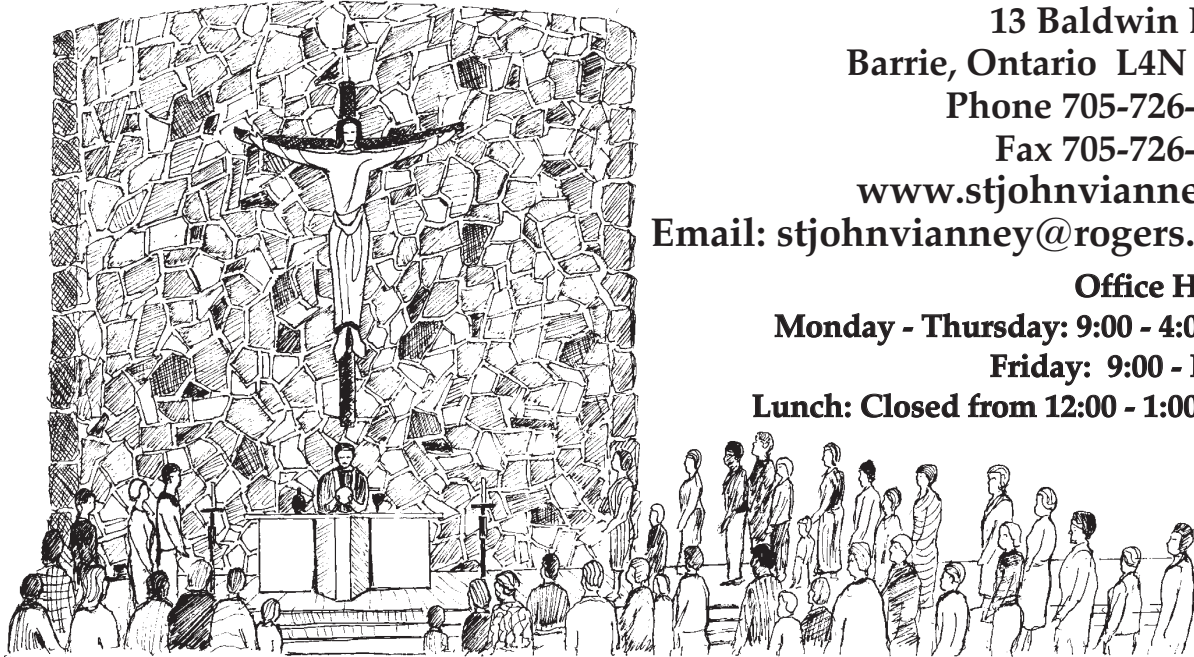


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

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Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 103

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday Dec. 2 nd	8:00 am † Fr. Tony McNamara Requested by: St. John Vianney Parishioners
	8:00 am † Joao Silva Requested by: Maria Silva
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Marjorie Oliveira Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † Tina Rashid Requested by: Paul Rashid & Family
	11:30 am † Qara Maristella Clemente Requested by: Leonarda & Ronald Clemente
Monday Dec. 3 rd	8:30 am For the special intentions of Brenda & Gary Nail Requested by: Family
Friday Dec. 7 th	8:30 am † Marina Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior



LIFE IS EXPECTATION



A railroad bridge had collapsed during the night. An unsuspecting train is coming at full speed. A railroad worker standing on the tracks calls out: “Stop! Stop!” and waves a lantern to signal the danger. But the distracted engineer does not see him and plunges the train into the river. It seems like something of an image of contemporary society, careening frenetically to the rhythm of rock ‘n’ roll, ignoring all the warnings.

With the First Sunday of Advent, a new liturgical year begins. The Gospel that will accompany us in the course of this year, Cycle C, is the Gospel of St. Luke. The Church takes the occasion of these important moments of passage — from one year to another, from one season to another — to invite us to stop for a moment and reflect and ask ourselves some essential questions: “Who are we? From where do we come? And, above all, where are we going?”

