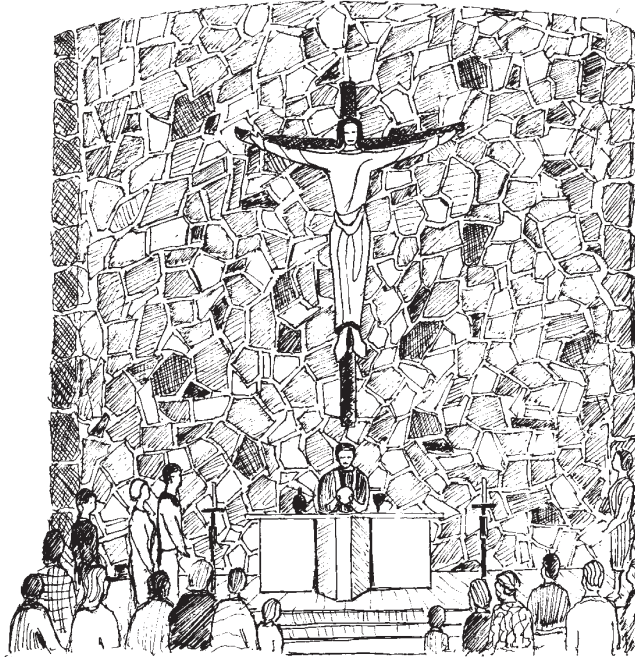


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**Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm**

**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

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Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, C.M.I., Pastor - 102

Fr. Joshy George, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 106

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday March 10 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm † <b>June Szeman</b> Requested by: Bob, Linda & Michelle Hodgins
Sunday March 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am † <b>Steve Perkic</b> Requested by: Agnes Perkic 9:30 am † <b>Alex Nastasiak</b> Requested by: Jim & Phyl Taylor 9:30 am † <b>Nandor Eschenbach</b> Requested by: Judy Eschenbach 11:30 am † <b>John Dempsey</b> Requested by: Ursula Dempsey 11:30 am For the special of <b>Marjorie Oliveira</b> Requested by: Family
Monday March 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am † <b>William Dale</b> Requested by: Jack & Marion Biggers
Tuesday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am For the special intentions of <b>Mary Francis Brunt</b> Requested by: Alva LaPlante
Friday March 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am † <b>Ottillie &amp; Dee Dee Mieschke</b> Requested by: Conrad

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### "The Hound of Heaven"

"The Hound of Heaven," written by Francis Thompson, is one of the best-known religious poems in the English language. It describes the pursuit of the human soul by God. The poem tells the story of a human soul who tries to flee from God as it thinks that it will lose its freedom in the company of God. This is the story of Thompson's own life. As a boy, he intended to become a priest. But the laziness of his brilliant son prompted Thompson's father to enroll young Francis in a medical school. There he became addicted to opium that almost wrecked his body and mind. He fled to a slum and started earning a living by shining shoes, selling matches, and holding horses.

In 1887 Francis sent some poems and an essay to Mr. Wilfrid Meynell, the editor of a Catholic literary magazine called *Merry England*. The editor recognized the genius behind these works and published them in April 1888. Then Meynell went in search of the poet. He arranged accommodation for Francis, introduced him to

other poets and helped him to realize God's love. How Francis tried to run away from God, how God "hunted" him, how Divine love caught up with him – these are the themes of his stirring poem, "The Hound of Heaven."

Once we realize, as did the poet Francis Thompson and all the saints, that God in His love for us, pursues our souls to the ends of the earth and beyond, then we will try to return to that Love and allow the Hound of Heaven to "catch" us. Today's Gospel tells us about the breadth and depth and height of the Divine love of the Hound of Heaven for each one of us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." John 3:16.

There are four basic truths that we can take from this Scripture. Let's look at each of them in a brief way.

First, it's made clear that the Father in Heaven loves us. We know this but we will never fully comprehend the depth of this truth. God the Father loves us with a profound and perfect love. It's a love that is deeper than anything else we could ever experience in life. His love is perfect.

Second, the Father's love was made manifest by the gift of His Son Jesus. It is a profound act of love for the Father to give us His Son. The Son meant everything to the Father, and the gift of the Son to us means that the Father gives us everything. He gives His very life to us in the Person of Jesus.

Third, the only appropriate response we can make to such a gift is faith. We must believe in the transforming power of accepting the Son into our lives. We must see this gift as a gift that gives us all we need. We must accept the Son into our lives by believing in His mission and giving our lives to Him in return.

Fourth, the result of receiving Him and giving our lives in return is that we are saved. We will not perish in our sin; rather, we will be given eternal life. There is no other way to salvation than through the Son. We must know, believe, accept and embrace this truth.

Let us reflect, upon this summary of the entire Gospel. Read it over and over and memorize it. Savor every word and know that in embracing this short passage of Scripture we are embracing the entire truth of God.



**Lenten Reflection by  
Fr. Eugene Chianain, CFIC**

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation leading us to Good Friday and Easter. Please join us on **Friday March 23<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** as we welcome Father *Eugene Chianain, CFIC*, who will lead a reflection followed by Confession.

**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. during Lent. Next **Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**, the Stations of the Cross will be led by the Knights of Columbus.

**NEW POLICY FOR HANDLING  
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

The Archdiocese of Toronto has implemented a new policy regarding Special or Extraordinary Collections in the Church at various times throughout the year. Effective immediately, when a second collection by the Archdiocese is mandated, the parish will conduct two separate collections at each Mass. The second collection will take place after Communion.



**Steubenville  
Conference**

Tickets for Steubenville Toronto are now available. This **high school conference** weekend is geared to ignite young hearts for Jesus in a fun atmosphere surrounded with inspiring speakers, great music, topics that every teen pays interest to and sacraments available to everyone. To learn more and register visit: [steubenvilletoronto.com](http://steubenvilletoronto.com) Group name is *St. John Vianney Barrie* (necessary to register).

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Congratulations to the winner of the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest, **Ann Marie Strikown**, a grade 8 student at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic School. All presentations were informative and amazing! Thank you to all the speakers and to all those who helped make the contest a success!

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance**



The Irish Claddagh Club of Barrie and District is hosting a St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at St. John Vianney Parish Hall. Doors open at 6 pm/ dinner at 7. Live entertainment and DJ. Call Brenda for tickets (\$30 each) at 705-721-7624.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

**Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife**



How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it's volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife-funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, reflect on your ability to help "Live the Gospel" through Catholic agencies, and make a decision to support our ShareLife parish campaign.

**Next Sunday, March 18 is ShareLife Sunday.**

**COME & SEE WEEKEND**

**Friday March 23 (begins at 6:30 pm to Sunday March 25 (ends 1:30 pm), at St. Augustine's Seminary:** Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest.

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**Allesio, Len Smyth, & Marjorie Oliveira.**

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