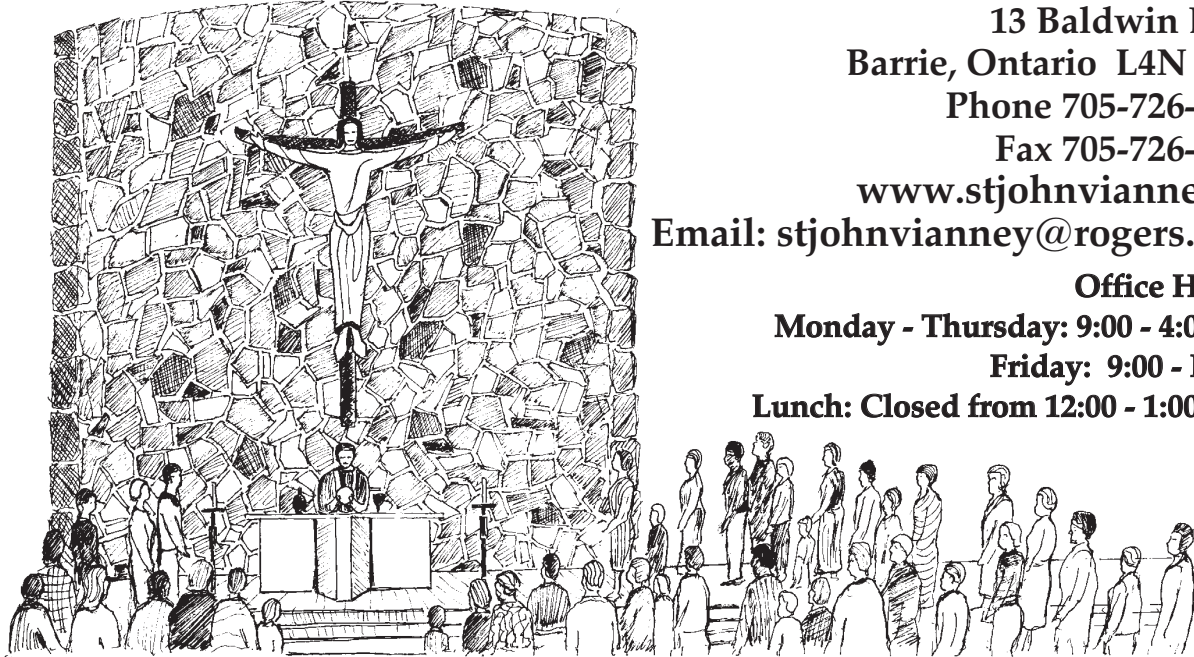


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Lunch: Closed from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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, 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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MINORITIES CAN STILL BE RIGHT

In our culture success can often be a game of numbers. A successful television program is one that has a very large viewing audience. If the numbers watching declines, the program is in trouble. Democracy is based on majority vote. The candidate with the most votes gets elected. Every political party is anxious to maximize their vote on election day. In all kinds of ways, numbers matter in our society. The schools with the biggest number of graduates going on to University are considered the better schools. If some event that is organized only attracts a small crowd it is considered a failure.

Today's gospel suggests that Jesus was not too concerned about numbers. The gospels for the last four Sundays have been taken from chapter 6 of John's gospel where Jesus speaks of himself as the Bread of Life and of the need to eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to have life. In today's gospel some of Jesus' own disciples express their unease with this language. 'This is intolerable language', they say, 'How could anyone accept it?' Jesus is portrayed in that reading as being very aware that some of his followers were complaining. Yet, he did not make any effort to soften his teaching in order to hold on to his numbers. Rather, he insists that the words he has been speaking, all his words, are spirit and life. As a result, the gospel tells us that 'many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.' Jesus suddenly lost a whole swathe of his following.

From the perspective of the culture of the time and of our own culture he was suddenly less successful. He even turned to the Twelve apostles, his core group, and asked them, 'What about you? Do you want to go away too?' He was prepared to suffer losses even from that core group rather than compromise on the teaching that he had given. It seems that numbers were not important to him. What was important was sharing the truth as he received it from God his Father. As it turned out, Jesus held onto the Twelve. Peter, their spokesperson, grasped the moment to declare their faithfulness to Jesus, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.' Yet, later, at the time of his passion Judas betrayed him and Peter denied him. If success is to be measured by numbers, by the end of his earthly life, Jesus was a total failure.

