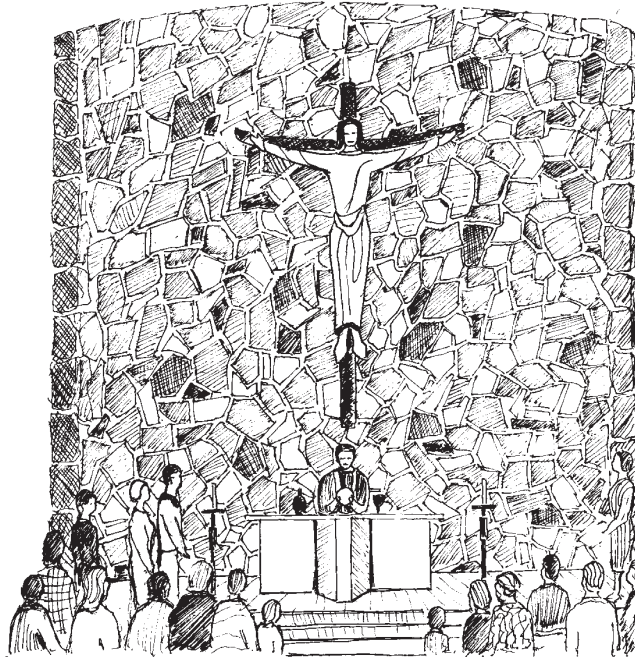


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

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Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6

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Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday
September 17th 8:30 am for the special intentions of **Andrea Koski**
Requested by: Her family
5:00 pm † **Clarence McCorkell**
Requested by: Family

Sunday
September 18th 8:00 am † **Clarence Canning**
Requested by: Joye & Family
9:30 am † **Michele & Erminia Panno**
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Requested by: Pierina Pistillo
11:30 am † **Blanca Rosa Passaro**
Requested by: Joe Passaro
11:30 am † **Gregorio Agresta**
Requested by: The Family
11:30 am † **Katherine Dominato**
Requested by: Mario Dominato

Monday
September 19th 8:30 am † **Luigi DelPup**
Requested by: DelMul Family
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## **LONG TERM INVESTMENT**

Everything passes. Nothing really lasts. Things and times change. Things eventually wear out and no longer serve their purpose. We cannot even hold on to a joyful or ecstatic moment. It soon passes. We may try to hold on to people. They eventually pass away or we pass away.

The same holds true for wealth. The story is told of the great Greek lawmaker Solon to whom the then richest man Croesus was displaying his wealth. Solon observed philosophically that wealth only brings grief. We may lose our wealth when we are alive and it brings us grief or we may leave our wealth behind when we die and the thought also brings us grief. Life on earth is temporary.

If temporariness is a characteristic of human life, what then should be our attitude to earthly existence? One attitude is that of the pleasure-seeker, “Eat drink and be merry for tomorrow we die.” Another attitude is that of heroism in the face of absurdity, that of the existentialist, “Life ends, there is no after-life, but act responsibly and nobly anyway.” A more recent perspective that of the ecologist goes, “Act to preserve the planet and all its life-forms.” We pass away but the planet

continues. This is related to the naturalist thinking that we leave this earth as if we have not been here, like footprints on the sand that the tide soon washes away.

In the Gospel this Sunday, the Lord Jesus gives us some perspectives regarding our relationship with this world and the things therein, particularly wealth, temporary as they are. In the parable of the shrewd manager, the Lord was making the point that people are shrewd when it comes to managing their earthly affairs. Shouldn’t people give more thought to managing their relationship with God? “And I tell you, make friends for yourself by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations,” (Lk. 16:9).

Another saying of the Lord shows the continuity between this earthly existence and the heavenly one. This earthly life is “little” compared to eternal life with God which is “much”. From this perspective, the Lord’s saying makes more sense, “He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much” (Lk. 16:10). Acting responsibly and faithfully (to God’s will) in this life is a preparation for eternal life. Again this brings us to the point of making use of our earthly resources properly.

A third saying of the Lord is a challenge, “No man can serve two masters. You cannot serve both God and money.” We have to have our priorities right. Making money takes second place to pleasing God. If the means by which we acquire wealth is displeasing to God, then we are making money more important than God. We have to acquire wealth through moral and legal means, not through cheating or oppressing others. In the first reading, the prophet Amos condemns the various methods of cheating employed by some dealers of his time, such as faulty scales, manipulation of prices, and mixing chaff with the wheat (Amos 8:4-7). Sounds familiar? They were using shrewd business practices to “trample upon the needy, and bring the poor of the land to an end.”

This Sunday’s readings therefore speak of our being good stewards. Life on this earth is temporary, but as long as we are here, let our actions serve the Kingdom.

Fr. Biju will be away in India from Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and will return on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. If you need to see him before he leaves, please call the parish office to make an appointment.  
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*Sacramental Preparation*



Confirmation Registration

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.

First Communion Registration

Parents, if your child 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.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Children's Liturgy program needs adults to assist in leading children **especially at the 11:30**

**am Mass.** Teaching experience is not required. All you need is a desire to share your knowledge with our children. Training is provided. Please contact the church office or leave your name at the Welcome Table.

**Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board**

*"Know that the Lord is God, it is he that made us, and we are his people." (Psalm 100:3)*

The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (SMCDSB) is excited to welcome more than 20,000 students to its 51 schools this September. Catholic education is such a wonderful blessing which we all cherish. There is nothing more fulfilling for our staff than helping to guide our young people on their spiritual and academic journeys.

As always, the success of our Catholic education system is dependent on a strong relationship with our parishes and families. Throughout this year, we will seek to strengthen our partnership with our parish families - especially through our 2016-2017 school year theme, which is *Celebrating God's Family*. The theme centers on the idea fostering loving communities and using the special gifts and talents bestowed upon us by God to celebrate diversity, acceptance and inclusion.

Our board looks forward to working alongside our parishes and families to celebrate our local and global families and coming together as brothers and sisters created and loved by God.

Yours in Faith  
Brian Beal, Director of Education



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting food donations on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul. Bags will be distributed this weekend (Sept. 17 & 18) and will be collected before and after

Mass the following weekend in the parish hall. Thank you for your support!



CWL General Meeting will take place on Monday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Sarah Denbok who was an orphan raised by Mother Teresa will be the guest speaker.



*Please pray for those who are sick:* Baby Jaxon Timmerman, Austin Sudnik, 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:* † Lloyd LaPlume

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