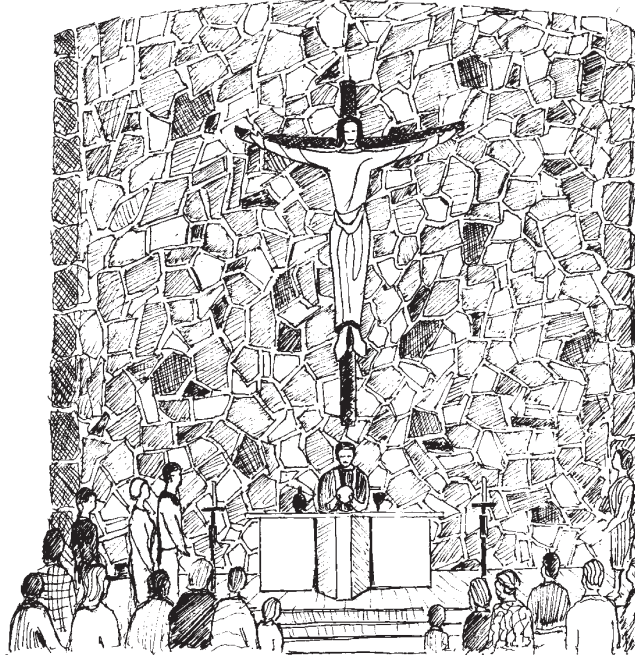


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

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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.

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THE COST OF THE CROSS

Have you ever asked yourself the question: "Why me?" When life get you down have you ever wondered: "Why is this happening to me? Why am I having such a difficult time?" Sometimes it's a knee jerk reaction to being hurt. At other times, it reflects our anger in the face of injustice. And not infrequently it's an expression of self-pity, of feeling sorry for ourselves. Pain and suffering can lead us to think of nothing and no one else except ourselves- just ask any nurse!

Nevertheless, when we're hurt, when we suffer, asking "Why?" is a perfectly valid, honest, and justifiable question for a Christian, because we as Christians believe that life has meaning. Human life is not an accident of nature; we're not here on planet earth by pure chance. If this were the case, there wouldn't be much point in asking why anything happens. The sun would come up in the morning, just because. And the same would be true for suffering, sorrow, and pain. However, because life does have meaning, because human existence does have purpose, and because it is our faith that God has a plan for each of our lives, we can ask the question "Why?" and expect more of an answer than: "That's just the way things are."

We're given some clue as to how to answer to this question in today's readings from Holy Scripture. In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul explains that you and I "belong to Christ." Through faith you and I are "children of God in Christ;" through faith, we have "clothed ourselves with Christ." In short, Paul tells us who we are- we are Christians. But it's the other readings that tell us what being a Christian involves. As we heard, Zechariah foretold of one who would be "pierced" to open "a fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness." We understand this as referring to Jesus. Jesus himself confirms this prophecy in today's gospel when he promises that he must suffer and be killed. But he goes on to explain that it's not just he who is going to suffer. Instead, anyone who wants to come after him must take up his or her own cross each and every day. Yes, Jesus is risen and he offers all of us a share in his resurrection. But as the old saying goes, the road to Easter runs through Good Friday. To put it simply: Jesus suffered, and his followers will too.

Now at one level, there's nothing shocking about this at all: Everybody experiences pain; suffering is a universal part of the human condition. Like death and taxes, suffering is a given; it's certainly not something specific or unique to Christians. However, the question is: What do we do with it? Pain can either break us or shape us. Depending on the choices we make, pain can lead to selfishness or sanctification, to bitterness or beatitude, to crankiness or compassion. We can allow pain to make us self-absorbed, or we can allow God to use it to make us saints. Or more specifically, God can use our suffering to make us more like Christ.

And this is a key point: As Christians, it is our calling to grow in grace and become more like Christ. That's the whole purpose of being a Christian in the first place- to be shaped into the image of the one we follow. And this can happen when we experience the same experiences that Jesus went through- experiences like loneliness, temptation, stress, criticism, rejection, betrayal, physical pain, and even death itself.

God can and does use these circumstances and experiences to mold us into the image of his Son; God can use these problems to draw us closer to his Son; and God can take our circumstances and bring good out of even our worst evil. If we can accept this, we can begin to understand our negative experiences as something of an opportunity- an opportunity to trust in God, an opportunity to lean upon God, and an opportunity to grow in grace.

The key for us, as we go through these experiences, is to stay focused on God and his love, and not on our own pain or problem. To do this, we need to reach out for help from our Christian brothers and sisters; we need to hear God's word as spoken in Scripture; we need to stay close to the crucified and risen Jesus at the altar and in the Blessed Sacrament; we need to confess our contributions to the world's sorrow; and we need to honestly share our own thoughts, feelings, and needs to our God who is always ready to listen, heal, and challenge us when we need to be challenged. In the words of Corrie Ten Boom, a famous Christian survivor of Nazi prisons: "If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest."



Mass Intentions

Saturday
June 18th 5:00 am † **Gerald Borho**
Requested by: Betty Borho & Family

Sunday
June 19th 8:00 am † **Joao Silva**
Requested by: Maria Silva

8:00 am † **Steve Perkić**
Requested by: Agnes Perkić

9:30 am † **Pravdomir Pavlovich**
Requested by: Donna Pavlovich

9:30 am † **Iris Phelps**
Requested by: St. James Catholic School

11:30 am † **Jackie Graham**
Requested by: Family

Friday
June 24th 8:30 am † **Leah Couvrette**
Requested by: Cyrille

Join us on our new date for
our annual

PARISH PICNIC

JUNE 26TH

Bring your family and friends for a great day of family time, fellowship, music and great food at our annual parish picnic which will take place on **Sunday June 26th**! The festivities begin at 12:30 pm on the church grounds and adjacent park and will run until 5 pm. Lunch, featuring all you can eat chicken wings courtesy of **South Barrie Wild Wing** situated on Mapleview East will be served from 12:45 – 2:00 pm. Tickets are on sale after all Masses for \$5.00 each. Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share with others! **(You can drop off your food donations in the parish hall kitchen anytime after the 8:00 am Mass on June 26th)**

Complimentary photo booth courtesy of **Wacky Shots**
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St. John Vianney Church will be celebrating our First Nations heritage with a Mass on June 26th at 11:30 a.m. Please join us for this special Mass to honor and appreciate our cultural heritage.



A Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING SEASON

New Confirmation Age

Parents, if your child will be in Gr. 7 next year, mark your calendars now. Last year our Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins set Grade 7 as the new norm for the age of reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration for the program will be at the church:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7 PM OR
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 6 PM OR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 12:30 PM

(Please Remember, A Photocopy of Your Child's Baptismal Certificate Is Needed to Register!)

For more information, see the bulletin board in the foyer or the parish website.

Gr. 2 First Communion

Parents, if your child will be in Gr. 2 in the fall, mark your calendar for the opportunity to welcome your child to Sacraments of Holy Communion and of Confession. Registration for the program will be at the church:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AT 7 PM OR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 6 PM OR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 12:30 PM

Bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to reserve a family space. For more information, see the bulletin board in the foyer or the parish website.



Lord
Hear
Our
Prayer

Please pray for those who are sick in our community especially: Joe Badali, Rosemarie D'Amelio, Wilson Gasewicz, Ray Stone, Sherry Wyman, Herman Jacobs, Sylvia Burch, Mary Dickson, Gina Racco, Lillian Pottage, Avery Maset & Carson Batters

And for those who have died recently:

† Michael landolo

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