent if you need help with youth ministry applications/information. [Dnugent71@gmail.com](mailto:Dnugent71@gmail.com) or Call/text (705)817-4636

### EARLY CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE:



Do you want to connect with like-minded parents in a welcoming and supportive environment? Do you want

to learn the best in child development and how to teach the Faith? Do you want to deepen your relationship with your child? Then, join us for Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL)! At ECFL, we believe that a child's first and most important teachers are his or her parents. Our mission is simple—connect parents with their peers and empower them to raise their children in the Faith.

ECFL welcomes families with children 0-5 years old. Its sessions facilitate parent-child interaction, parent discussion time and children's learning time.

At St. John Vianney Parish, we are excited to bring this opportunity to our community and hope that you will join us! **When:** Wed. Mornings June 20 – Aug 1, 2018

**Where:** St. John Vianney Church, 13 Baldwin Lane

**Time:** 10:00 – 12:00- healthy snacks provided

Fall sessions on Saturday mornings beginning

Oct. 13, 2018.

**Contact:** Steph Maher

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*Please pray for those who are sick:*

Denise Burgess, Elsie Walsh, Barbara Nadon, Penny Guitard, Nadia Allesio, Sherry Wyman, Pat Carter, Graeme Sutherland, Valentina Marrone, Margaret Breckinridge, Ted Huston, Rigo

Ongaro, Jean Boileau, Jo-Anne Ransome, & Marjorie Oliveira.

*And for those who have died recently:*

† Louis "Lou" Pindera & † Jack Brady



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