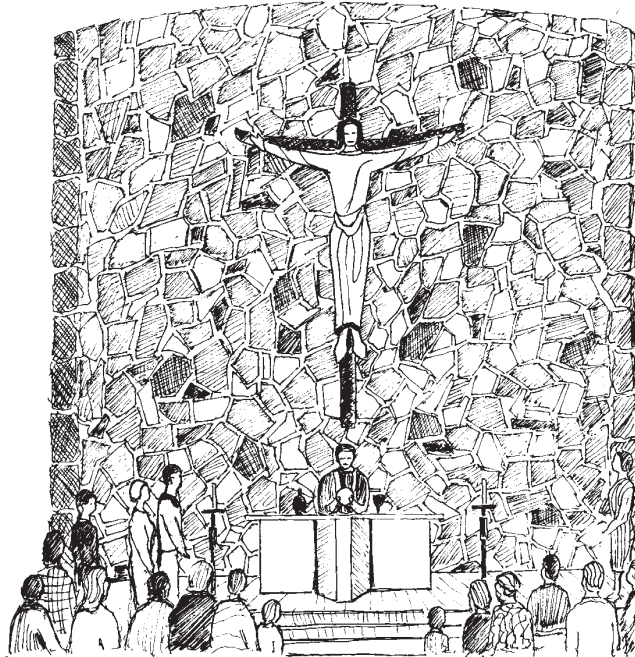


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

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St. Vincent de Paul - Press 8

Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6

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COUNT THE COST

In our present use-and-dispose world, some people have asserted that life-long commitments are at its end. They cite as indicators the mounting cases of married couples, religious and priests turning their backs on their vows. Jesus completely disagrees.

Today's gospel passage tells us that while Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, a vast crowd traveled with Him. He knew that His mission to build His Kingdom in people's minds and hearts would culminate in Jerusalem where the cross awaited Him. But did the crowd know what they were going into when they become His followers? Not wanting to delude anyone, Jesus turned to them and said, "If any one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

In Hebrew, "to hate" means to put one thing in second place to something else. Thus to be Jesus' disciple means to commit one's self completely to Him, placing Him above everything and everyone else — parents, wife, children, brothers and sisters and even life. This is what taking up one's cross daily means.

Thus to follow Jesus is an all or nothing affair. There is no in-between kind. As the Book of Revelations tells us, "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot.... So, because you are lukewarm — neither hot nor cold — I am about to spit you out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:15-16).

True, in one inspired moment, we can leave behind our loved ones and the comfort of home to respond to the call, say, to the priesthood or the religious life. But to persevere for life in this undertaking is an altogether different matter. We can also be heroic when the moment calls for it, e.g., saving a drowning child at the risk of our life. But to take up our cross daily and for life is something else.

Most of us eventually end up raising our own families. Let us look at the daily demands on a married couple. Suppose, the husband is the bread winner of the family. So whether he is in the mood or not, he goes to work daily. Though there are problems at work and at home, he tries to put them aside so that his efficiency and effectivity will not suffer. On the wife's part, aside from taking care of the children, she also does most of the house chores — from the moment she wakes up till she goes to bed

at night. Underlying all these is the couple's common effort to provide a Christian home for the family — a 24 hour work indeed. For a married couple, it is in this that taking up their cross daily consists for the most part.

We really do not have to look for our crosses elsewhere. Our daily lives are already full of them. Yet, though carrying them out daily is difficult, they are very ordinary tasks and responsibilities. The secret is to do them in an extra-ordinary way, i.e., to do them out of love for God. Then they become meaningful. Then they become meritorious and redemptive. If other heavy crosses come our way, we can consider them as added bonus.

Jesus assists us in making a life-time commitment to Him through two parables. First, He cites the case a man who wishes to construct a tower. Before he does so, he should first calculate the cost to determine if he has the needed resources for its completion. Otherwise, having laid the foundation, he would be unable to finish it, thus becoming everyone's laughing stock. Then there is the case of a king about to wage war against another. A war in those times was an all or nothing affair. If one side surrendered without a fight, its leaders were put to death while the rest of the population were made into slaves. If it fought and lost, then everyone — leaders and people — would be put to the sword. If a king knew that his enemy had a stronger army, it would be wise for him to send emissaries to resolve their conflict in some other way. In both cases, Jesus places the emphasis on serious deliberation before making a major decision.

In something as serious as deciding to follow Jesus for which our loved ones and even life itself are put in second place, serious prayerful discernment is needed. It would help to realize that Jesus does not ask us to do anything that He had not done Himself. He left the comforts of home and gave His all including His life for us and for our redemption. The driving force behind this is His love for us. In our case, to persevere in our commitment to be a disciple of Jesus — whether as an unmarried person, parent, a religious or a priest — also depends on our determination to take up our cross daily out of love for Jesus and everything that He stands for. For love alone can sustain us through the ups and downs of a truly Christian life.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sunday
September 4th 8:00 am † Teresa Howie
Requested by: Mike Kelly

8:00 am † Claudette Dubois
Requested by: Dubois & MacDonald Families

11:30 am † Carmen Sondhi
Requested by: Family



ATTN: THOSE INTERESTED IN ALTAR SERVERING & ALL CURRENT ACTIVE ALTAR SERVERS

All current altar servers are asked to attend an important refresher course on altar serving, whereupon we will review existing practices and expectations, as well as introduce a number of practical changes to the way we perform altar serving tasks. At this session, we will also ask each family/server to confirm their commitment for the coming year by reviewing the new schedule format and having each of you indicate your agreement to Mass times.

Your options for attending this refresher course which will be held in the church are as follows:

Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm OR

Saturday, September 10 at 9:30 am – 10:45 am

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 - we have a range of Servers from Grade 2 to University. All are welcome. Training will be provided.

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 Confirmation Age

Parents, if your child is entering 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 be in Gr. 2 in the fall, 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.

Fr. Al Alilio, one of our former Associate Pastors, celebrates his 25th Anniversary of Priesthood this year. He is coming to our parish on Wed. September 7th to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.



Please pray for those

who are sick: Michael McCormick, Peter Myatt, Maria Elena Ramos,

Herman Jacobs, Shirley Chew, Neave Alderson, John Navarrete, Sophia Goulah, Barbara Durnin, Nancy Kearns, Rose Marie D'Amelio, Stephenie Chalmers, Wilson Gasewicz, Lillian Pottage, Avery Maset & Carson Batters. *And for those who have*

died recently: † Joe Badali,

† Carmen Sondhi, & † Millie MacNeil

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