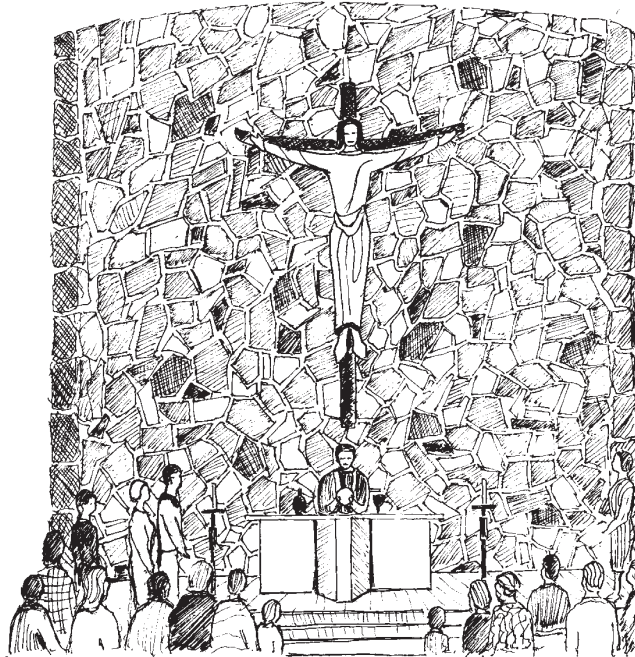


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## Office Hours:

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

Friday: 9:00 - Noon

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. 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

Sunday 8:00 am † **George Bassett**  
 September 25<sup>th</sup> Requested by: June & Tony  
 8:00 am † **Maria Elizabeth Pillajo**  
 Requested by: Family  
 8:00 am † **John Michael Green**  
 Requested by: Eileen Baldwin  
 9:30 am † **Pasquale Stumpo**  
 † **Generoso Pizzari**  
 Requested by: Assunta Stumpo  
 11:30 am † **Maria Elizabeth Pillajo**  
 Requested by: Family  
 Tuesday 8:30 am † **Ray McAndrews**  
 September 27<sup>th</sup> Requested by: Family  
 Wednesday 7:00 pm For the special intentions  
 September 28<sup>th</sup> of **Marius & Lenore Logtenberg**  
 Requested by: Family  
 Thursday 8:30 am † **Bernie Prior**  
 September 29<sup>th</sup> Requested by: Suzanne Prior

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**WHO IS AT YOUR GATE**

The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus tells us of how two men lived and how their lives ended. The rich man was dressed in purple and fine linen, lived in luxury, and feasted every day. On the other hand, there was the poor man named Lazarus whose home was the rich man's gate and whose survival depended on the food that fell from his table. Unlike that of the rich man's, his body was "dressed" with sores which were licked by the dogs. When the two died, Lazarus was carried by angels to Abraham's side while the rich man was brought to hell "where he was in torment."

One day, the rich man looked up and saw Abraham with Lazarus by his side. He called to Abraham and asked him to send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool his tongue. But Abraham replied that there was a great chasm between them which no one could cross. Trying another tack, he asked Abraham to send Lazarus to his father's house to warn his five brothers so as to spare them from his fate. But Abraham refused again saying, "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

Very noticeable in the parable is the reversal of fortune of Lazarus and the rich man: the poor man, who suffered while on earth, went to heaven while the rich man, who was prosperous and enjoyed life on earth to the full, went to hell. In the parable, the rich

man was not characterized as "wicked." He just lived as a rich man. Neither was Lazarus characterized as "holy." He was just poor and lived by waiting for scraps from the rich man's table.

Obviously, with this parable Jesus wants to stress that those who are better off in life have the obligation to help those who are not. And failing to do so has disastrous consequences. From the parable, it is easy to see that the rich man's sin was that of omission: he did nothing for Lazarus. Though he "dined sumptuously each day," he shared no food with Lazarus. Neither did he attend to Lazarus' sores nor provide him with a roof. For him, Lazarus simply did not exist.

