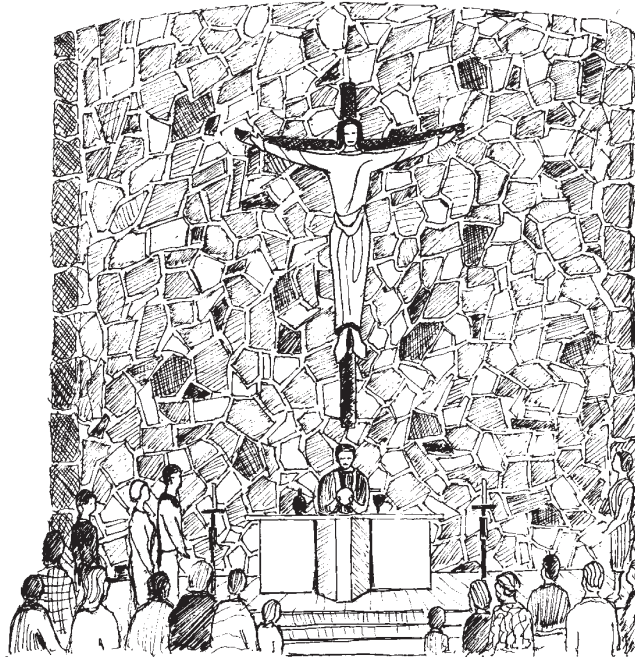


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

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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.

Parish Information

Mass Times - Press 9

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WHY GOD WANTS US TO PRAY

The importance of praying a lot and for a long time is Jesus' message to us in today's gospel reading. Our Lord told a parable of a widow who came before a dishonest judge day after day after day until finally he was so fed up that he finally gave her what she asked for.

Now, Jesus was *not* saying that God our Father is like a crooked judge who we need to pester. What Jesus *is* saying, however, is that, that you and I must "pray always without becoming weary" and "call out to him day and night."

But why is this? If God already knows our needs, why do we need to tell him about them? And if we do tell him, why do we need to tell him more than once? What's the point in doing it again and again? If you're puzzled by questions like these, here are a few things to consider: First, persistence tests our faith, something that helps us grow and reminds us that we are dependent upon him, and not upon ourselves. Second, persistence teaches us patience, and reminds us of God's patience with us. Third, persistence honors the fact that God always acts in freedom, and isn't a spigot of grace that we can turn on and off as we wish. Fourth, persistence tells God that some need is very near and dear to our hearts, and not just a passing fancy or a casual request. And fifth, persistence can make clear to us that God's agenda, and God's timetable, are sometimes very different than ours. Sometimes God says "Yes!" Sometimes God says "Not yet." And sometimes God says "No."

We can have a hard time accepting the fact that God can say "No", especially when we think that what we're asking for is good and reasonable. We can be tempted to think that maybe God is deaf or that he just doesn't care. And we can begin to wonder if there's any real use in praying at all.

But the fact remains that God doesn't grant our every wish. If he did, we'd begin to think that God is *our* servant, and forget that it is we who are the servants of God! God would be nothing more than a "genie in a bottle" or the proverbial "gumball machine." You know, put your quarter in, and get your candy out!

It's also important to remember that God isn't interested in making our lives easy. God is interested instead about making us holy- and there's certainly nothing easy about that! To shape us into holier people, God's will for us includes both difficult and painful things- something we need to keep in mind when God's answer is "No."

However, sometimes God says "No" because he's trying to get us to ask for something else! The famous Jesuit writer Fr. John Powell tells of having once been terribly nervous before a big speech he was to make. It was unusual for him to be so nervous because he gave big speeches all the time. So he began to pray and pray that God would take his nervousness away. But nothing happened.

Then he remembered a piece of advice he'd once been given: "If you keep asking God the same question and you don't get an answer, try another question!" So he asked God as to why it was he was so nervous, and he wondered if there was something that God was trying to say to him.

And indeed there was. In a moment of deep insight, God told Powell that he was too concerned with making a reputation for himself. Instead, what God wanted him to do was to love his listeners, not impress them. As Powell would later write: "I had been praying for the grace to show them how good I was. I should have been praying for the grace to love them."

