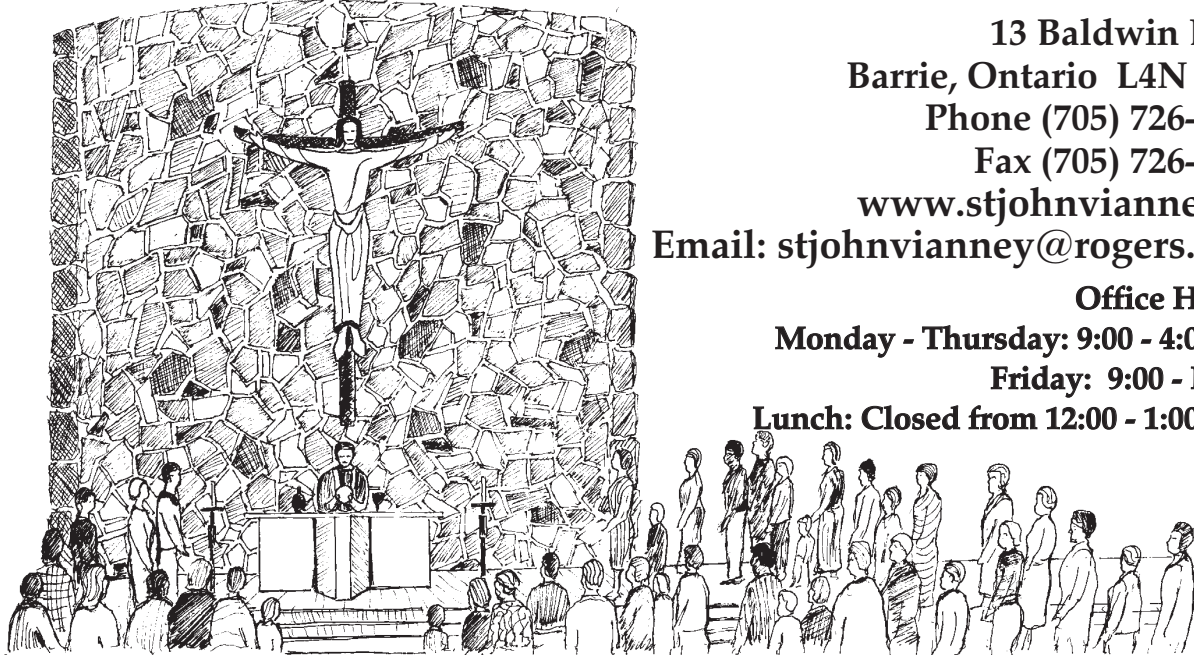


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

Baptismal Information - Press 7

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



Sunday
Aug. 9th

8:00 am ✠ Elizabeth Kawa
Requested by: Joseph Kawa

9:30 am ✠ Generoso Pizzari
✠ Pasquale Stumpo
Requested by: Assunta Stumpto

11:30 am ✠ Thresiamma George
Requested by: Biju, Swapna & Family

Wednesday
Aug. 12th

There is no Adoration and Mass due to Annual Mass for the faithful departed at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Saturday
Aug. 15th

8:30 am ✠ Alfred Couvrette
Requested by: Couvrette Family

He Qualifies the Called

God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. Isn't that true for all of us? God helps us do all sorts of things we may not feel up to doing. He has to, because just living life is hard and challenging. It's hard to be a child- going to school, learning to get along with others. It's hard to be a teenager, making that difficult transition to adulthood. It's hard to be a grownup, struggling with relationships, work, finances, and parenting. It's hard getting older, facing limitations, loneliness, and maybe even having to depend on those who once depended on us! And regardless of our age, it's hard to be good in a world that often tempts us to be otherwise.

Jesus understands all of this. He lived life too. That's why he "qualifies" us to do the things we may not always feel qualified, or able, to do. One way he does this is with the gift he spoke about in today's gospel. He called this gift the "bread of life." We call it the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Through this "bread of life," Jesus "qualifies" us to live life the way he wants us to live life. Through this Eucharist, Jesus gives us grace so that we might gracefully face the difficulties of living, by filling us with

healing, hope, courage, strength, patience, trust and most of all, love.

The Eucharist is Jesus' healing and empowering gift to us. But that's not the only gift exchanged in the Eucharist. We also make a gift to him. The gift of bread, when it's brought up from the congregation to the altar, is meant to represent us. It symbolizes our work, our hopes, our dreams, and our fears. It represents our very selves. And because it's an offering of who we are, it's an offering of our brokenness, because we've all been broken by life, to one extent or another. We offer our brokenness to Jesus in the form of bread. Jesus takes that bread, the bread is broken, and then it's given back to us. But now it's no longer just bread. It's the "bread of life." It's Jesus. In other words, we make the gift of our broken selves to Jesus as bread which is broken. And then Jesus, the one who was broken for us on the cross, gives that bread right back to us. So we can share his life. So we can be healed. So we can be made *whole*. So we might become *holy*.

The longer I'm in ministry the more I realize that a big ingredient of holiness is plain old-fashioned perseverance. Keep on keeping on. Putting one foot in front of another. Not giving up. Not sitting down in protest. Not turning back or running away. But moving forward in spite of difficulties and obstacles, and in spite of our brokenness.

In a sense, that's what Jesus says to us when life gets us down: Just keep on keeping on. He calls us to persevere in the journey. Thankfully, we don't have to travel by ourselves; we don't make our journey alone, because Jesus is our companion. "Companion" comes from two Latin words: "Cum," which means "with," and "Pane," which means "bread." As our companion, Jesus is with us as bread for the journey.

Consider the prophet Elijah in today's first reading. God had called him to do something very difficult. He had to preach God's truth to a people who didn't always want to hear it. Queen Jezebel threatened to kill him, so Elijah fled for his life into the wilderness. Tired and scared, he sat down under a tree and asked

God to take his life. He was so depressed that he wanted to die. But God would have none of that. He sent Elijah and angel, who left him bread and told him, "Get up and eat, or else the journey will be too long for you!" Elijah did eat, and he was able to continue on.

God does the very same thing with us. He knows that our journey of life is often times difficult. He knows that like Elijah sometimes we just want to give up. And so he provides us with bread for our journey. "Get up and eat," he says, because without the strength that bread provides us with, we may find the journey too hard for us. But strengthened by that food, like Elijah, we'll find ourselves able to keep on going. On our own, we may not feel qualified to do it. But through the bread of life, we can trust that God qualifies those He calls.



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC Mark this date on your calendar as a day to definitely be at St. John Vianney Parish for our annual Church Picnic. **Sunday**

September 20th from 12:30 -5 pm. Tickets will go on sale for \$5.00 each after all Masses beginning the middle of August.



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 multi-cultural 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, contact the church office.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Wednesday August 12, 2015
at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
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St. John Vianney Church



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You will find the latest parish news, helpful links, registration forms and you can download our most recent parish bulletin.



Holy Humor

A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his sermon.

The man returned just before the conclusion of the Mass. Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he had gone.

"I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the pastor, "why didn't you do that before the Mass?"

"Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."



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

especially:

Baby Justin Barrera, Marguerite Cooper, Michael French, Tina Rashid, Muriel Coutinho, June Tribble, Denise Foster, Dylan Wilson, Baby Nathan Brent, Baby Avery Maset, & Carson Batters

And for those who have died recently:

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