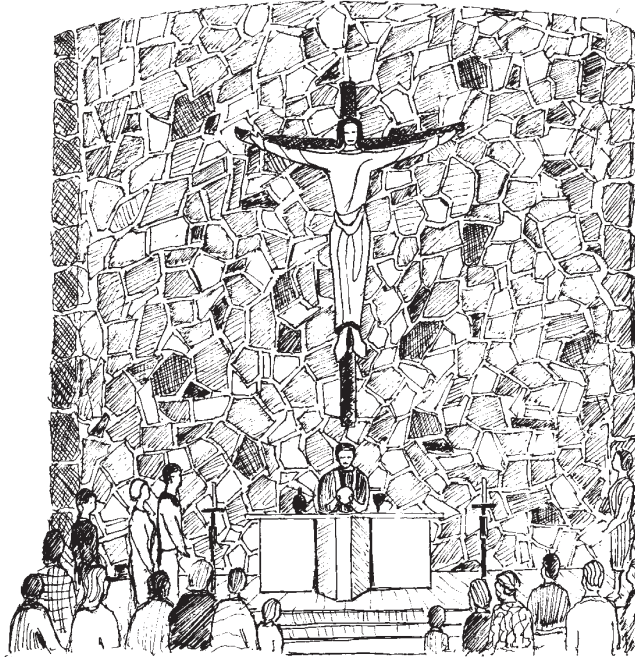


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

Fr. Joshy George, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 106

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday
September 23rd 5:00 pm † **Jeff Plunkett**
Requested by: Staff of St. Gabriel's

Sunday
September 24th 8:00 am † **John Michael Green**
Requested by: Eileen Baldwin

9:30 am † **Linda Kennedy**
Requested by: The Nail Family

9:30 am For the special intentions
of **Marjorie Oliveira**
Requested by: Family

Thursday
September 28th 8:30 am † **Gerd Meisler**
Requested by: The Rosary
Apostolate

8:30 am † **Louis Barrie**
Requested by: Rosella Barrie

Friday
September 29th 8:30 am † **Bernie Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



God's Generosity

A religious priest once suggested that envy is one of those sins which members of religious communities very rarely seem to confess. And yet it is usually those with whom we live and work in close proximity - our friends and colleagues - whose achievements can so easily arouse in us feelings of anger and resentment. We seldom feel aggrieved at the success of a great artist or expert musician. They are too distant from us. It is rather those we consider our equals - those with whom we in some sense see ourselves in competition - whose good fortune and success we are most likely to begrudge.

St Thomas Aquinas described envy as "sorrow at another's good fortune". It has been described as the only one of the seven deadly sins that gives the sinner no pleasure - however illusory or transitory - at all. It only eats away at us and destroys relationships.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard describes a group of people who are in one sense all equals. Each is a casual laborer in search of employment. But as in any group or community there are always those who are not the first to be chosen when some job needs to be done.

Perhaps those workers hired only at the last moment were not particularly young or fit and were therefore less able to endure a long stretch of work outside in the burning heat. In worldly terms they were not of much use.

And yet the owner of the vineyard not only hires them for part of the day, but also rewards them with the same pay as those who had been toiling away the whole day. And this good fortune arouses feelings of bitterness and resentment in some of their colleagues. Their colleagues don't want them to be considered their equals. The pettiness of their sentiments stands out all the more starkly when set against the generosity and compassion of the vineyard owner.

In this parable the magnanimity of the owner of the vineyard is telling us something about God and how God relates to us. And there are perhaps two lessons we can immediately draw if we transpose this parable on to the level of God's dealings with us.

First, God is free to dispense his gifts as he seems fit. His gifts are not given simply on the basis of a person's talents or natural strengths. For the point about God's gift of grace - the help that he gives us to live the Christian life - is that it is free and undeserved. Each person is given the grace that is sufficient for them to live out their own particular vocation in the Church.

Secondly, we must not view God's gifts to us in a materialist way, as though God's grace is something finite which cannot be freely dispensed to all. St Augustine once pointed out that whereas material things diminish when they are shared out - if I share out my food there is less for me - this is not true in the case of spiritual goods. If I love my neighbor and can rejoice in his good fortune, I do not lessen the charity within me, but, in fact, only increase it.

The Christian response to the good fortune of others is not to feel aggrieved and resentful, but to rejoice and be glad with them as members of the one body of Christ, knowing that in so doing we are not being deprived of anything ourselves, but rather opening ourselves to receive an even greater abundance of spiritual gifts.



THANK YOU to all who made the St. John Vianney Parish Picnic a huge success! The food, specifically, the delicious chicken wings courtesy of **Rudy Maset** of **South**

Barrie Wild Wing combined with the wonderful baking and side dish contributions from our generous parishioners contributed to the feel good atmosphere experienced by all who attended. Many thanks to the CWL and Knights of Columbus who helped with the set up and in the kitchen. Thank you also to those who attended and supported this event. Your enthusiasm and participation is a testament to spirit of St. John Vianney Church!

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, Pastor

PROJECT HOPE UPDATE

Greetings from the Refugee Committee: In anticipation of the Newcomer's arrival in late October, we are appealing to the Parishioners who may be aware of available rental accommodation for a family of two. Please send an email to projecthopesjv@gmail.com or contact the parish office with any leads. Thank you and God Bless.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus are planning a food drive to replenish the dwindling food supplies of the St. Vincent de Paul. Bags will be handed out after Mass this weekend and collected the following weekend (Sept. 30/Oct 1) in the hall before each Mass.

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 2017 please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with the Pastor.



REGISTRATION

Registration for the Confirmation program will be at the church:
(Please remember to bring with you a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and \$75 to reserve a family space)

Registration Dates:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 6:00 PM OR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, AT 12:30 PM OR
THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, AT 7:00 PM



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. Thank-you all for your generosity.

CWL NEWS:

- ❖ Heritage Quilt tickets are now on sale after all Masses.
- ❖ Northern Regional General Meeting will be held on September 26 at Holy Spirit Parish, Barrie -Mass at 7pm.

This weekend there is a special collection for the *Needs of the Church in Canada*. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church.



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

- Ted Huston,
- Denise Foster, Gisela Witt, Jerry Gulka,
- Trudy Schoutsen, Marg Nixon, Baby Clare Dary,
- Sherry Wyman, Jibreil Syed, Maria DeMelo, Joanne Ransome, Richard Benoit,
- Lillian Pottage, & Marjorie Oliveira.

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