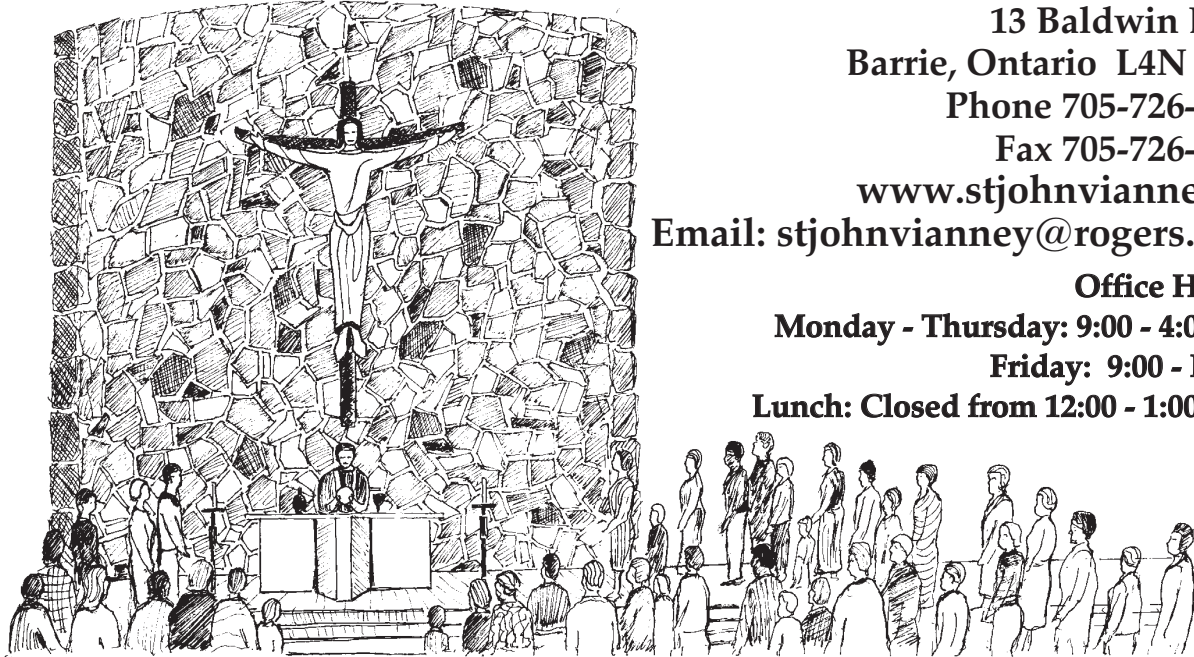


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

Even before surveys to determine the "pulse" of the population on certain specific issues have become a regular feature in a nation's life, Jesus was already doing it - though on a very small scale and thus in an "unscientific" manner. On one occasion, Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Their answer was immediate, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Other people saw someone else in Jesus!

Now Jesus turned to His disciples to find out what they knew of Him: "But you, who do you say that I am?" In the past three years, the disciples were constantly with Him. They had heard Him preach, watched Him perform miracles, and seen Him at prayer. Thus the question was important for Him. But when it was placed before them, the silence was deafening. Finally, Simon said, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

On hearing Simon's confession of faith in Him, Jesus blest him, saying, "This was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven," meaning, the knowledge of Who Jesus is does not come from human insight; it is the Father Himself who reveals it. Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter meaning, rock, giving him at the same time a special responsibility: "Upon this rock I will build my church." To be able to carry out this heavy responsibility, Jesus gave him the "keys of the kingdom of heaven" so that "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

What Jesus did to Peter must have come as a big surprise to the other disciples. For Peter was everything else but a rock--which is solid and firm. On the contrary, he was weak and changeable. Recall that after Jesus told His disciples that one of them would betray and turn Him over to the Jewish religious leaders and then be put to death, Peter confidently said that he would never do so. Yet when the moment came - during Jesus' passion - Peter denied Him three times.

