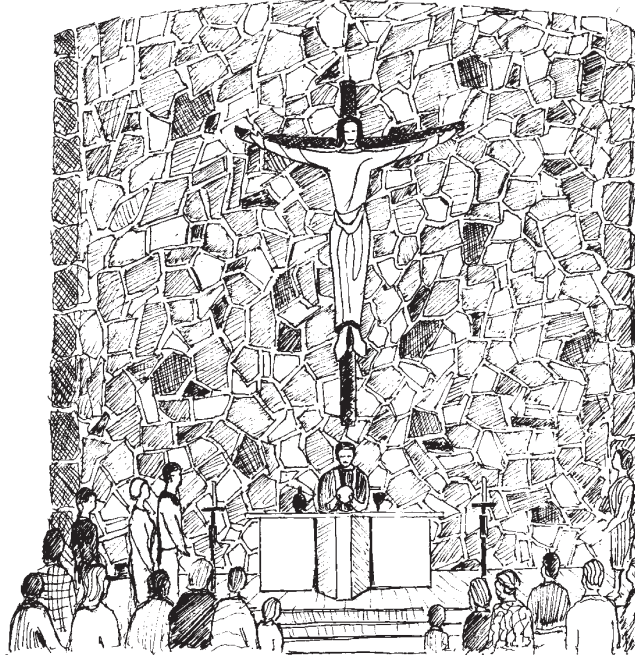


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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm

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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

Fr. Saji Thomas, 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

Mass Times - Press 9

Baptismal Information - Press 7

St. Vincent de Paul - Press 8

Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, C.M.I., Pastor - 102

Fr. Jose Koluthara, C.M.I., In Residence - 106

Fr. Saji Thomas, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 108

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

Mass for the Intentions Week



Saturday
September 10th 5:00 pm ✠ Cruz M., ✠ Nerys,
✠ Antonia & ✠ Jesus Lopez
Requested by: Yudima Hibbs

5:00 pm ✠ Gerald Borho
Requested by: Pat & Hans
Herrmann

Sunday
September 11th 11:30 am ✠ Mary Lu Horlor
Requested by: Shelia Wright

Monday
September 12th 8:30 am ✠ Ethel Prior
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Wednesday
September 14th 7:00 pm ✠ Gordon Bruce
Requested by: Larry & Mary
Jane White

Thursday
September 15th 8:30 am ✠ Jason Devitt
Requested by: Parents

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God Doesn't Play By Our Rules

One summer evening after a festal hour of singing and dancing the whole tribe sat around the chieftain. He began to speak to them: "If you have quarreled with a brother and you have decided to kill him, first sit down, fill your pipe and smoke it. When you have finished smoking you will realize that death is too severe a punishment for your enemy for the fault he has committed, and you decide to give a good whipping instead. Then you fill your pipe a second time and smoke it to the bottom. By then you feel that the lashes will be too much and instead some simple words of reproof would be sufficient. Then when the third time you have filled your pipe and smoked it to the finish, you will be better convinced that the better thing to do is to go to that brother and embrace him.

There is a difference between being reactive and being proactive. To be reactive is to be oriented towards the past. To be proactive is to be oriented towards the future. To be reactive does not take much deliberation. Stimulus is followed by response. To be proactive is to consider different alternatives of action.

See the difference here: In one house a four-year old girl dropped her glass from the table and broke it. Immediately, the mother yelled at her for being so careless. In another house after the same thing happened, there was a brief silence and then the mother told the little girl to get the broom so they could sweep the broken glass and gently reminded her daughter to be more careful at the table. In the first case the mother gave vent to her anger while in the second case the mother was more careful with what comes out of her mouth. Otherwise, it is not just the glass that gets broken. The girl too.

The Gospel this Sunday describes to us a proactive God. He is a God who seeks out the sinner as told in the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. The shepherd looked for the lost sheep, the woman looked for the lost coin, and the father rushed out to meet his son. St. Paul in the second reading refers to himself as the forgiven sinner and one who is lost but found, "I am the worst of them, but God was merciful to me in order that Christ Jesus might show his full patience in dealing with me, as an example for all those who would later believe in him and receive eternal life".

This is the Good News. God desires me. God seeks me. God wants me. I am very important to God. A common feeling that prevails among those who in some way or other have not lived up to the best in themselves is that of self-pity or lack of self-worth. I am no good. I have failed my parents and family. I have failed myself. I have failed God. Instead of seeking help we go away. We do not want to be a burden to anybody. We are not worth anybody's attention. "I am no longer fit to be your son; treat me as one of your hired workers."

God has another way of seeing things. He restores our dignity, "Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet." Instead of reacting to our shameful past, God sees the best in us. If this is the God we worship, shouldn't we also see things from His perspective? Every person is worth saving, even the failures and those considered derelicts of society. God seeks us out and like the father in the parable He runs to meet us. Let us not hesitate to receive God's forgiveness. Let us run to meet him.



New Confirmation Age
Parents, if your child is in Gr. 7 this year, mark your calendars now. Last year our Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins set Grade 7 as the new norm for the age of reception

of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration for the program will be at the church:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7 PM OR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 6 PM OR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 12:30 PM

(Please Remember, A Photocopy of Your Child's Baptismal Certificate Is Needed to Register!)

For more information, see the bulletin board in the foyer or the parish website.

Gr. 2 First Communion

Parents, if your child will is in Gr. 2, mark your calendar for the opportunity to welcome your child to Sacraments of Holy Communion and of Confession. Registration for the program will be at the church:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AT 7 PM OR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 6 PM OR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 12:30 PM

Bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to reserve a family space. For more information, see the bulletin board in the foyer or the parish website.

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have you or someone you know ever considered becoming a Catholic? If so, the RCIA process is for you. This process begins each fall and runs with weekly meetings up to and including the Easter season. For those who are not baptized and for those of other Christian denominations who are already baptized, the RCIA/RCIC (children ages 7 and up) process is a wonderful response to the Lord's call to His disciples to "come and see". If you are interested in joining the RCIA/RCIC process for the fall of 2016 please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with the Pastor.

NEW PARISHIONERS?



If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered with the parish, please take a moment and fill out a registration form (forms located at the Welcome Table or on the table in the vestibule of the church). Completed forms can be put in the offertory basket or brought to the office.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



Boys and girls who have received their First Communion and are willing to commit to 1 or 2 Masses per month are encouraged to become part of the celebration of the Mass. There is no age limitation. Training will be provided.

Registration forms are available in the Church lobby along the glass windows. Please forward those forms to Karen in the Church Office.

32nd Annual Rosary Sunday at Martyrs Shrine in Midland



This year's Rosary will be held on **Sunday, September 11th, 2016.** The celebration begins with a noon Mass at the Polish Altar with Rev. Bernard Carroll, SJ presiding.

Day of Recollection for Women



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CWL General Meeting will take place on Monday Sept. 19th at 7:00 p.m. This is our first meeting after the summer

break. We will have **speaker Sarah Denbok who was an orphan raised by Mother Teresa.** We will hear her story and celebrate Mother Teresa becoming a saint. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.



Please pray for those who are sick:

Michael McCormick, Peter Mgatt, Maria Elena Ramos, Herman Jacobs, Shirley Chew, Neave Alderson, John Navarrete, Sophia Goulah, Barbara Durnin, Nancy Kearns, Rose Marie D'Amelio, Stephenie Chalmers, Wilson Gaszewicz, Lillian Pottage, Avery Maszt & Carson Batters.

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