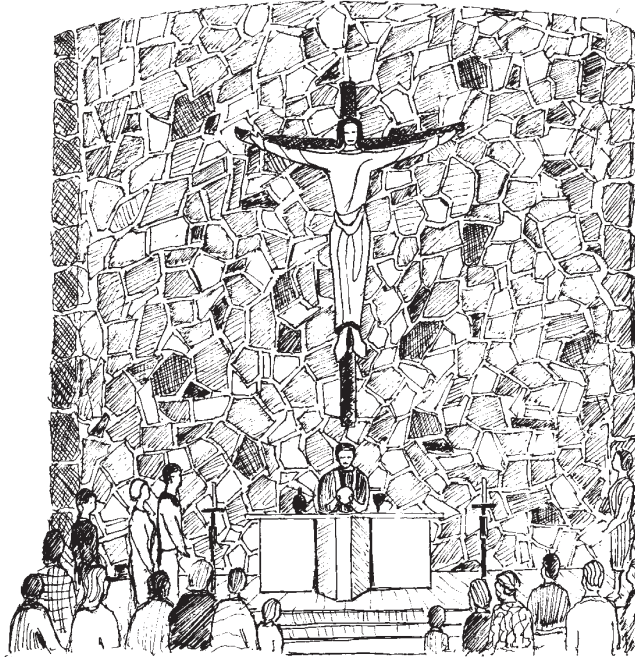


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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm

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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

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Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

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MASSES OF THE WEEK

Saturday Sept. 8 th	5:00 pm For the special intentions of Darlene D'Souza Requested by: D. & J. D'Souza & Family
Sunday Sept. 9 th	9:30 am † John Keays Requested by: Mike & Maria Hardie
	9:30 am † Katherine Dominato & Lisa Williams Requested by: Mario Dominato
	9:30 am † Hue Thi Dang & Nguyen Thi Chin Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
	9:30 am for the special intentions of Marjorie Oliveira Requested by: Family
	11:30 am † Antonio Lobo Requested by: The Biehl Family
Tuesday Sept. 11 th	8:30 am † Gregory Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Thursday Sept. 13 th	8:30 am † Jim MacDonald Requested by: Al & Maryann Weishar

VOICE TO THE VOICELESS

Today's Scripture readings offer us an invitation to become humble instruments of healing in Jesus' hands by giving voice to the voiceless, the needy and the marginalized in our society. Today's Scripture also invites us to open our ears to hear the word of God and to allow the Holy Spirit to loosen our tongues to praise and worship Him and to convey the Good news of God's love and salvation to others.

The first reading reminds us that God's eyes are constantly focused on the helpless. God especially cares for "*the frightened, the blind, the deaf, the lame, the mute,*" and He encourages the powerless to "*be strong and fearless.*" Today's Responsorial Psalm sings of a God who gives sight to the blind, raises up those who are bowed down and welcomes strangers. The psalmist thanks God and asks us to rejoice because "*the God of Jacob keeps Faith forever,*" by keeping His promise of peace and fullness of life for His people. That is

why, in today's second reading, the apostle gives us some basic and challenging principles of social justice. He exhorts Christians to show no partiality based on external appearance and to practice God's "preferential option for the poor." He warns the faithful against scorning or shaming the poor while showing special consideration to the rich.

What we see in today's Gospel is not simply the healing of a physical defect, but a concrete sign of the transforming power of God's Love. The power of God's Love is working in our lives to transform sorrow into joy, sickness into health, death into new life. In order to perceive and proclaim God's message, we need to be transformed. The miracle has great relevance to us, because a person can have perfect hearing, and yet not hear the word of God, have perfect speech, and yet be unable to make an act of faith.

All three readings speak of a God who is partial to the voiceless and the afflicted. Today, however, many of us have lost the ability to recognize the voice of God calling us for action in our modern society. We are asked to give hearing and voice to the deaf and the mute. The person healed became a witness to the power of God. A Church that is to bear witness to the example of Jesus' love must not neglect "those who are bowed down." Through its healing presence the Church must give voice to the voiceless.

Jesus desires to give us his healing touch in order to loosen our tongues so that he may speak to the spiritually hungry through us. He invites us to give him our hearts so that he may touch the lives of people in our day through us. In times of grief, despair and failure, we can be "deaf" to the presence of God in the love and compassion of others; or we can become so preoccupied with the noise and clamor of the marketplace that we are unable to hear the voices of those we love and who love us. We may find it hard to speak to God in prayer and harder still to hear Him speaking to us through the Bible and through the Church.

Hence, let us imitate the dumb man in the Gospel by seeking out Jesus, following him away from the crowd and spending more of our time in coming to know him intimately as we study Holy Scripture and to experience him directly in our lives in personal prayer. Our growing awareness of the healing presence of Jesus in our lives will open our ears and loosen our tongues.



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.



SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION

FIRST COMMUNION: Parents, if your child is in grade 2, 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!)



BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Baptism is the first sacrament that the church celebrates and leads to all other sacraments. If your child has entered school and is not yet baptized or is baptized in another faith (Lutheran, Anglican, etc.) and you would like your child to be a member of the Catholic church, please call the parish office to make an appointment with Fr. Biju (705) 726-8007 Ext. 101



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. If you are interested in joining the RCIA process for the fall of 2018 please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Fr. Biju.



POTS SLOW COOKER CLUB IS BACK!

You're Invited! 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

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