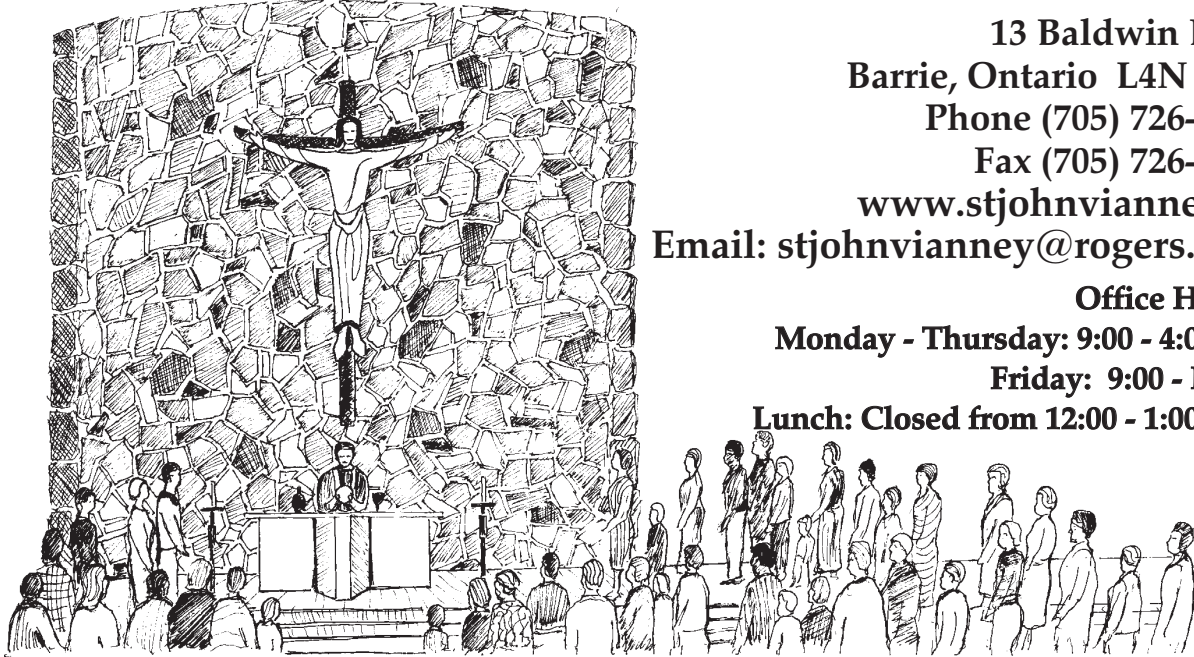


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

Mass Times - Press 9

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St. Vincent de Paul - Press 8

Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6

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

Fr. Jose Koluthara, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 106

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Francavilla, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday August 15 th	5:00 pm ✠ Robert McCahery Requested by: Barbara McCahery
	5:00 pm ✠ Vera Smith Requested by: John & Millie Caron
Sunday Aug. 16 th	8:00 am For the special intentions of Susan Barcenas
	9:30 am ✠ Francesco Basile Requested by: Helen McCorkell

THE PERFECT GIFT

Has buying a gift for someone you love ever stressed you out? If so, you're not alone. It's called "gift anxiety." We know our gifts say something about us; we know our gifts say something about how we feel for other person. We want the gift to be perfect. And that makes us feel anxious.

All of us want to be good gift-givers. The greatest gift we can ever give is not something that comes in a box or can be purchased with a credit card. Instead, the greatest gift you and I can give is the gift of ourselves. Think of it this way: Each one of us has been individually created in the image and likeness of God. Each one of us is absolutely unique. You and I are like snowflakes; no two of us are exactly the same. This means that every one of us reflects to the world something about God that no one else can. That's how special we are. Therefore, to give of ourselves as a gift, is a rare and wonderful thing indeed. We are unique and irreplaceable. The gift of ourselves is a gift that no one else can give, or ever will be able to give.

What's more, we are gifts that were made to be shared. To begin with, we're meant to be shared with our fellow human beings. No human relationship will ever be deep or intimate unless both people involved make a sincere and open gift of themselves to each other.

You and I are also gifts that are meant to be shared with God. God wants to receive us as a gift. He wants us to offer ourselves to him in love and obedience; he wants us to surrender ourselves to him; he wants us to open our hearts and let him in. But there's a measure of "gift anxiety" in all this. We know who we are, and we fear that our gift may not be good enough. We worry that perhaps our gift will be refused, or be returned, or left to gather dust in a closet. We are all too aware that what we have to offer is far from perfect. There's weakness, anger, fear,

brokenness, and ignorance in all of us. We're like mirrors. We still reflect God, because we're made in his image. But the reflection is marred, because we have streaks and cracks. Maybe we've been shattered into pieces.

