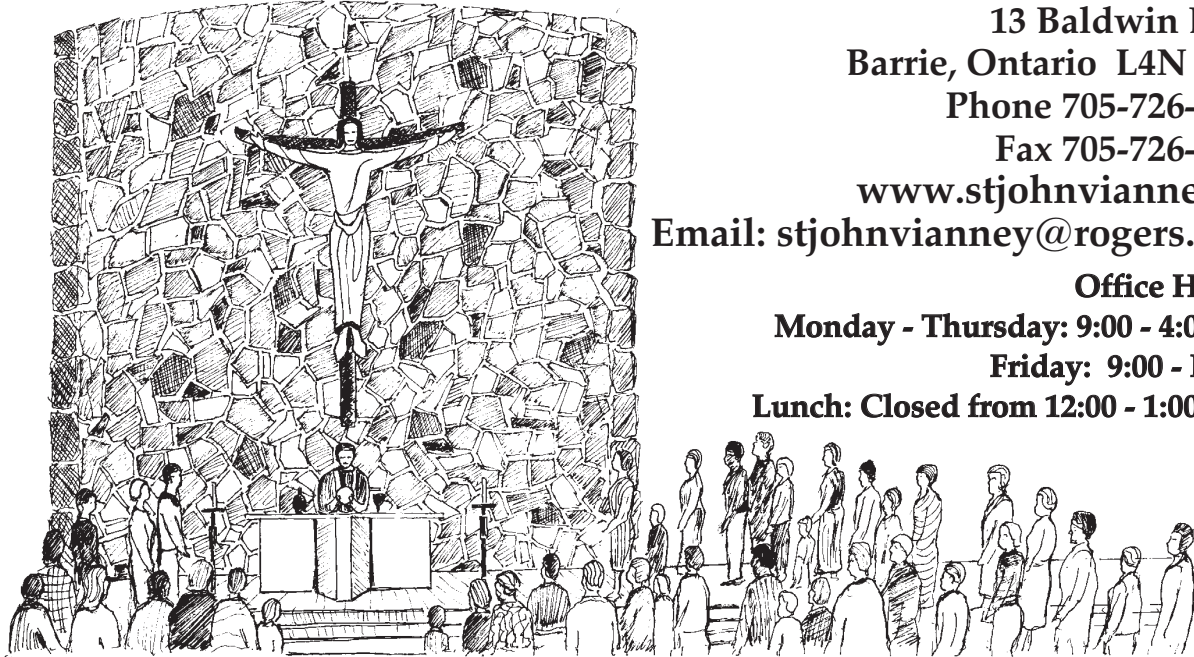


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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm

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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. Joshy George, 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 FAITH

There is a story of a man who's walking along a cliff and suddenly loses his balance and falls off. As he was falling off, he was able to grab and hold on to the ledge. So, he is barely hanging there, holding on to his life. At this point the man decided that it was time to pray. He yelled out, "God, if you're there, help me!" About that time he heard a deep voice coming from high up above that said, "I'm here My son, have no fear." The man pleaded, "Can You help me? Can You help me?" God replied, "Yes, I can My son, but you have to have Faith. Do you trust Me?" The man answered, "Yes Lord, I trust You." Then God said, " Just let go and trust." The man looked down at the rocks below, then he looked up at the steep cliff above him and yelled, "Is there anybody else up there who can help me?"

A Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and calls out: "Have pity on me, Lord, son of David. My daughter is tormented by a demon". Jesus says nothing, but she continues to call out to him, so much so that the disciples are getting tired of her and ask Jesus to deal with her.

There's nothing that pleases Jesus more than faith. Last week we witnessed Jesus' disappointment with Peter, at the weakness of his faith, but today he marvels at the faith of a Gentile, a foreigner: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

Faith is the belief in truths revealed by God and that exceed the grasp of human reason. And we cannot give faith to ourselves. It is not like the other virtues that we can cultivate on our own efforts, like justice, affability, or temperance, or fortitude, perseverance, or sobriety, etc. These are natural virtues that we can acquire with effort. Faith is supernatural, and it can only be received as a sheer gift. And God gives His gifts to whomever He wills. In this gospel, it is clear He has given the gift of faith to this Canaanite woman.

