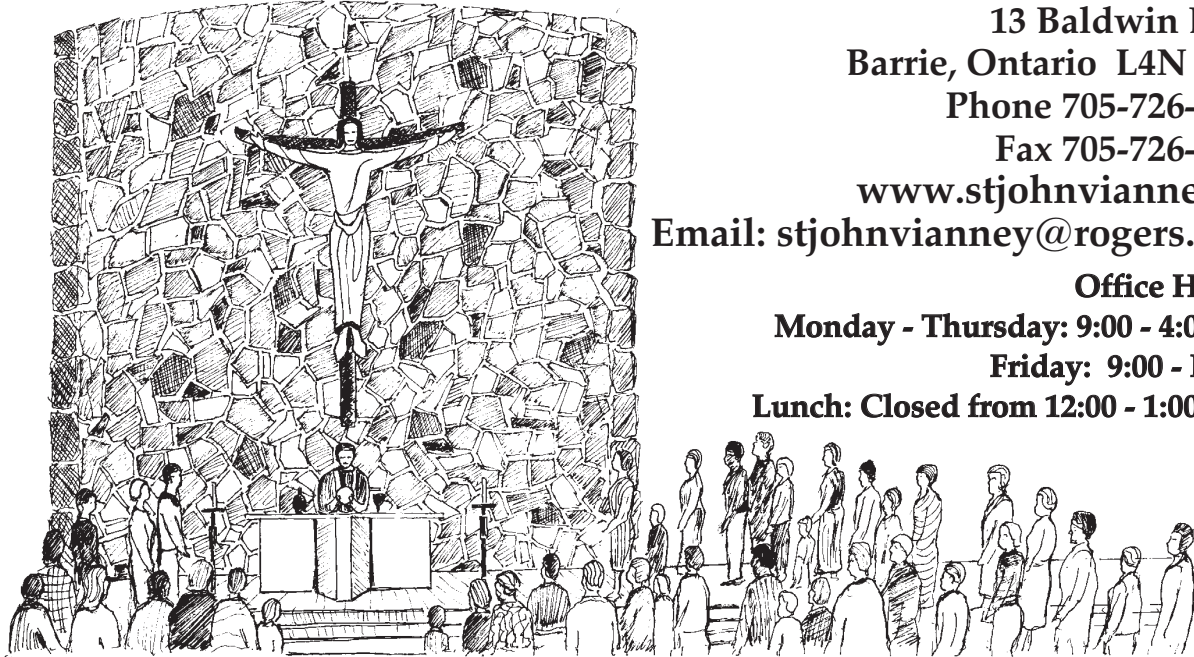


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**Lunch: Closed from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

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  
Fr. Joshy George, In Residence

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

*Sunday Eucharist*

*Weekday mass times*

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. (Life Teen Mass)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 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

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*Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6*

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, C.M.I., Pastor - 102

Fr. Saji Thomas, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 108

Fr. Joshy George - 106

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121



Saturday April 29 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm † <b>Ron Cashin</b> Requested by: Friends
Sunday April 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am For the special intentions of <b>Marjorie Oliveira</b> Requested by: Family
	11:30 am † <b>Herman Jacobs</b> Requested by: Jim & Phyl Taylor
Wednesday May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm † <b>Maria Nguyen</b> Requested by: Huynh Family
Friday May 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am † <b>Marina Prior</b> Requested by: Suzanne Prior



### Hope: Lost and Found

Some of the saddest words in our language begin with the letter D. For example, disappointment, doubt, disillusionment, defeat, depression, despair and death. All of these are summed up in the words of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. The Master they had revered, loved and followed had been horribly put to death - a cruel death of the most degrading kind. Their hopes were dashed; the dream was over!

The reports that Christ's tomb was empty did nothing to alter their thinking; it only confused them. Their entire world had come apart. The two disciples summed up the situation very neatly, "we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel."

Human hope is a fragile thing, and when it withers it's difficult to revive. Hopelessness as a disease of the human spirit is desperately hard to cure. The disciples on the Emmaus road had erected a wall of hopelessness around them, and they were trapped in their misery. "We had hoped ..." What they were saying is "We don't expect it now, but once we did. We had it, this thing called hope, but now it's gone."

There are times when we've given up and lost all hope. It happens with our children. We say, "This is your last chance!" With our spouse - "It's hopeless, it's beyond repair, and I'm getting out, leaving town, getting on with my own life." With our parents - "There is no use, you guys just don't understand, I'm leaving home!" At our work

- "It's no use, people around here don't care, and I'm not going to take it anymore. I quit!" At school - "It's too hard. I'm in over my head. I'm going to drop out!" And even with God, "I've been praying for many years and you still haven't helped me! I've asked for patience and all I get is more problems. I pray for healing and all I get is sicker by the day."