One final thing: If we ask God for something, we need to be willing to let God use us to answer our own prayer. We can never say, "I'll ask God to take care of it so I won't have to!" It doesn't work that way; prayer doesn't relieve us of responsibility. As one old joke goes, "If you pray to win the lottery, you first have to buy a ticket!" Or to paraphrase Pope Paul VI, if we pray for peace, we have to work for justice. If you pray for a better marriage, you need to work at being a better partner; if you pray for your kids, work at being a better parent. In short, pray as if everything depends on God, and work as if everything depends on you!

The bottom line is that God won't give us everything we want. But he will give us everything we need. Yet he wants us to ask; he asks us to ask! In the words of St. Teresa of Avila, "God never gets tired of giving; so let us never get tired of asking."

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sunday
Oct. 16th 9:30 am † **Medeiros Family**
Requested by: Medeiros Family

9:30 am † **Barbara & Gerald Bernier**
Requested by: Maher Family

11:30 am † **Olga Kovach**
Requested by: Bob, Linda and Michelle Hodgins

Wednesday
Oct. 19th 7:00 pm † **Pauline Fountain**
Requested by: Lucy & Marc Beauchamp

ARE YOU MALTESE?

We are looking for parishioners of Maltese decent to assist us to prepare and organize a Maltese Mass at St. John Vianney. If you can help, please contact Vivian Stone at 705-252-2396 or Mary Ash at 705-431-2260.

CALLING ALL YOUTH: EDGE NIGHT BEGINS!



If you are in Grades 5 – 8, you are invited to attend the startup EDGE night at Retro Planet on **Sat. Oct. 22nd**. The evening will begin with Mass at 5 pm. After Mass we will enjoy a meal in the Church hall followed by carpooling to Retro Plant. Please check our website under the Youth Ministry tab for further details www.stjohnvianney.ca or call Berna at (705) 790-7846.

RCIC – Rite of Christian Initiation of Children 7 TO 15 YEARS OLD

What if my child, or a child I know, has ‘missed’ a step . . . - is not baptized?

- was baptized, but not as a Catholic?
- didn’t make First Communion?
- doesn’t know Confession?
- should receive Confirmation?

Then the RCIC Program is a chance to ‘catch up.’

RCIC Information / Registration Meeting here:

Sunday, November 13, 10:30 am

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap is hosting a special evening **Wed. Oct. 26th** at Donleigh’s, 28 Dunlop Street East, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker is Fr. Mario Salvadori, Pastor of St. Joseph’s The Worker parish in Thornhill and former Associate Pastor at St. Mary’s. For more info contact Mickie Oakes at 705-728-2985 ext. 110 or email Al MacLeod at esl2@rogers.com.

C.W.L. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SAT. NOV. 19TH 2016

9:30 am – 2:30 pm



Calling all knitters, crocheters, bakers and country cooks. We need your help and generous donations for our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday Nov. 19th. We need mitts, gloves, colorful leg warmers for all ages, fingerless gloves, boot cuffs, scarves, hats, slippers and some baby items. Everything is very welcome. For wool or patterns please contact BERYL at 705-436-5142. Also remember to please save jars of your home made preserves and veggies for our country kitchen table. We will also be looking for baked goods, bread, butter tarts, pies, squares, cookies, and sugar free goods. You can contact me with any questions. Susan Mays 705-456-7836. Thank-you all for your generosity.



Come join us, to pray the rosary each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the church.



The CWL General Meeting is on **Mon. Oct. 17th** at 7:00 pm in the church hall. We will be discussing the Allocation of Funds and Election nominations for a new 2 year executive. Forms will be e-mailed and available at the meeting. Please plan on attending.

Come & See Weekend – November 4 to 6

Come and See Weekend – Fri. Nov. 4 – Sun. Nov. 6 at St. Augustine’s Seminary. Inviting single Catholic men 18 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. Please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email : vocations@archtoronto.org



Please pray for those who are sick: Fred Tomlinson, Jennifer Dourado, Maria Grillo, Baby Jaxon Timmerman, Brendan & Michael McCormick, Peter Myatt, Maria Elena Ramos, Herman Jacobs, Shirley Chew, Neave Alderson, John Navarrete, Sophia Goulah, Barbara Durnin, Nancy Kearns, Stephenie Chalmers, Wilson Gasewicz, Lillian Pottage, Avery Maset & Carson Batters. *And for those who have died recently:*

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