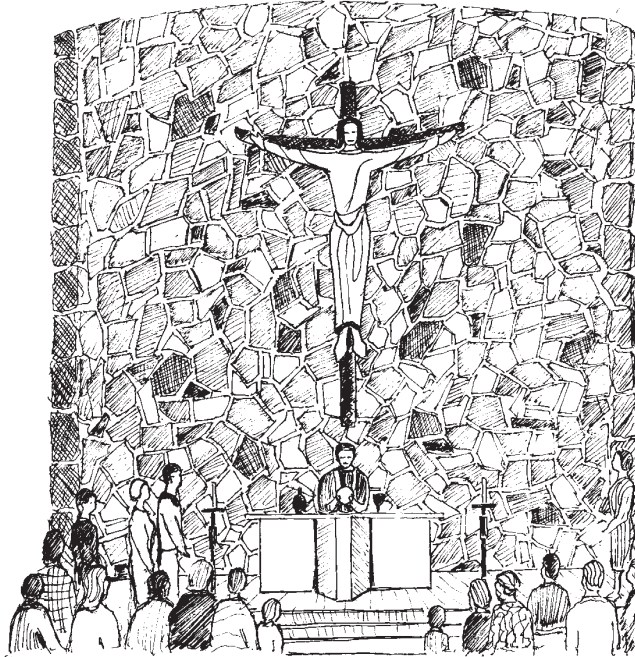


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Office Hours:

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

Parish Outreach for Seniors - Press 103

Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6

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

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Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Sept. 1 st	5:00 pm † Joe Badali Requested by: Kathy & Family
Sunday Sept. 2 nd	8:00 am † Paul Kokelj Requested by: Kokelj Family
	8:00 am † Murray Ball Requested by: Jackie & Family
	9:30 am for the special intentions of Marjorie Oliveira Requested by: Family
Friday Sept. 7 th	8:30 am † Marina Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior

True Religion

About 2 o'clock on a cold, blustery morning the rectory telephone rang. "I think grandpa is dying," an excited voice declared. As it was just two blocks away Fr. Murray decided to walk to anoint the dying man. As he passed an alley a figure with a gun stepped out and demanded: "Give me your money." The priest told the gunman: "My wallet is in the pocket of my coat. As the priest opened his coat the gunman noticed his Roman collar. He said: "I am sorry, I didn't know that you were a priest. I beg your pardon Father! Keep your money." In grateful relief Fr. Murray offered him a cigar. But the fellow shook his head saying, "No Father, thank you very much, but I don't smoke during Lent!" In today's Gospel, Jesus calls such blind observance of rules and tradition, hypocrisy.

Today's readings explain what true religion is. It is not simply the scrupulous external observance of rules, laws, traditions and rituals. It is a loving relationship with God expressed in recognizing His presence in other human beings and rendering them loving and humble service. Prayers, rituals, Sacraments and religious practices only help us to practice this true religion in our daily lives.

The first reading explains that religion is a Covenant relationship with a caring, providing and protecting God. The Responsorial Psalm describes a person who practices true religion — blameless and just, thoughtful and honest in dealing with others.

In the second reading, St. James defines true religion as keeping the word of God and doing His will by helping the needy, the poor and the weak in the community. He challenges Christians to become doers of the word, not merely hearers.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes true religion as serving God and all His children with a pure and holy heart. The occasion is a debate between Jesus and the Pharisees on the subject of "Tradition." Jesus warns the Pharisees against their tendency to equate traditional "human precepts" with God's will. He blames the scribes and the Pharisees for giving undue importance to external observances in the name of "tradition," while ignoring the Law's real spirit. True religion should focus on the essentials. In particular, Jesus criticizes Pharisaic observance of ritual washing and declares that it is our inner motivations and dispositions that produce our purity or impurity.

