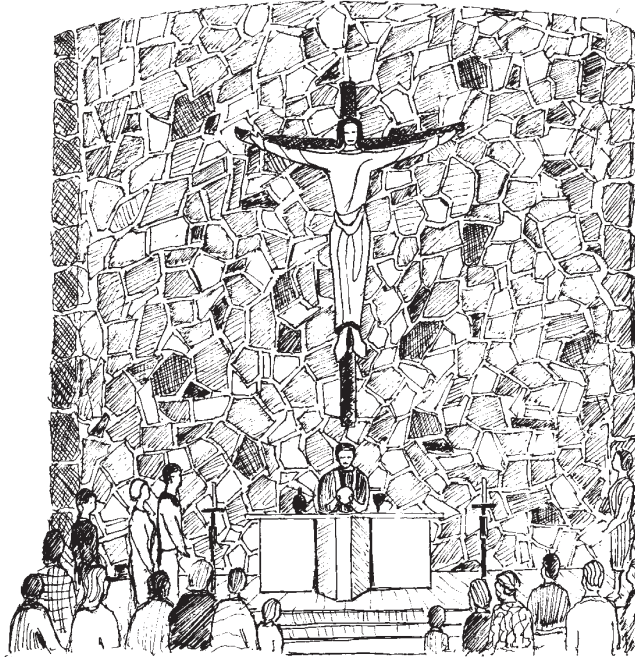


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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm

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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

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Laying Down Your Life

Love is very often understood as a strong feeling or emotion toward another. When someone is strongly attracted to someone or something, they “love it.” But is this love? Is this love in the truest sense? Not really. Love certainly will have an emotional element to it but it will not be based on emotions or feelings.

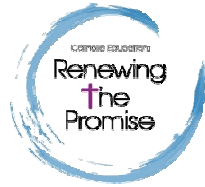
So what is love? Love is a choice. Specifically, as Jesus identifies in the Gospel passage today, love is a choice to “lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” Laying down our lives indicates a number of things. First, it shows that the nature of love is a total self-gift. Laying down our life cannot be done half way. Either our life is laid down or not. This reveals that love, in order for it to be love in the truest sense, is a total commitment of 100% of our life.

This passage also reveals that love is sacrificial. Laying down our life clearly shows that love requires a sort of death to self. It requires we look to the other first, putting their needs before ours. This requires true sacrifice and selflessness.

We lay down our lives for others in many ways. Some small, some big. Most importantly, we must foster an attitude of deep concern for the good of every person. When we do turn our eyes and hearts toward others, we will begin to discover countless ways to lay our lives down for them. Small acts of kindness, words of affirmation, a listening ear, help with a chore, etc. are a few of the small ways we give of ourselves every day. Greater acts may include a heroic forgiveness, love when we do not feel like being loving, giving mercy when it appears undeserved, and going out of our way to be there for a person when we do not have time in our busy schedule.

The bottom line is that giving of ourselves until it hurts turns any small or large sacrifice we give into a blessing for them and a glorious reward for us. Living a sacrificial life is fulfilling on many levels and is ultimately what we are made for.

Let us reflect, today, upon how well we lay down our life for others, holding nothing back. Let us not hesitate to commit ourselves to this depth of love. By giving ourselves completely away we find ourselves and discover the presence of our Divine Lord.



“Renewing the Promise”

Catholic Education Week 2018 begins on Sunday, May 6. This is a week specially set aside to celebrate our Catholic schools and why the triple connection of home, school and parish is an important and integral part of Catholic education. This triad emphasizes for our children, the reality of our wider Catholic community that collaborates on their faith formation and education.

This year’s Catholic Education Week theme is “Renewing the Promise.” The theme draws upon previous documents on Ontario Catholic education, namely, “This Moment of Promise” (1989), “Fulfilling the Promise” (1993) and “Our Catholic Schools” (2006-2007). These three documents speak of the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, the importance of its shared leadership by all those involved in Catholic education and the critical role of Catholic education in contemporary society. Catholic Education Week 2018 combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology.

Our Catholic schools are, by definition, faith-based schools, firmly birthed in the gospel values of Jesus Christ. It was this conviction, that at the very beginning of publicly funded education in the province, that the Catholic population, under the leadership of the Bishops and some very dedicated Catholic trustees, doggedly sustained a fight for the right of Catholics to their own publicly funded Catholic schools. What we enjoy today, is due to a history of sacrifice and determination and the extraordinary works of Bishops, Sisters, Brothers, priests and lay men and women, to build and preserve Catholic education in the face of all forms of opposition, both political and legal.

