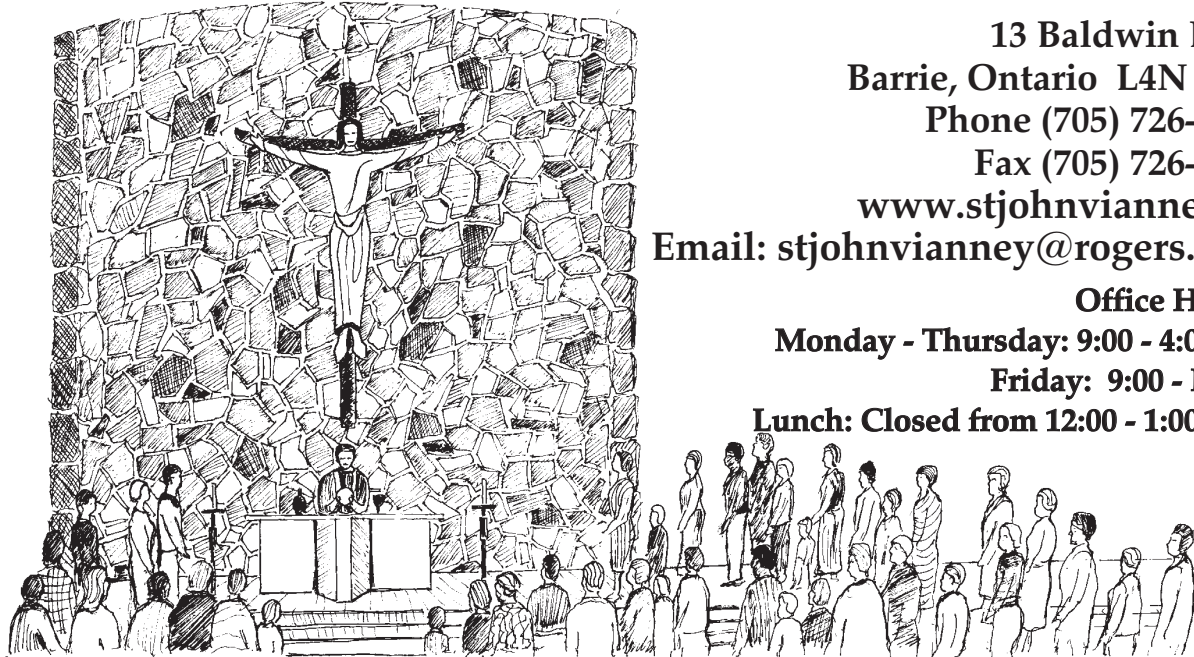


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Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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AMORIS LAETITIA

Introduction

Amoris Laetitia, “The Joy of Love”, the post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation “on Love in the Family”, was signed by Pope Francis on 19 March, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph. It brings together the results of the two Synods on the family convoked by Pope Francis in 2014 and 2015.

The Apostolic Exhortation is striking for its breadth and detail. Its 325 paragraphs are distributed over nine chapters. The seven introductory paragraphs plainly set out the complexity of a topic in urgent need of thorough study. The interventions of the Synod Fathers make up a “multifaceted gem”, a precious polyhedron, whose value must be preserved. But the Pope cautions that “not all discussions of doctrinal, moral or pastoral issues need to be settled by interventions of the magisterium”. Indeed, for some questions, “each country or region ... can seek solutions better suited to its culture and sensitive to its traditions and local needs. For ‘cultures are in fact quite diverse and every general principle ... needs to be inculturated, if it is to be respected and applied”

This principle of inculturation applies to how problems are formulated and addressed and, apart from the dogmatic issues that have been well defined by the Church’s magisterium, none of this approach can be “globalized”. In his address at the end of the 2015 Synod, the Pope said very clearly: “What seems normal for a bishop on one continent, is considered strange and almost scandalous – almost! – for a bishop from another; what is considered a violation of a right in one society is an evident and inviolable rule in another; what for some is freedom of conscience is for others simply confusion.”

The Pope clearly states that we need above all to avoid a sterile juxtaposition between demands for change and the general application of abstract norms. He writes: “The debates carried on in the media, in certain publications and even among the Church’s ministers, range from an immoderate desire for total change without sufficient reflection or grounding, to an attitude that would solve everything by applying general rules or deriving undue conclusions from particular theological considerations”

Chapter One: “In the light of the Word”

Following this introduction, the Pope begins his reflections with the Holy Scriptures in the first chapter, which unfolds as a meditation on Psalm 128 (which appears in the Jewish wedding liturgy as well as that of Christian marriages). The Bible “is full of families, births, love stories and family crises”. This

impels us to meditate on how the family is not an abstract ideal but rather like a practical “trade”, which is carried out with tenderness, but which has also been confronted with sin from the beginning, when the relationship of love turned into domination. Hence, the Word of God “is not a series of abstract ideas but rather a source of comfort and companionship for every family that experiences difficulties or suffering. For it shows them the goal of their journey...”