The parable is not meant only to console the poor by telling them that their difficulties in this life will be rewarded. It is also a warning to all of us not to turn a blind eye to their plight. Finally, it warns us against complacency. We must not think that because we keep God's commandments and go to Mass on Sunday, we are already good Christians. More than that, we need a heart that is full of active concern for the needs of our neighbor. For when we appear before the judgment seat of God, what matters is not how much money we made but what we did to those in need. For as Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine — the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick and the one in prison — you did for me".

In short, the parable teaches us that the real test of our faith is in the good we do for "the least of the brethren." And helping those in need is the "way" to come closer to God, a "bridge" for crossing to the Lord. The rich man in the parable ignored this — to his eternal loss.

Many of us may be lacking in material things. But that does not excuse us from doing something for those in need. Each one of us has something to share with them — our time, a kind word here, a word of appreciation there, a helping hand, a listening ear, a sympathetic heart, a whispered prayer. All these can go a long way in easing a burdened and drooping spirit. If we have more, we can help, with our volunteered service or donations for those working with street children, the homeless, the aged, etc. Or we can join organizations working for the empowerment of the poor, etc. One way or another, we have to help those in need. Otherwise, we will be faulted with the sin of omission — as was the rich man — to our eternal damnation.

*Sacramental Preparation*



**GR. 2 FIRST COMMUNION**

Registration for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confession will take place at the church on: **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**AT 7 PM OR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 6 PM OR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 12:30 PM**

Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate and a donation to cover the expenses. For more information, see the bulletin board in the foyer or the parish website.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Welcome Table invites parishioners to serve the church by donating a few minutes of their time. It requires just 10 minutes before Mass and 15 minutes after Mass on your assigned days (approx. once a month). You will hand out information, give out offertory envelopes and sell missals. We are looking for volunteers for all Masses. Please leave your name at the Welcome Table or call the office: 705-726 8007.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

The Charismatic Prayer Group is changing their meeting night. Starting on September 26 they will meet weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the church. All are welcome to attend.



The Office of Catholic Youth (OCY) for the Archdiocese of Toronto is expanding its Theology on Tap program to include the Northern region—particularly the 3 parishes in Barrie.

Theology on Tap provides an opportunity for those 19+ to participate in thought-provoking discussions of faith & daily life in a comfortable and relaxed setting with other people who share similar beliefs and values. Topics are pre-chosen with guest speakers noted for their expertise on the subject matter. The 3 sessions will be held Wednesday evenings at Donaleigh's Irish Pub in Barrie. We are looking for 3 or 4 enthusiastic people from St John Vianney to assist in promoting, coordinating and hospitality for the 3 sessions planned for October '16, March '17 & May '17. If you are interested or would like more information regarding the Theology on Tap program, please contact Al MacLeod at [esl2@rogers.com](mailto:esl2@rogers.com) and I will be glad to fill you in.

**This weekend there is a special collection for *The Needs of the Canadian Church*. Envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the church.**



Life Chain is on **Sun. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>** from **2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** In Barrie, life chain participants will be meeting at the Kozlov Centre parking lot at Bayfield and Cundles.



**Knights of Columbus Recruitment**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding an information and recruiting session in the hall this weekend after all Masses. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish and growing in your faith, this fraternal brotherhood might be for you! Members will be on hand for fellowship and to answer any questions you may have.

**Mass of Welcome for Bishop Robert Kasun, C.S.B. St. Michael's Cathedral – Thurs. Oct. 6, 2016 – 10:30 a.m.** All are invited to a special Mass of Welcome for the newest Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Bishop Robert Kasun. The celebration will take place on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral (65 Bond St.). The new bishop will be responsible for the pastoral oversight of the Central Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Most recently, Bishop Kasun served as a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, Alberta.



**C.W.L. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SAT. NOV. 19<sup>TH</sup> 2016**

Calling all knitters, crocheters, bakers and country cooks. We need your help and generous donations for our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday Nov. 19th. We need mitts, gloves, colourful 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. You can contact me with any questions. Susan Mays 705-456-7836. Thank-you all for your generosity.



*Please pray for those who are sick:* Baby Jaxon

Timmerman, 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:*

† James Ormerod

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