The whole life of Jesus shows that the value of something does not bear any necessary relation to the number of people who support it. Popularity does not necessarily show where truth is to be found. We can be tempted to think that if a lot of people reject some viewpoint that, therefore, it must be wrong. Numbers are not everything. We follow Jesus not because he was or is popular but because, in the word of Peter in the gospel, we recognize that he has the message of eternal life, or in the language of Jesus himself in that same reading, we acknowledge that the words that he speaks are spirit and life.

We will find some of his teaching very challenging. We may be tempted to say, in the words of some of the disciples, 'This is intolerable language. How can anyone accept it?' We may not be troubled so much by his identification of himself as the Bread of Life or his call to eat his flesh and drink his blood. It may be some other aspect of his teaching, perhaps his challenging words in the Sermon on the Mount, to love our enemies, to pray for those who persecute us. Some people react negatively to some of Jesus' parables. They feel sorry for the older son in the parable of the prodigal son and for the men who worked all day and who got the same wages as those who worked for the last hour in the parable of the Workers in the Vineyard.

The teaching and the life of Jesus will always challenge us at some level of our being. There may even be times when we will feel like walking away from it. That is why it is so important for us to keep renewing our response to the Lord's presence and invitation. The Eucharist is the primary moment when we commit ourselves again to the Lord's vision for our lives; it is our weekly opportunity to make our own those words of Peter in today's gospel, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.'

ATTENTION: TRAVELLERS TO SOUTH AFRICA IN SEPTEMBER:

Those parishioners who are travelling to South Africa in September, are invited to attend a meeting in the church hall on Thursday September 6th at 7:00 pm. A representative from Intersight Tours will be in attendance to hand out the tickets, and distribute the final itinerary. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday August 25th 5:00 pm † Peter & Mary Walsh
Requested by: Marie Cockburn

Sunday August 26th 9:30 am For the special intentions of Marjorie Oliveira
Requested by: Family

9:30 am † Barbara Bernier
Requested by: The Maher Family

11:30 am † Patti Cronnin
† Mary Wade
Requested by: Dempsey Family

11:30 am For the special intentions of The Costabir Family
Requested by: Phylis



THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16th

Our annual church picnic will take place on Sunday September 16th at 11:30 a.m. Immediately following the Mass, lunch, featuring chicken wings courtesy of **South Barrie Wild Wing**, will be served in the parish hall. Please join us on this important occasion and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship with your church family!

Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share with others! (You can drop off your food donations in the parish hall kitchen any time after the 8:00 am Mass on September 16th)

Tickets are \$5.00 each and are on sale now!



BLUE MASS

The St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Blue Mass on **Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00 pm** with **Most Reverend Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick** presiding. The Blue Mass is intended to honor and commemorate past and present members of the Police, Fire Services, 911 Operators, Paramedics and Armed Forces. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass. Please plan on attending to show your support for these essential services.

CWL 61st Anniversary Luncheon

Sunday September 30th at 1 p.m. at the Synn Restaurant, Holiday Inn on Fairview.
Husbands welcome. \$25.00 per person. Years of Service Pins will be awarded. Contact Jean Bottone (705-431-9443) before Sept. 20th.

SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION 2018/2019 SEASON



FIRST COMMUNION

Parents of children in Gr. 2 are invited to welcome your child to Sacraments of Holy Communion and of Confession. Registration for the program will be at the church:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 6 PM OR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 12:30 PM OR
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 7:00 PM at HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

(Bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate & \$75 registration fee to reserve a family space. For more info. call the parish office.)

CONFIRMATION

Registration for the program will be at the church on the following dates:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 6 PM OR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 12:30 PM
TUESDAY OCTOBER 23 at 7 PM

(Please Remember, A Photocopy of Your Child's Baptismal Certificate & \$75 Registration Fee is needed to register!)

MISSION APPEAL

Nalgonda Diocese, Telangana, India. The diocese of Nalgonda which has 65 parishes was erected in 1977. Bishop, Most. Rev. Govindu Joji, along with his priests work hard to meet the educational, health and economic needs of the people in the diocese.

One of the challenges that they face is lack of clean water. Telangana province stands second in place having the highest content of fluoride in the water. Nalgonda takes first place in the province. Fluorosis is a public health problem resulting in major health disorders like dental fluorosis, skeletal fluorosis and non-skeletal fluorosis. The diocese is planning to install water filter systems in the parishes to provide clean drinking water.

The diocese of Nalgonda is seeking the generosity of donors to continue their meritorious mission to these most deserving people. Those who wish to support please use the special envelopes, available at the back of the church.



Please pray for those who are sick

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