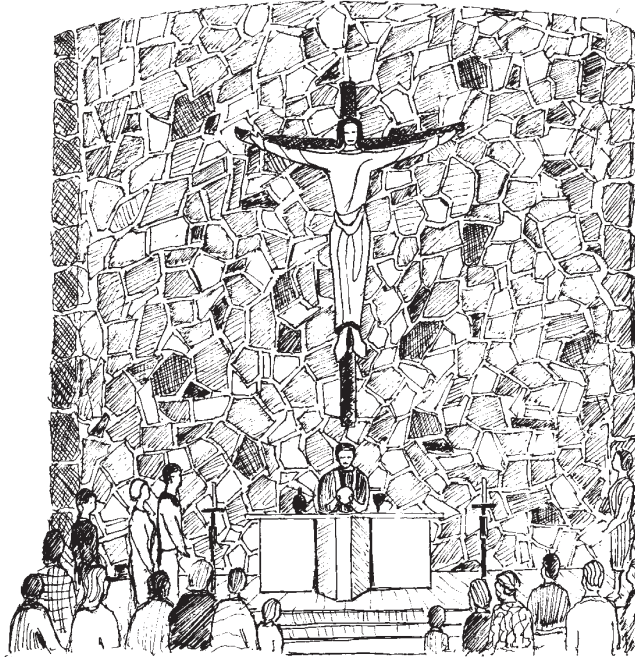


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**Office Hours:**

**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**

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday  
October 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00 pm For the special intentions of **Samantha Maldonado**  
Requested by: Family

Sunday  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 am For the special intentions of **Marjorie Oliveira**  
Requested by: Family

11:30 am † **Mary Harris**  
Requested by: Helen Wyman



### GOD IS OWED HIS IMAGE

The question posed to Jesus in today's Gospel was a very important one for the Jewish people of his day. The Romans imposed a poll tax on all the nations under their rule. At the time of Jesus the attitude of Jews to the Romans varied a great deal and so did their attitude to this tax.

As you might expect those who opposed Roman rule were against the tax and those who collaborated with the Romans were for it. Now among this latter group were the Herodians, because it was the Romans who kept them in power.

Matthew says that a trap had been set for Jesus. If he agrees with the tax, he will be viewed as a collaborator. If he disagrees with the tax he will be seen as a rebel. Either way he will make enemies for himself.

But Jesus avoids their trap and uses it to give all Christians and us an important lesson about how we live out our Christian Faith in every age and place.

Jesus avoids taking a political stance but rather focuses on the destructive intent behind their question. Matthew leaves us in no doubt that those who ask the question are insincere. Beneath the guise of a sincere attempt to understand how to obey God's Law lies the evil of those who seek to discredit Jesus and so, ultimately, to destroy him.

As we listen to this gospel we will be mistaken if we think it's about paying tax. In this gospel passage Jesus is asking us to reflect on our own sincerity as we seek a Christian response to the challenges and problems in our lives today.

Do we sincerely try to live the demands of the gospel or do we engaged in a charade? Are we

just doing the minimum that Church Law requires of us, or are we letting our faith shape the whole of our lives? Are we sometimes like someone looking for loopholes to escape doing what should be done or to continue doing what shouldn't be done?

But there is a deeper aspect to today's encounter. In the gospel, Jesus says give to Caesar what is owed Caesar. The coin used to pay the poll tax bore Caesar's image and name. In saying that we should give to God what belongs to God, Jesus reminds us of the one whose image we bear.

God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them (Gen 1:27). He reminds us of the one to whom we owe everything.

When St Thomas Aquinas writes about religion, he discusses it as an aspect of justice. And that's very interesting. You might have expected that justice would come under the heading of religion, so that a religious man or woman will be just. But Aquinas puts it the other way around. A just person will be religious.

Why? Well, the answer is very simple. We owe God. That's the bottom line. Everything we possess, all that we are, the very gift of life has been given to us by the God who made us in his own image and so we owe God our thanks, our praise and our devotion. That's the bottom line.

Often people live as if they don't owe anybody anything. As if they were self-made men and women. But in today's gospel, out of a snippet of political crossfire comes the reminder of just how much we owe and to whom.

Caesar was owed that which bears his name and his image, a coin. God is owed that which bears his name and his image, our very selves.

### ALL SOUL'S DAY



**Thursday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>** is a special day of prayer in commemoration of all the faithful departed. As Catholics, it's our duty to offer prayers for friends and loved ones who have passed away. We invite

parishioners to enter the names of their departed loved ones in the **Book of Remembrance** located in the vestibule when you enter the church. On that day we will celebrate a **Solemn Requiem Mass at 7:00 pm with a reception in the parish hall to follow. All are welcome to attend.**

**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 12, 10:30 am**



**Roast Beef Dinner  
& Euchre Night**

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Roast Beef dinner and Euchre Night with a cash

bar on Saturday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. Cocktail 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm, Euchre at 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 each. Euchre is optional for those wishing to attend the dinner and that singles are encouraged to come for the Euchre. (No ticket purchase is required for those attending Euchre only)

No tickets will be sold at the door. The menu is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

**CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR LEPROSY**



Did you know that saving used stamps can help fight leprosy worldwide? Each year, approximately \$10,000 is raised

for The Leprosy Mission with the help of Canadian churches like St. John Vianney. Please bring in your used stamps and leave them in the shoe box in the parish hall. Thank you for your support.

**WORLD MISSION  
SUNDAY COLLETION**



This weekend is World Mission Sunday, the special day in the

church's year when we think about and pray for those who are missionaries. It is a day that we can think about how we too can be missionaries in our daily lives. Your support will assist all missionaries, help churches grow, be strong and vital faith communities. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church.



**YOUTH MINISTRY:**

All youth programs will be running on Friday evenings this year. Please pick up your schedule on the postcards

next to the Youth bulletin board for the youth programs.

**LIFETEEN:** We start our semester off with a retreat on Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. A crazy fun time at Rounds Ranch in Elmvale with dinner around a campfire and a night filled with corn mazes, pumpkin picking and air-filled trampolines. Followed by a day in Collingwood's St. Mary's Parish as we learn about obstacles we face in our Christian life through understanding King David. Reserved for youth in gr.'s 8-12.

**BLAST:** A spin off from our summer camp program; we invite children in grades 1-6 to join us once a month for crafts, games, music and teachings in a way that they can understand. Starting Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm.

Check this all out and more on youth bulletin board or our website: [www.stjohnvianney.ca](http://www.stjohnvianney.ca)



**SAT. NOV. 18<sup>TH</sup> 2017  
9:30 am - 2:00 pm**

Calling all knitters, crocheters, bakers and country cooks.

We need your help and generous donations for our annual C.W.L. Christmas Bazaar on Sat. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. 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. Thank-you all for your generosity.



Please pray for those who are sick: Bob Waring, Catherine Dion, Manfred Loeffler, Ted Huston, Denise Foster, Jerry Gulka, Trudy Schoutsen, Sherry Wyman, Jebreil Syed, Maria DeMelo, Joanne Ransome, Richard Benoit, Lillian Pottage, & Marjorie Oliveira.

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