In today’s readings, the verbs are in the future tense. In the First Reading we hear these words of Jeremiah: “The days are coming, says the

Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot. ...” To this expectation, realized in the coming of the Messiah, the Gospel passage brings a new horizon and content which is the glorious return of Christ at the end of time. “The powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” It’s a message of consolation and hope. They tell us that we are not heading for an eternal void and an eternal silence but we are on our way to an encounter, an encounter with him who created us and loves us more than mother and father.

From the Christian point of view, the whole of human history is one long wait. Before Christ, his coming was awaited; after him, we await his glorious return at the end of time. For just this reason the season of Advent has something very important to say to us about our lives.

Of a woman who is with child it is said that she is “expecting”; the offices of important persons have “waiting rooms.” But if we reflect on it, life itself is a waiting room. We get impatient when we have to wait, for a visit, for a practice. But woe to him who is no longer waiting for something. A person who no longer expects anything from life is dead. Life is expectation, but the converse is also true: Expectation is life!

We expect or await one who has already come and who walks by our side. For this reason after the First Sunday of Advent in which the final return of Christ is looked for, on the following Sundays we will hear John the Baptist who speaks of his presence among us: “In your midst,” he says, “there is one whom you do not know!” Jesus is present among us not only in the Eucharist, in the word, in the poor, in the Church ... but, by grace, he lives in our hearts and the believer experiences this.

The Christian’s waiting is not empty, a letting the time pass. In today’s Gospel Jesus also talks about the way that the disciples must wait, how they must conduct themselves in the meantime to not be taken by surprise: “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life. ... Be vigilant at all times.”

Rest in Peace

McNAMARA, Rev. Anthony O. Carm, a former Pastor of our parish, died at the age of 75 on November 16, 2018. Anthony was born to John Andrew McNamara and Mae (Healy) McNamara on September 2, 1943, in Niagara Falls, Ontario. He was ordained a Carmelite priest on May 24, 1969. Father Anthony served as Pastor or Associate at multiple priories and parishes in Mississauga, Niagara Falls, Chippawa, and Hamilton, Ontario from 1979 to 2002. **He was the Pastor of St. John Vianney Parish, from August 1, 1992 to February 5, 1996.** He also served at Sacred Heart Parish in Tucson, Arizona from June of 1997 to June of 1998. In 2008, Fr. Anthony retired to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Priory in Niagara Falls, Ontario, where he remained until his death. Per Fr. Anthony's wishes, his body was donated for scientific research. May he rest in peace.



ADVENT CONFESSIONS

St. Mary's Church:

December 12th 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

St. John Vianney Church:

December 17th 9:00 am – 10:00 am & 6:00 pm –

8:00 pm

Holy Spirit Parish:

December 18th & 20th - 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

December 21st 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

December 22nd 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm



Monday December 24th

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm (no Midnight Mass)

Tuesday December 25th

9:30 am & 11:30 am

Monday December 31st

No Morning Mass

New Year's Eve 5:00 pm Vigil Mass,

Tuesday January 1st

New Years Day

9:30 am & 11:30 am



The **2018-2019 SUNDAY MISSALS FOR ADULTS** are available at the Welcome Committee table in the hall following Mass at a cost of \$5.00.

Offering Envelopes



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are available in the hall after Mass. Please remember to write your name and address on your 2019 Offertory Envelopes for the first month of the New Year to

ensure proper allocation of all donations. **ALSO PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS AS NEW NUMBERS ARE ASSIGNED EACH YEAR AND THIS ONLY CREATES DIFFICULTY WHEN INPUTTING YOUR DONATIONS INTO THE COMPUTER.** Thank you all for your support throughout the year!

Friday Dec. 7th is the first Friday of the month. Eucharistic adoration will follow the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am when Benediction will be given.



The CWL Annual Bazaar has come to a successful conclusion. Many thanks to all the parishioners who came out to support the bazaar and all those who assisted in anyway including the donors, volunteers, and CWL who worked tirelessly to make this an outstanding parish event!

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 pastor 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 pastor 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.



Please pray for those who are sick

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