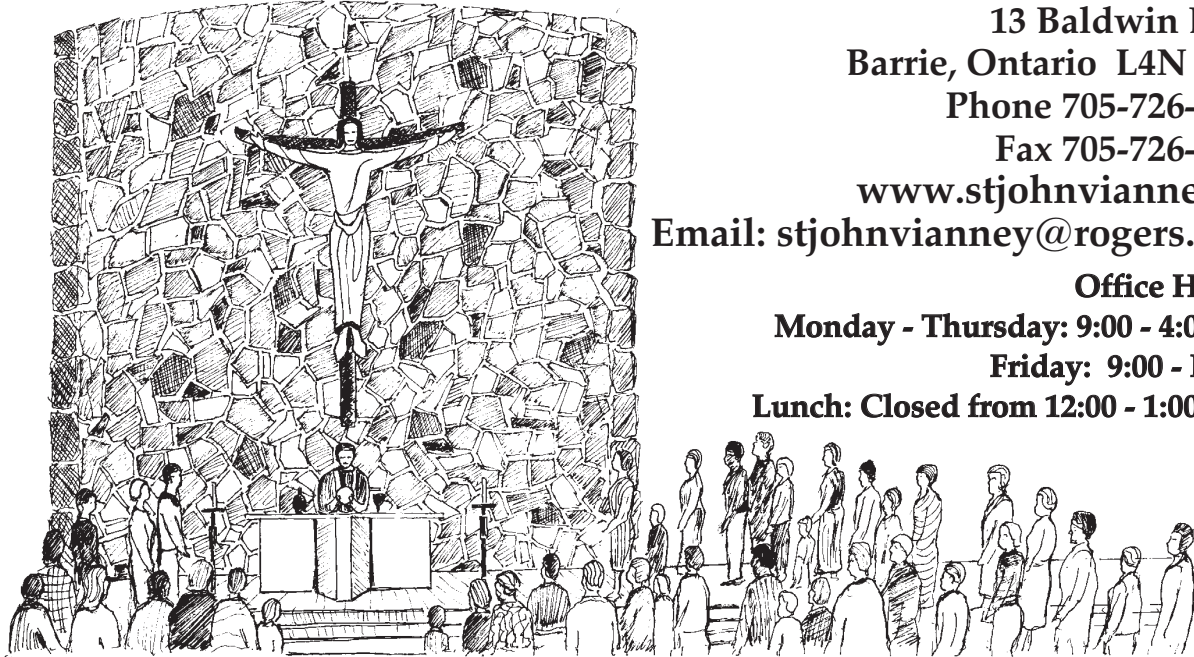


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

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THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

If we look back over our lives most of us will find something or other that we very much regret. We might remember speaking or acting in ways that hurt or damaged others. We might be aware of not doing something that we could have done and, that in our heart of hearts, wanted to do. Sometimes these experiences of personal failure can leave us very burdened. We can find it hard to move on from them; they trouble us and we struggle to be free of them. They can weigh heavily on us and drain us of energy. We can find ourselves going back in memory to them over and over again.

The first disciples of Jesus must have felt like this in the aftermath of Jesus' crucifixion. During the days of Jesus' final journey, they had all deserted him. Their mood in the aftermath of Good Friday can only have been one of deep regret. They must have felt that their relationship with Jesus was over. According to today's gospel, however, the first words the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples were, 'Peace be with you.' These words assured the disciples of the Lord's forgiveness. For those first disciples, the initial experience of the risen Lord took the form of a profound experience of forgiveness. This was the risen Lord's gift to them.

The gift of forgiveness can be difficult to receive at times. We wonder if we are really forgiven. According to the gospel, when Jesus said 'Peace be with you', they responded with alarm and fright and thought that they might be seeing a ghost. The risen Jesus then questioned them, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?' It took the disciples a while to realize that they were forgiven.

It is only after the disciples had come to receive this gift of forgiveness that they were sent out as messengers of the Lord's forgiveness to others. According to our gospel, the risen Lord, having assured them that they were forgiven, went on to commission them to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all the nations. It is forgiven sinners who are entrusted with the task of proclaiming the good news of God's forgiving love to all.

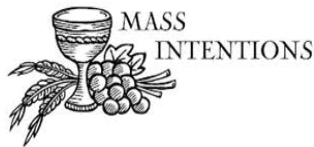
This is what we find Peter doing in today's first reading. He declares to the people of Jerusalem that, although they had handed Jesus over to Pilate, God's forgiveness was available to them if they turned to God by believing in Jesus. The church has been faithful to the mission entrusted to the disciples,

proclaiming down the centuries the good news that God's forgiveness is stronger than human sin. In raising Jesus from the dead and sending him back to those who had rejected him and failed him, God was declaring that he can raise anyone from their sins. The risen Jesus reveals a faithful, forgiving God. Today's 2nd reading states this clearly: 'If anyone does sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just.'

