

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. Saji Thomas, C.M.I., Associate Pastor
Fr. Joshy George, In Residence

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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The Ascension of our Lord

The Ascension baffles us. Jesus loves us, but leaves us. He ascends to the Father and yet, we are told, he is with us always.

If he loves us, why does he go, and if he is now at the Father's side, how can he be here with us? We find it hard to capture the sense of this occasion and its promise. Normally loving and leaving, leaving and being present, are opposites. We don't think of them as two halves of a single coin.

To make sense of why Jesus goes, we have to ask *how* he goes. He ascended in his risen and glorious body. The humanity of Jesus, the humanity we share with him, is not shed or dropped aside. The man, Jesus Christ, reigns forever in heaven. But no man is an island; and we who are his kin, by blood and by baptism, are united with him and are to share that kingdom.

The ascension of Jesus, the head of the body of which we are members, is the beginning of our future bodily life in heaven. The ascension indicates that the life in Christ we begin on earth through the gift of the Spirit has its fulfillment in heaven. Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow. Our newly found humanity is properly lived in the intimate presence of God. Christ's invisibility to our eyes is a measure of the bliss we cannot comprehend.

Perhaps Jesus had to leave this world if he is to be present with each of us. If you walk this earth, you move from A to B and you cannot be in both places at the same time. If Jesus had not left he would have been now with one, now with another of us, his disciples. Some would have sat at his feet and loved him. Some would have grown jealous at his absence. Absence might imply neglect.

The ascension offers us a love of God without jealousy, without all the clamor for attention and competition which so frequently marks our community lives and friendships. We do not have to fight for Christ.

On the contrary, in prayer and sacrament we each come to him in his eternal kingdom. We are brought together as we make that journey by grace into the presence of God. We are united by

the Holy Spirit. Ascension and Pentecost interlock. They make sense together.

And that Spirit makes missionaries of us, disciples going out to proclaim and to baptize. Not only does the Spirit unite us with Jesus, the Spirit makes Jesus present, reveals Him, in these new missionary encounters.

If we can love Christ, although and because he is not here, we are free to do more than sit at his feet but to proclaim his Gospel. He has given us authority, a share in his priesthood, reconciling people to the God who made them to delight in his goodness.

As Cardinal Newman in his *Lectures on Justification* once wrote: His ascent bodily is his descent spiritually; his taking our nature up to God, is the descent of God into us; he has truly, though in an unknown sense, taken us to God, or brought down God to us, as we view it



SAVE the DATE for our 2nd ANNUAL FAMILY HERITAGE FESTIVAL to be celebrated on the afternoon of **Sunday,**

June 11th, in conjunction with **Canada's 150th Birthday**. The festival will feature multi-cultural displays, food samples, music and dance which will appeal to every age group. We are in our final planning stages for this event. To ensure that as many diverse countries are represented as possible, this is a final call to invite any parishioners who would like to highlight their country at our festival. Please consider sharing your ancestral heritage with others with a display of art, clothing and food samples. If you require further information, please contact the parish office (705) 726-8007 or Germaine Coo at (705) 737-1339.

FIRST FRIDAY

June 2nd is the first Friday of the month. First Fridays have traditionally been associated with devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament. To appropriately observe First Friday there will be Eucharistic adoration following the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 a.m.

Mass Intentions  for the Week

Saturday May 27 th	8:30 am † Bernadette Fazari Requested by: Fazari Family
	5:00 pm † Nerys Lopez † Cruz Lopez † Antonia Lopez Requested by: Yudi Hibbs
Sunday May 28 th	8:00 am † Henry Hoeben Requested by: Nellie Hoeben
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Marjorie Oliveira Requested by: Family
	11:30 am In thanksgiving Requested by: Darryl Howie
Tuesday May 30 th	8:30 am † Camilla Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
	8:30 am † Regina Sim Requested by: Kyu & Soo Lim & Family
	8:30 am For the special intentions of Theras Gang Requested by: Cecilia
Wednesday May 31 st	7:00 pm † Edward LeBlanc Requested by: Bernice LeBlanc
	7:00 pm † Agnese Gagliardi Requested by: Kim Komes
	7:00 pm † Ann Allard Requested by: The Allard Family
	7:00 pm † Pany Pavlovich Requested by: Donna Pavlovich
Thursday June 1 st	8:30 am † Peter Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
	8:30 am † Steven DaSilva Requested by: His Parents
Friday June 2 nd	8:30 am † Marina Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior



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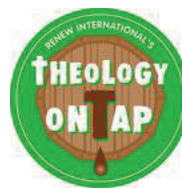
With diverse landscapes and ethnic groups, a rich history and delicious cuisine, India is an intoxicating cultural experience for any traveler and a real feast for the senses! A journey through India is enriching, inspiring and unforgettable. An information session will take place on Mon. May 29th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall for those who are interested in this trip to India.

This is a reminder that CONFIRMATION MASSES will take place on Saturday June 3rd at 2:00 pm and on Sunday June 4th at 3:00 pm



2017 SJV-KIDS CAMP

You won't want to miss this opportunity for your kids to be a part of this great week of fun. This Catholic Day Camp for elementary school children will run daily from 9 am-3 pm through the week of July 10-14, 2017. The cost is \$40 per child and is limited to 125 registrants. Registration forms can be found on our website, the youth bulletin board, welcome table, and parish office. Deadline to register is July 4th. It's a Super Hero camp. We all know how Super Hero's solve mysteries. Join us as we solve and reveal our true identity in Christ.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap: Wednesday May 31st at 7:00 pm at Donaleigh's Irish Pub, 28 Dunlop Street E., Barrie. "Do All Dog's Go to Heaven?" with Nathan Gibbard, Director of Ryerson Catholic Chaplaincy. All adults 19+ are welcome to attend.



Please pray for those who are sick: **Sherry Wyman, Raymond Valney, Jamie Ringler, Rosa Maria Santos, Jebreil Syed, Pauline & Barry Vincent, Maria DeMelo, Joanne Ransome, Richard Benoit, Lillian Pottage, Stephanie Chalmers, & Marjorie Oliveira.**

And for those who have died recently:
† David Macdonald

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