The challenges to the existence of publicly funded Catholic education are alive today. In an increasing secular Ontario, there are those who see publicly funded Catholic education as anachronistic and discriminatory. But, Catholic education has contributed significantly to Ontario and to Canada in the contributions of all those wonderful graduates of our Catholic system.

This week we continue to celebrate a school system which celebrates and defines itself on faith and mercy and embraces the message of salvation for all peoples preached by Jesus. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events. You are invited to discover what celebrations that are happening in your children’s school and if possible, attend.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE?

Want to make a difference in Catholic education in your area? Consider becoming a Catholic school trustee with the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (SMCDSB). The next municipal and school board election is on **Oct. 22, 2018**. Candidate nominations are open from May 1 to July 27, 2018. If you are interested in running to be a SMCDSB trustee for the 2018 - 2022 term, please join us at our candidate information session, on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Catholic Education Centre Board Room - 46 Alliance Boulevard, Barrie ON L4M 5K3. For more information on becoming a Catholic school trustee at SMCDSB, visit smcdsb.on.ca/trustees/trustee_election. Interested attendees should RSVP to Belinda Marcellus, bmarcellus@smcdsb.on.ca or call 705.722.3555 ext., 388, by Friday, May 25th.



The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 2nd Annual **Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday May 13th at 12:30 pm**. The cost is \$20 per person, \$10 for ages 12 and under. Free for under 3yrs. The

extensive buffet menu is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. This is the last weekend to purchase tickets. They will NOT be sold at the door. Don't delay... purchase your tickets after Mass in the parish hall.

MINISTRY RENEWAL PROJECT

In the next few weeks we will be strengthening and renewing several of our parish ministry groups. Present members and new volunteers will be invited to get to know each other at a combined social event and information evening. Our next renewal evening will be for **LECTORS on Friday May 11th at 7:00 pm**.

We will meet to review procedures and understand changes. Then we'll welcome new volunteers and socialize over wine, cheese, coffee and deserts. Do you feel called to this form of service? Please speak to our pastor, call the Parish Office, or join us at our get together.



Altar Server Appreciation and Recruiting:

Current Altar Servers and those wishing to become Altar Servers are invited to a Pizza and Bowling Night sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on **Tues. May 29 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm** at the Bowlerama - Bayfield Mall. Please RSVP by May 10th to the parish office by calling 705-726-8007 Ext. 101 or sjvsecretary@rogers.com

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday May 5th 5:00 pm † **Drago Erent**
Requested by: Galic Family
- 5:00 pm For the special intentions of **Szymon Mas**
Requested by: Irene Dziuban
- Sunday May 6th 9:30 am † **Maria Nguyen**
† **Barnabas Huynh**
Requested by: Huynh Family
- 9:30 am † **Joseph Gioi Mai**
† **De Thi Le**
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
- 9:30 am For the special of **Marjorie Oliveira**
Requested by: Family
- 11:30 am † **Jebriel Syed**
Requested by: Anonymous
- Monday May 7th 8:30 am † **William Dale**
Requested by: Marion & Jack Biggers
- Wednesday May 9th 7:00 pm For the special intentions of **June D'Souza**
Requested by: D. & J. D'Souza & Family
- Friday May 11th 8:30 am † **Mary & BJ Ronan**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



C.W.L. NEWS

- May 8** – A Morning of Prayer for Palliative Care at St. Mary's Barrie-8 am to 12 noon.
- May 9** - A spring social at Holy Spirit at 7 pm-speaker Barbara Johnson from Candle Lighters Simcoe of Children with Cancer.
- May 12**- Retreat at Martyrs Shrine from 9 am to 12 pm-guest speaker Fr. Michael Knox
- May 12**- Spring Garden Tea Party at St.Mary's Barrie-1 to 3 pm Price \$15.00. Entertainment Shirahz
Call Mary McLeod (705) 728-4076 to reserve tickets.
- May 14**- CWL General Meeting – 7 pm.



Please pray for those who are sick: Penny Guitard, Maeve Burke, Nadia Allesio, Sherry Wyman, Pat Carter, Graeme Sutherland, Valentina Marrone, Connie Chisholm, Jack Brady, Margaret Breckinridge, Ted Huston, Rigo Ongaro, Jean Boileau, Jo-Anne Ransome, Leonard Gibbons, Yvette Doiron, & Marjorie Oliveira.



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