Chapter two: “The experiences and challenges of families”

Building on the biblical base, in the second chapter the Pope considers the current situation of families. While keeping “firmly grounded in [the] reality” of family experiences, he also draws heavily on the final Reports of the two Synods. Families face many challenges, from migration to the ideological denial of differences between the sexes; from the culture of the provisional to the antinatalist mentality and the impact of biotechnology in the field of procreation; from the lack of housing and work to pornography and abuse of minors; from inattention to persons with disabilities, to lack of respect for the elderly; from the legal dismantling of the family, to violence against women. The Pope insists on concreteness, which is a key concept in the Exhortation. And it is concreteness, realism and daily life that make up the substantial difference between acceptable “theories” of interpretation of reality and arbitrary “ideologies”.

Citing *Familiaris consortio*, Francis states that “we do well to focus on concrete realities, since ‘the call and the demands of the Spirit resound in the events of history’, and through these ‘the Church can also be guided to a more profound understanding of the inexhaustible mystery of marriage and the family’”. Conversely, if we fail to listen to reality, we cannot understand the needs of the present or the movements of the Spirit. The Pope notes that rampant individualism makes it difficult today for a person to give oneself generously to another. Here is an interesting picture of the situation: “The fear of loneliness and the desire for stability and fidelity exist side by side with a growing fear of entrapment in a relationship that could hamper the achievement of one’s personal goals”. The humility of realism helps us to avoid presenting “a far too abstract and almost artificial theological ideal of marriage, far removed from the concrete situations and practical possibilities of real families”.

Idealism does not allow marriage to be understood for what it is, that is, a “dynamic path to personal development and fulfilment”. It is unrealistic to think that families can sustain themselves “simply by stressing doctrinal, bioethical and moral issues, without encouraging openness to grace”. Calling for a certain “self-criticism” of approaches that are inadequate for the experience of marriage and the family, the Pope stresses the need to make room for the formation of the conscience of the faithful: “We have been called to form consciences, not to replace them”. Jesus proposed a demanding ideal but “never failed to show compassion and closeness to the frailty of individuals like the Samaritan woman or the woman caught in adultery”

To be continued in next week's bulletin.....

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our children who will be receiving the sacraments of 1st Communion and Confirmation next weekend at the 5:00 pm & 9:30 & 11:30 am Masses. May God richly bless them and their families as we journey together in faith.

Clothing Drive



St. John Vianney School, in conjunction with the Kidney Foundation will be running a clothing/fabric drive from Monday, April 18th -

Wednesday, April 27th, with pick up on Thursday, April 28th. If you can wear it, it can be donated! Those thin towels, wrecked sheets or stained clothing will also be accepted in order to be recycled into fibres. St. John Vianney ‘Me to We’ team will earn \$0.13 per pound, to further our fundraising goals towards the well in China. Bring your donations to St. John Vianney School during regular school hours.



50/50 DRAW

The Knights of Columbus #10370 and the C.W.L. are once again having a 50-50 draw. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Only 3750 tickets printed and should all be sold at 3-\$10.00, the winning ticket could be worth \$6250.00. Whatever the final tally, the winner will receive 50% of the funds from the tickets sold. The draw will be held in the church hall on June 26th 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

The C.W.L. General Meeting will be on Monday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Both the winner and runner up of the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest will present their speeches prior to the meeting. Maeve Gormley, “Science of Happiness”. Josea Fowler, “Why Alcoholism Affects the Whole Family”

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday April 16th 5:00 pm † **Mary Bench**
Requested by: Paul & Susan Bench
- 5:00 pm † **Gerald Borho**
Requested by: Jim & Phyl Taylor
- Sunday April 17th 11:30 am † **Giovanni Cortese**
Requested by: Giuseppina Cortese
- 11:30 pm † **Shaelynne Blenkinsop**
Requested by: Alma & Craig
- Wednesday April 20th 7:00 pm † **Christina, Derek & Eugene Jakubiec**
Requested by: Family
- Thursday April 21st 8:30 am † **Joan Armstrong**
Requested by: Ross Armstrong



MotherCare is a community program working to encourage a healthy pregnancy for young women in need. The program helps meet the prenatal and postnatal (up to 6 months) needs of mother and baby by providing free nutritious, supplemental foods, including milk coupons and vitamins as needed. MotherCare works in tandem with groups such as Birthright, Ontario Early Years, YMCA Barrie to name a few.

St. John Vianney C.W.L., is asking for your participation in donating items to this worthy program. Beginning on April 17th, we will be collecting items to donate to MotherCare. Layette, clothing, diapers, small pieces of equipment etc are welcome. There will be a Playpen set up in the Church Hall for 2 weeks to accept your donations. Items will be delivered to MotherCare in time for Mother’s Day. Thank you so much for your continued support.




Please pray for those who are sick:
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