And as a result we give up way too easily, way too early, and way too frequently. The disciples gave up on Jesus, but thank God, He didn't give up on them. Scripture says, "Jesus himself came up and walked along with them." Jesus knew their need and so he came up to them. He knows our weaknesses and our struggles. In spite of our clouded situations and circumstances, getting lost frequently along the way, the times we decide to take the first plane out of town and run away from our difficulties, there is a God who not only comes looking for us, but also draws near and travels with us until we see again!

That is good news! That is grace! That is Jesus! He spoke with them for hours. He was physically with them until the sun was beginning to set. They saw him. They smelled him. They walked next to him.

Notice the change in the disciples' attitude: From despair to hope. From depression to joy. From doubt to belief. From defeat to victory. From disillusionment to enlightenment. Jesus can take what seems like the most hopeless situation and turn it around. If our life is moving in the wrong direction we can trust Jesus to turn things around. If we will only allow Him, He will put us on the same road again with a different destination, a different conversation, different observations, and different realizations.

**FIRST FRIDAY**

May 5<sup>th</sup> is the first Friday of the month. First Fridays have traditionally been associated with devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament. To appropriately observe First Friday there will be Eucharistic adoration following the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 a.m.



## 2017 SJV-KIDS CAMP

You won't want to miss this opportunity for your kids to be a part of this great week of fun. This Catholic Day Camp for elementary school children will run daily from 9 am-3 pm through the week of July 10-14, 2017. The cost is \$40 per child and is limited to 125 registrants. Registration forms can be found on our website, the youth bulletin board, welcome table, and parish office. Deadline to register is July 4<sup>th</sup>.

It's a Super Hero camp. We all know how Super Hero's solve mysteries. Join us as we solve and reveal our true identity in Christ.

## March for Life - Ottawa



Each year at the National March for Life, tens of thousands gather to demand protection for children before and after birth. Since 1969,

over 5 million children have been killed by abortion in Canada. In 2017, another, at least, 100,000 babies will be put to death, at the taxpayers' expense, while society turns a blind eye. This event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to join in the civil rights movement of our day. By your presence, you can show lawmakers that the abortion issue is not settled.

The cost is \$40 per adult to join us on a coach bus. If you wish to support the March but can NOT attend, PLEASE donate to reduce the cost of bussing or send someone on your behalf. More information is available on bulletin board, welcome table and/or [www.stjohnvianney.ca](http://www.stjohnvianney.ca)



SUN. MAY 14TH

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Mother's Day Brunch in the hall at 12:30 pm on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$20 per person, \$10 for ages 12 and under and 3 yrs and under free. The extensive buffet menu is posted on the board in the vestibule. Tickets are available after Mass. Only 200 tickets are available and will not be sold at the door.



## Knights of Columbus 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at Innisbrook Golf Course Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Scramble Format. All proceeds going to Hospice Simcoe. Limited to the first

144 golfers. **Registration deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>** (See Poster in Vestibule for details)

Forms are available on the tables in the hall or from a K of C member. We are still looking for hole sponsors and prize donations; please speak to a K of C member if you'd like to contribute.



## Catholic Education Week 2017

begins on Sunday, April 30. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly-funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend. Publicly-funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly-funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "*Walking Forward Together.*"

The 2017 CEW theme and its five sub-themes are drawn from three contemporary Catholic documents that address the need for reconciliation and renewal – in our lives, with our families, in our relationships with others and in our relationship with our environment and our common global future.

The first is the 2016 response of the Canadian Catholic Bishops to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission that we need to heal past injustices by "*Walking Forward Together.*" The second is the 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* by Pope Francis, that emphasizes the cultural roots of our ecological problems and advocates an urgent world collaboration for the care of our common global home. The third document, *Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love* is a 2016 Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, which applauds our dedication and concern shown to children, families, migrants, the poor, the elderly, and to persons with special needs, as a sign of the Spirit. These supportive relationships are a test of our commitment to show mercy in welcoming others and to help the vulnerable, to be fully a part of our communities.

Our CEW biblical quote, "*Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God*" (Micah 6:8), acknowledges the important role of justice and solidarity with our Indigenous peoples, our environment, the poor and marginalized, and all those who work to protect our common global future.



**Come join us, to pray the rosary each Wednesday morning at 10:00 am in the church**



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

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Jebreil Syed, Pauline & Barry Vincent, Maria  
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