If you have the gift of faith, it really is the greatest gift you have. Everything else we have is temporary. All our accomplishments will eventually be forgotten, all our wealth will eventually be spent, our health will eventually fail us, but only if we die

with supernatural faith on our soul do we die a success.

To live without the hope of eternal life is to live solely for this world. It is to live with a subtle and chronic fear of death, and when we live with that fear of loss, we become focused principally on ourselves, and our lives are then governed by a neurotic anxiety to preserve all we have for as long as possible. We are no longer free to love, and it is only through love of others that we find our freedom.

Faith is the greatest gift that God has given us, and that's the one gift we ought to make every effort to preserve and keep alive. And it is kept alive through prayer, reading of the scriptures, spiritual reading, through a continuous effort to arrive at a deeper understanding of the faith, and through regular reception of the sacraments

To keep the faith alive, there must be a commitment to grow in the virtues. If we don't go forward towards greater virtue, we'll begin to slide backwards. We're too surrounded by temptation—we either go forwards or backwards. And if we go backwards, towards greater selfishness, we will lose the light of faith. And then we begin to believe only that which will justify our chosen lifestyle, and if that lifestyle is contrary to the faith, we'll eventually drift away from it. And there is no greater failure than to be given the gift of faith, only to die without it, because we lost it as a result of our own neglect.

The more our faith grows, the more intense is the supernatural light that faith imparts, and it is that light that will enable us to understand. Believe in order to understand, said St. Augustine. Our most important work is to nourish the gift of faith.

ATTENTION:

TRAVELLERS TO INDIA IN NOVEMBER

Those parishioners who are travelling to India in November, and are seeking assistance in applying for their VISA are invited to attend a session here in the church hall on Thursday August 29th at 3:00 pm. A representative from Intersight Tours will be in attendance to answer any questions and give you assistance with your paperwork.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday August 19th 5:00 pm For the special intentions of **Renish Wilson & Family**
Requested by: Family

5:00 pm † **Mary Dunnett**
Requested by: Jim & Phyl Taylor

Sunday August 20th 9:30 am † **Le Thi De & Mai Van Gioi**
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

9:30 am For the special intentions of **Marjorie Oliveira**
Requested by: Family

11:30 am † **Ryan Tran**
Requested by: Cynthia & Michael Armstrong

Tuesday August 22nd 8:30 am † **Mathew Wilson**
Requested by: Renish & Family

Wednesday August 23rd 7:00 pm For the special intentions of **Marg Nixon**
Requested by: Larry White & Family

Thursday August 24th 8:30 am For the special intentions of **The Gomboc Family**
Requested by: L. & M.J. White & Family



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17th ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC & MONUMENT CONSECRATION

Most Rev. Bishop Kirkpatrick will be our guest of honor and main celebrant at our annual church picnic which will take place on Sunday September 17th at 11:30 am. Immediately following the Mass, the grand opening of our new pathway and consecration of the newly erected Monument dedicated to the *Sanctity of Life* will take place followed by lunch in the parish hall. Please join us on this important occasion and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship with your church family! Further details and tickets sales will be announced next week.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Parents, mark your calendar for the opportunity to welcome your child to the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Registration will take place on the following dates and times:

GR. 2 FIRST COMMUNION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 AT 6:00 PM AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH OR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24 AT 12:30 PM AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH OR

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26 AT 6:30 pm AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

If your child attends one of the six feeder schools associated with St. John Vianney Church and is in Grade 2 a registration package will be distributed to children through their class when they return to school.

(Please remember to bring with you a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and \$75 to reserve a family space)

CONFIRMATION

Registration for the program will be at the church:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 6:00 PM OR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, AT 12:30 PM OR

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, AT 7:00 PM

(Please remember to bring with you a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and \$75 to reserve a family space)

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



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Gisela Witt, Art Coulson, Jerry Gulka, Trudy Schoutsen, Joy Gunt, Marg Nixon, Baby Clare Dary, Rosaleen Thyne, Sherry Wyman, Raymond Valney, Jamie Ringler, Rosa Maria Santos, Jebreil Syed, Maria DeMelo, Joanne Ransome, Richard Benoit, Lillian Pottage, Stephanie Chalmers, & Marjorie Oliveira. And those who have died recently:

† Gino Zanchetta, and † Stephen Jacome

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