And if love and loyalty were the basis for leadership of Jesus' Church, it would have to go to John, "the disciple whom Jesus loved." But Jesus chose Peter. For though He knew Peter as weak and imperfect, He was convinced that deep inside him was the childlike trait of putting his total security in Him, his "Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Many years ago, there was the movie titled "Quo Vadis," meaning "Where are you going?" It was about the persecution of the early Christians in Rome

to discourage other people from believing in Jesus. While the persecution was raging, Peter fled, leaving behind the others to suffer and die, some by being fed to the lions. Then he met Jesus who was walking towards Rome. Surprised, Peter asked Jesus, "Quo Vadis? Where are you going?" Jesus replied, "To Rome, to be crucified again."

Shamed, Peter came to the realization that if he believed in Jesus, then, like Him, he must also bear his own cross. So he returned to Rome and was eventually arrested. Sentenced to die by crucifixion, he asked to be crucified upside down, because he deemed himself unworthy to be crucified in the same manner as his Master whom he betrayed thrice.

Here we see Jesus vindicated in His choice of Peter. He was right in seeing in Peter the innate capacity to rise up when he fell - an essential trait in a leader.

And here, too, we see that when Peter relied on himself, he had feet of clay. But when he relied on Jesus, he was steady as a rock. It was this reliance and faith in Jesus that made him follow Jesus even to martyrdom. It was also this trait that enabled him to build the early Church from the ground up. The same is true of the popes, Peter's successors as Christ's vicars, over the centuries. It was when they relied on Jesus that they were able to sail and steer the "bark of Peter" to harbor, the strong winds and big waves of conflicts, betrayals and even persecutions along the way notwithstanding.

We are asked to identify with Peter. His reliance in Jesus amidst his weakness tells us that despite our numerous shortcomings and sins, we too can rise up and find our way back to Jesus. And if we have betrayed Him by sinning--all sins are denials of Jesus--Peter's story can be a source of inspiration and hope for us.

Today, Jesus still asks each one of us, "Who do you say that I am?" Our answer will determine the kind of Christian life we will have. If like Peter we put our faith in Jesus, then we, too, will be able to overcome our trials and tribulations, no matter in what form they appear.

FIRST FRIDAY

September 1st 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday August 26th 5:00 pm For the special intentions of **Marg Nixon**
Requested by: Graham & Catherine Webb

5:00 pm † **Anastacia Perez Yanez**
Requested by: Family

Sunday August 27th 8:00 am † **Elizabeth Kawa**
Requested by: Joseph Kawa

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

9:30 am † **Alfred Spaziani**
Requested by: Burgess & Mitsku Families

11:30 am † **Stephen Jacome**
Requested by: Jacome Family

Wednesday August 30th 7:00 pm † **Hailey Gomboc**
Requested by: Mary Kominek

Thursday August 31st 8:30 am † **Hailey Gomboc**
Requested by: L. & M.J. White & Family

Friday September 1st 8:30 am † **Marina Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



Tickets on sale now in the parish hall!

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC & MONUMENT CONSECRATION

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17th

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 featuring chicken wings courtesy of **South Barrie Wild Wing** 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 anytime after the 8:00 am Mass on September 17th)** Tickets are **\$5.00 each.**

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.

The Charismatic Prayer Group will resume their weekly meetings on Monday August 28 at 7:00 pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

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.

Pastoral Letters of Reference

If you foresee that you will require a pastoral letter of reference from the pastor for the purpose of applying for a position within the Catholic School Board or to become a Confirmation sponsor or Godparent, it is essential that you introduce yourself to the priest well in advance so that he can get to know you. A letter of reference is meant to attest that a person is a "practicing Catholic", one who regularly attends Sunday Mass with the Parish Community and is actively involved in the parish. A priest who does not have some acquaintance with a person cannot satisfy such a request. Another means to attest to your attendance at Mass is by the use of Offertory envelopes and regular contributions to the Sunday collection.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH – BARRIE
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM**

St. Mary's Church, 65 Amelia Street is holding a Bereavement Support Program this fall for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The program starts on September 6th to October 25th with afternoon or evening sessions available every Wednesday. Registration is required. Please call St. Mary's Parish office at 705-728-2985 or email: secretary@stmarysbarrie.com leaving your name and phone number and a member of the bereavement committee will call you back with further details.



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Denise Foster, Gisela Witt, Art Coulson, Jerry Gulka, Trudy Schoutsen, Marg Nixon, Baby Clare Dary, Sherry Wyman, Jebreil Syed, Maria DeMelo, Joanne Ransome, Richard Benoit, Lillian Pottage, & Marjorie Oliveira.

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