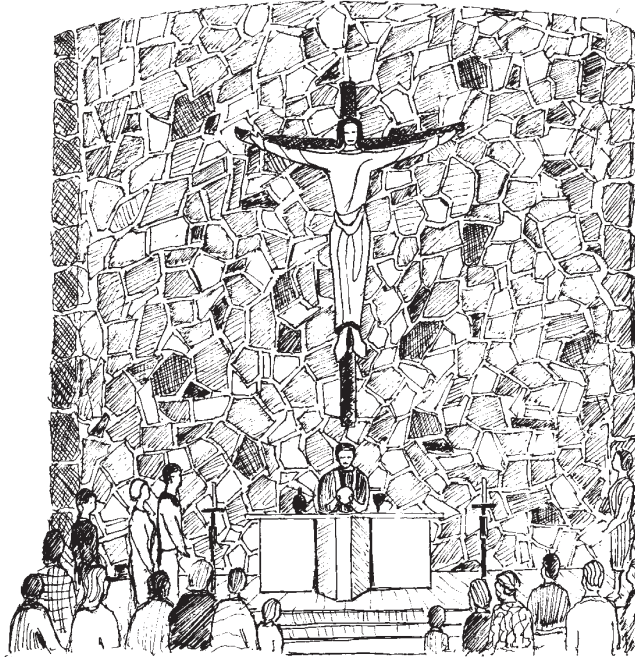


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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm

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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

Baptismal Information - Press 7

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Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6

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Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday October 28 th	5:00 pm † Jeff Plunkett Requested by: Staff of St. Gabriel the Archangel
Sunday October 29 th	9:30 am For the special intentions of Marjorie Oliveira Requested by: Family 11:30 am † Bernard Boon Requested by: Dora Barker 11:30 am † Slava Zlamel Requested by: Milly Heran 11:30 am † Emilia Da Cunha Barbosa Requested by: Christina & Family
Monday October 30 th	8:30 am † Antonia Zani Requested by: Family 8:30 am For the special intentions of David Dziuban Requested by: Irene Dziuban
Friday November 3 rd	8:30 am † Anna Boon Requested by: Dora Barker 8:30 am † Marina Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior



LOVING IN THE CONCRETE

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" The question seems simple but is really not. It is said that there are 613 precepts in the Law of Moses and there are many interpretations as to their order of importance. With this question, Jesus is asked to state on which laws are all other laws measured against.

In response, Jesus goes straight to the heart of the matter: Love. And in this hierarchy of love, the "greatest and the first" is, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." And lest the same scholar would think that that is all, Jesus immediately adds: "The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus is teaching that the two are parts of the same reality: love. We cannot love one and exclude the other. As St. John the Evangelist says in one of his letters, "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1Jn. 4:20). In short, love is at the heart of the law, its very heart.

We could have wished that Jesus stopped with the first and greatest commandment -- love of God. Then

we would have been satisfied with attending Mass on Sundays, saying our prayers and novenas and giving a little contribution for the support of the Church. But no. Jesus makes one the prerequisite of the other.

In the Old Testament, God says it in a way that cannot be misunderstood: "If you do wrong to any widow or orphan, my wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." He adds, "If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, and take his cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak is his only covering for his body. Otherwise, what else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." Thus God wants us to show our love for Him by doing good to others.

This reality is also clear in the Ten Commandments: the first three give us our duties in love to God while the last seven, our duties in love to our fellowmen. So is it true in the prayer Jesus Himself taught us, The Lord's Prayer. In the first part, we pray to God; in the second part, we pray for ourselves and our fellow humans.

Concretely speaking, are not the best moments of our lives those spent in loving and caring for others? This happens when a mother spends sleepless nights to care for a sick child. This happens when from the little we have, we share food or money or both with someone really in need. This happens when we set aside our pride and ask for forgiveness or extend forgiveness, thus bringing back peace in our relationships. It is in these moments when we forget ourselves. And love is precisely this: forgetting ourselves as we reach out to others in care and service as well as in swallowing our pride as we ask to be forgiven and forgive in turn. In short, Christian love is characterized by concrete acts of caring for, serving, and forgiving each other.

Thus to the degree that we love our neighbor, to that degree, too, do we love God. And to repeat, our love for God cannot be separated from that of our neighbor; each is a check on the other.



FR. BIJU DOESN'T WANT YOU TO MISS MASS!

On the first **Sunday in November (November 5th)** daylight saving time ends and the clocks "fall back" one hour. This happens at 2 a.m., so please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday evening.



All Souls Day

ALL SOUL'S DAY

Thursday Nov. 2nd 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 there is no morning Mass but instead 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.*

Fr. Biju will be away in India from Nov. 3rd and will return on Nov. 24th. If you need to see him before he leaves, please call the parish office to make an appointment. (705) 726-8007 Ext. 101

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



SAT. NOV. 18TH 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. 18th. 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.

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BOOTC is a non-profit organization that provides a warm and welcoming place for the men and

women in our community who are experiencing homelessness. We offer a safe environment to stay overnight and we provide a nutritious supper and breakfast. Our first night is November 14th and we run until the end of April 2018. If you think that you could volunteer once a month, please contact me at 705-726-1036 or petou@sympatico.ca. Currently, we are in need of 24 men and 10 women for the overnight shift (11pm to 6am) for every night of the week. We also need 16 men for the breakfast shift which is from 6am to 8am.

Training is on Saturday, November 4th at 33 Shirley Ave, Barrie from 9 am to noon.

Senior Men's High School Retreat (grades 11 & 12) on November 25, 2017

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at Our Lady of the Airways Parish, Mississauga, on Saturday, November 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This retreat will provide time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. Registration for the retreat is to be done online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca (under Programs) or <http://bit.ly/2xh8uMA>

For more information please call the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

FIRST FRIDAY

November 3rd 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 Fridays there will be Eucharistic adoration following the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am when Benediction will be given.



Please pray for those who are sick: Brodi Hall, 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.

And for those who have died recently:

† Clifford Reynolds and † Allen Smith

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