Before we can receive the Easter gift of God's forgiveness that comes to us through the risen Lord, we must first acknowledge our need of that gift. In the words of today's 2nd reading, we need to *admit the truth*. The truth is that we are always in need of the gift of God's forgiveness. Recognizing our need and asking God for the gift of forgiveness is what we call repentance. Peter in the first reading calls on the people of Jerusalem to repent and turn to God so that their sins may be wiped out. The risen Lord in the gospel sends out his disciples to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a privileged opportunity to admit the truth, to acknowledge our need of God's forgiveness and to ask directly for it. In that sacrament that the risen Lord says to us, 'Peace be with you.' The words of absolution include the prayer, 'through the ministry of the church may God grant you pardon and peace.'

The first disciples, having received the gift of the Lord's forgiveness, were sent to spread that forgiveness to others. In a similar way, we who receive the same gift are sent out on the same mission. As forgiven sinners we proclaim with our lives the presence of a forgiving and faithful God. We extend to others the gift we have received from the Lord. This will not always come easy to us. 'To err is human, to forgive is divine'. If that is true, we need divine help to do what is divine.

In the verses that immediately follow where today's gospel ends, the risen Jesus promises his disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit upon them. It is only in the power of the Holy Spirit that they would be able to engage in the task that Jesus was entrusting to them. We need the same Spirit if we are to forgive as we have been forgiven. In the weeks ahead that lead up to the feast of Pentecost, we might pray the prayer, 'Come Holy Spirit, fill my heart and enkindle in me the fire of your love.' We could pray this prayer especially during those times when we find ourselves struggling to pass on to others the gift of forgiveness that we continue to receive from the Lord.



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| Saturday April 14 th | 8:30 am For the special intentions of Maria Thuy Mai & Maria Khuyen Hoang Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families |
| | 5:00 pm † Remedios C. Bacalla Requested by: Leonarda Clemente |
| Sunday April 15 th | 9:30 am † Maria & Giuseppina Pellegrino Requested by: Maria & Fiorenzo Coccimiglio |
| | 9:30 am † Alex Nastasiuk Requested by: Joe & Catherine Schenkels |
| | 9:30 am For the special of Marjorie Oliveira Requested by: Family |
| | 11:30 am † Carlos Berenguer Requested by: Teresa Berenguer |
| | 11:30 am † Miloslav Zlamal Requested by: Milly Heran |
| Monday April 16 th | 8:30 am † John Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior |
| Wednesday April 18 th | 7:00 pm For the special intentions of Maurice Roussel Requested by: Family |
| Thursday April 19 th | 8:30 am For the special intentions of Peter Feltracco Requested by: Augusto Feltracco |



Summer is coming ...and so are the HOLY-DAYS!

Kids Summer Camp

August 13-17, 2018 Daily 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
We will be leading the children to embark on a journey through scripture to discover Holy days in the Catholic Church. We will learn more about our faith than we ever thought possible, as well as each other and ourselves!
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GOOD NEWS

The St. John Vianney Refugee Committee is happy to share news on our program for resettling refugees. The first sponsored St. John Vianney Syrian Refugee family, Toufiq and Yasmin were welcomed to Canada on October 25, 2017. They are settling well, are both employed and are enjoying Barrie and Canada.

A date for travel has been set for our next family. This family consists of three children and their parents. We anticipate their arrival on May 10th. SJV Refugee Resettling Committee continues the preparations for the newcomers' arrival.

Over the past year, having communicated with this family, the Refugee committee has felt their suffering, and shared in their excitement as the process moved along. The Refugee committee is appealing once again for your support. The immediate challenges are:

1) To find affordable housing for a family of 5. Should any parishioner know of or have available rental accommodation, please let us know or contact the Parish office.

2) In the continuing Christian spirit of caring, we are appealing to the parishioners to participate in welcoming this new family to Canada and Barrie. The Refugee committee is inviting you to participate in setting up the family's new home. In the church hall we have listed required items. You can donate an item by writing your name and contact information on the list. The targeted date for providing these items will be the weekend of **April 29, 2018**. I am certain the family will be very thankful for your support.

I am grateful for all those who continued to support this effort and who will walk alongside our refugee family when they arrive. Let us continue to pray for all those persecuted and displaced peoples in so many parts of our world. God Bless and have a blessed and safe year ahead. *Fr.Biju, Pastor*



Please pray for those who are sick: **Connie Chisholm,**

Jack Brady, Margaret Breckinridge, Pat Carter, Ted Huston, Rigo Ongaro, Jean Boileau, Jo-Anne Ransome, Leonard Gibbons, Yvette Doiron, & Marjorie Oliveira. *And for those who have died recently:*

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