We need to keep the spirit of the Church's laws and practices. For example our Sunday obligation is intended to allow us to worship God in the parish community, to offer our lives to God, to ask His pardon for our sins, to thank God for His blessings, to present our needs before Him and to receive Divine Life and strength from Him in receiving Holy Communion. Our daily family prayers are meant to thank God for His blessings, to present the family's needs before God, to ask pardon for all our sins, and to maintain the spirit of unity and love in the family.

Let us accept the challenge to become hearers and doers of God's word as St. James instructs us: Let us ask ourselves how the Sunday or daily readings are affecting or changing our lives. That will show us whether we are being attentive listeners to, and doers of, God's word. When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion today, let us ask him for the grace to become the doers of his word as he was the doer of his Fathers' will.

September 7th is the first Friday of the month. There will be Eucharistic adoration following the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am when Benediction will be given.



THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
IS ON
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16th

Our annual church picnic will take place on Sunday September 16th at 11:30 am. Following the Mass, lunch, featuring chicken wings courtesy of **South Barrie Wild Wing**, will be served in the parish hall. Please join us on this joyful occasion and enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship with your church family! **Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share with others!** **(You can drop off your food donations in the parish hall kitchen any time after the 8:00 am Mass on September 16th)** Tickets are \$5.00 each.

BLUE MASS

The St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Blue Mass on Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00 pm with Most Reverend Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick presiding. The Blue Mass is intended to honor and commemorate past and present members of the Police, Fire Services, 911 Operators, Paramedics and Armed Forces. Please plan on attending to show your respect and support for these essential services. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass.



Choir practice resumes on Wednesday, September 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the church loft and continues throughout the season

every Wednesday evening. Rehearsals on September 5th and September 12th will focus on the music for the upcoming Blue Mass. Anyone interested in joining the choir for the Blue Mass should attend these two rehearsals - all are welcome. If you are interested in volunteering with the music ministry or have any questions, please contact our music director, Marilyn, at sjvmusic@rogers.com

FOOD DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus will be distributing food donation bags at all Masses this weekend and collecting the food donations on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul the following weekend. Bags can be dropped off before and after Mass in the parish hall. Thank you for your support!

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION
FOR 2018/2019 SEASON

FIRST COMMUNION: Parents, if your child will be in Gr. 2 in the fall, mark your calendar for the opportunity to welcome your child to Sacraments of Holy Communion. Registration for the program will be at the church on:

Saturday, October 13 at 6 p.m. or Sunday, October 14 at 12:30 p.m. Or at Holy Cross School on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate & \$75 registration fee to reserve a family space. For more information, call the parish office.

CONFIRMATION: Registration for the program will be at the church on the following dates:

Saturday, October 20, 6:00 p.m. or Sunday, October 21, 12:30 p.m. or Tuesday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. (Please Remember, A Photocopy of Your Child's Baptismal Certificate & \$75 Registration Fee is needed to register!)

POTS SLOW COOKER CLUB IS BACK!

The POTS Slow Cooker Club gives isolated seniors a chance to socialize, make new friends, learn how to cook a variety of meals and get tips on maintaining a healthy lifestyle. POTS Slow Cooker Club Fall Session will be on Fridays, from September 21st to October 26th 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

in the parish hall. Call the Church office at (705) 726-8007 Ext. 103 to register or email gigamello@gmail.com

CWL 61st Anniversary Luncheon

Sunday September 30th at 1 p.m. at the Synn Restaurant, Holiday Inn on Fairview. Husbands welcome. \$25.00 per person. Years of Service Pins will be awarded. Contact Jean Bottone (705-431-9443) before Sept. 20th.

Please pray for those who are sick: Gerri Corcoran, Mary Dickson, Shirley Richard, Francois Pelletier, Len Smyth, Eileen Aistrop, Denise Burgess, Elsie Walsh, Barbara Nadon, Nadia Allesio, Sherry Wyman, Graeme Sutherland, Valentina Marrone, Ted Huston, Rigo Ongaro, Jean Boileau, Jo-Anne Ransome, & Marjorie Oliveira. **And for those who have died recently:** † Baby Manzo, † John Benyik, and † Loris Bettio.



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