But that's okay. This side of heaven, we'll never give a perfect gift of ourselves. We can't expect perfection from others, either. It isn't fair; it isn't realistic. Thankfully, God doesn't expect us to be perfect. He knows what we're like; he knows us better than we know ourselves. Yet he wants us to give ourselves to him as a gift, nevertheless, because he loves us.

Because only God is perfect, only God is able to make the perfect gift of Himself. And that's exactly what he does. Recall Jesus' words from today's gospel. He gives us his flesh to eat; he gives us his blood to drink. In other words, he gives us his whole self. He gives us his humanity, because Jesus is a whole and complete human being. And he gives us his divinity, because from all eternity he is the Son of God.

Jesus, the "living bread come down from heaven," gives us all of this- the complete and perfect gift of himself- in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The perfect One gives himself to us, who are so imperfect, so that we can become a bit more like him, and so that we'll know that we are truly and deeply loved.

Jesus knows that we're far from perfect. At the same time, he knows that we can do better, that we can grow. By giving us himself in the Eucharist, he gives us what we need to be less imperfect; he gives us the grace we need to be healed, to forgive, to be patient, to understand, to love others in the same way he loves us. It's sometimes said that "You are what you eat." But by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, it's more as if we become what we eat.

Jesus also gives himself to us so we'll know that we are loved, and loved perfectly. God does send certain people into our lives to love us, but their love for us always comes up somewhat short. They're imperfect, like we are. So we still hunger for that perfect love. Maybe we'll try to distract ourselves from our hunger with work, endless activity, a bottle, hours wasted on the Internet. Perhaps we move from one relationship to the other, looking to be satisfied. But we're still left hungry. That's just the way God made us. The only thing- the only person- that can satisfy our hunger for perfect love, is God. And so God feeds us, with himself, in the Eucharist- the banquet of his Body and Blood.

PARISH PICNIC TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



Join In The Fun 

Our annual parish picnic will take place on Sunday September 20th from 12:30 –

5 pm on the church grounds and adjacent park. Lunch will include barbequed hamburgers, hotdogs, and a beverage and will be served from 12:45 – 2:00 pm. Tickets are on sale after all Masses in the parish hall for \$5.00 each. Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share with others. Don't miss out; there will be children's games, face painting, music, and a family baseball game (sign-up sheets for baseball available in the hall at a later date) plus loads of fun and fellowship and hopefully plenty of sunshine!



CALLING ALL CROCHETERS AND KNITTERS The CWL needs your special talents to supply the **Christmas Bazaar** which will be held on **Sat. Nov. 21st**. We are

looking for infinity cowls, hats, mitts, scarves, slippers, cloches, long and short fingerless gloves and boot cuff sets, head bands for all ages and some baby items . There will be some wool and patterns in the Luke room available after the masses on the week end of Aug 29 / 30. You may also call Susan Mays at 705-456-7836 for drop off of wool and pick up of finished items on Thursdays in Sept/ October. All items needed by Nov. 12. Also please save a few jars of your delicious pickles, jams, preserves and sauces for our Country Kitchen. We will need baked goods as well. More to follow in upcoming bulletins. Thanks for thinking of us.

Please bear with us while our air conditioning units are being repaired. They should be up and running by Wednesday August 19th.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2015 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.



FAMILY HERITAGE FESTIVAL

St. John Vianney Parish is a dynamic and thriving community which is enriched by the vast cultural diversity amongst our many families. United as one body, we are comprised of peoples from countries throughout the world who have converged and come together in our Christian home. We would like to celebrate and learn more about the cultural traditions of our families and are planning to host a *Family Heritage Festival* on the afternoon of **Sunday, October 18th**, beginning with a culturally diverse Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by celebrations which will conclude at 5:00 p.m. This festival will feature multicultural displays, food samples, music and dance which will appeal to every age group, and we would like to have as many countries represented as possible. Please consider sharing your ancestral heritage with others with a display of art, clothing and food, or set the day aside to attend and discover the unique heritage of your friends and neighbors of St. John Vianney Church. For more information and registration as a participant please, contact the church office.

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 2015 please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with the Pastor .



Please remember in your prayers those among our families and friends who are suffering the burden of illness or pain especially:

- Robert Porteous, Marguerite Cooper, Michael French, Tina Rashid, Muriel Coutinho, June Tribble, Denise Foster, Dylan Wilson, Wilson Gasewicz, Baby Nathan Brent, Baby Avery Maset, & Carson Batters**

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