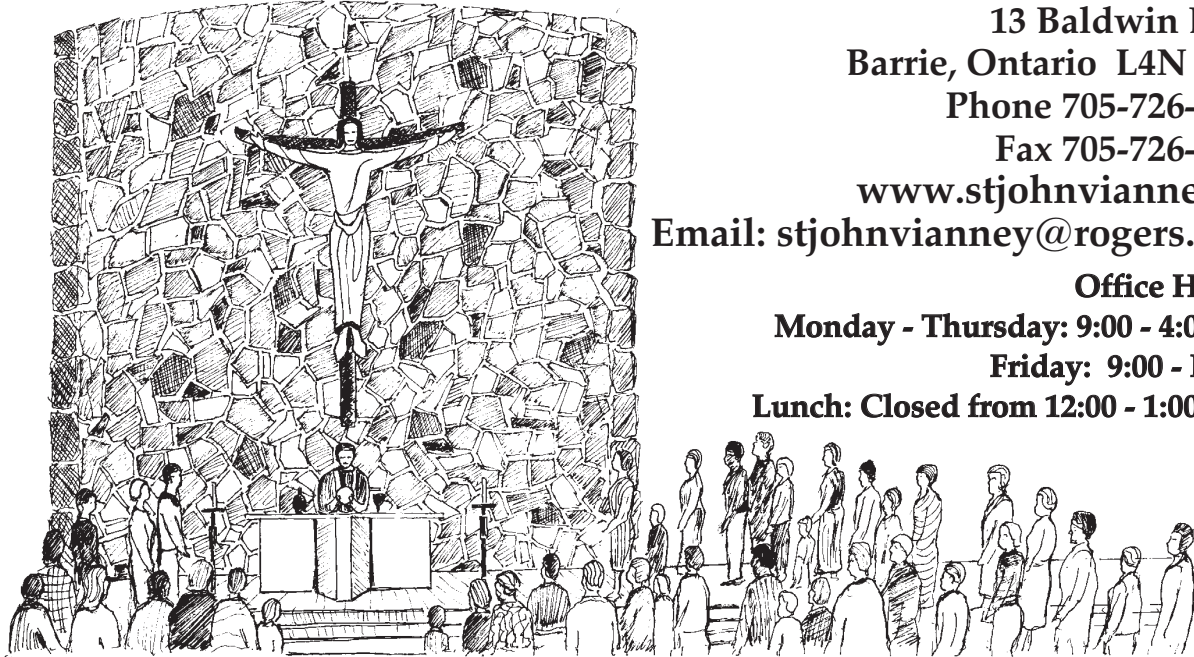


# St. John Vianney Church



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

**Friday: 9:00 - Noon**

**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.

## **Parish Information**

Baptismal Information - Press 7

Parish Outreach for Seniors - Press 103

*Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6*

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, C.M.I., Pastor - 102

Fr. Joshy George, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 106

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00 pm † <b>Pawel &amp; Paula Zorawski</b> Requested by: Uncle Andy
Sunday Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30 am † <b>Giuseppe Cupello</b> Requested by: Cupello Family
	9:30 am † <b>Tina Rashid</b> Requested by: Paul Rashid & Family
	9:30 am For the special intentions of <b>Marjorie Oliveira</b> Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † <b>Kenny Wilson</b> Requested by: Carol Aimola
Wednesday Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm † <b>Dianne Flood</b> Requested by: Larry & Maryjane White
Friday Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am † <b>Hailey Francis Gomboc</b> Requested by: The Family
Saturday Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am † <b>Marina Prior</b> Requested by: Suzanne Prior



### Weeks of Watching

Sleep deprivation is one of the records which is no longer supported by the Guinness Book of Records, for reasons of health: the previously listed world record holder lasted for eleven days without sleep, but suffered from problems with concentration, memory, paranoia and hallucinations.

So we can probably be fairly sure that the command that we hear in today's gospel at the beginning of Advent, that we are to "watch", to "stay awake", lest we be found asleep, is not to be taken literally. Either that or critics of our faith are correct in suggesting that Christians can't think straight, refuse to accept historical fact, are paranoid and delusional.

"Well, of course," we might say, "Our Lord tells us to 'watch', to 'be awake' in the context of a parable, and therefore spiritually rather than physically." And we would be right. Let us suppose he was in fact speaking about staying awake in a literal sense.

There are some innocent-looking words that our lectionary adds at the beginning of our gospel reading to put it into context: "Jesus said to his disciples." Which disciples? Well, if we look earlier in

the chapter we find that it is in fact four disciples: Peter, James, John and Andrew, the first four of the apostles to be called. And the gospel reading divides the night into four parts in which the master of the house might come: the evening, midnight, cockcrow and the morning, just as the Romans divided the night into four watches. And who is to watch in the parable? Not all the servants of the master, who have their own work to be getting on with, and no doubt need their sleep, but the doorkeeper. It is not unreasonable then to suppose that it is these four apostles, as doorkeepers, holders of the keys to the kingdom, who take turns to watch through the four watches of the night.

That puts a slightly different spin on things. Of course, the whole household has to be ready for the coming of the master, "each with his work", but in the first place it is the apostles who actually keep the four watches so that the house can be roused when the master comes.

This apostolic ministry is extended to all of us by the fact Christ says at the end of the parable, "and what I say to you" - that is, to Peter, James, John and Andrew - "I say to all: Watch!" But we watch in the same way as those apostles: not just looking out for ourselves, depriving ourselves of sleep and making ourselves ill in the process, but looking out for each other and depending on each other. We watch for Christ in the watch assigned to us: watching for Christ in the poor, the sick, the hungry, the prisoner; watching too for the hope of the gospel. We watch for Christ not just as individuals, but as part of a community, his household, the Church.

As we prepare for the liturgical coming of the master at Christmas, the Church gives us four Sundays of Advent, four watches you might say, when we look out for him: four different aspects of the Lord's coming that we look for. In the second, third and fourth watch we will see how it is that the Lord will come. Today, though, we are reminded not only what it is we do in Advent, but who it is who is coming: it is the Triune God, the God of Abraham, recognized by Isaiah both as our Father and our Redeemer, the God who formed us as a potter forms clay. We watch for the one who enriches us with speech and knowledge and the gifts of the Spirit as we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So over these four weeks, let us watch with the Church for the Lord, and watch out for each other and those around us, that we may be better prepared to receive the Lord when he comes at Christmas, or indeed whenever he comes.



**ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

December 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 11:00 am  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



***Our Angel Tree is taking on a New Look!***

This year, The Society of St Vincent de Paul is taking on a new challenge! We are endeavouring to support 30 families from the Northern Community of Pelly Bay (Kugaarik), Nunavut. We are looking to gather specific food items to ship up North as soon as the waterways are accessible.

If you wish to help us gather food for Pelly Bay, please feel free to take an angel from our Angel Tree in the parish hall. This year, the Angels will list a few needed items along with the name of the Community we wish to support. We will be collecting the gathered food items this weekend and next weekend.

We thank you for the support you have shown us over the past many years, and hope you are as excited as we are to extend our help to The North!

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG**



Save the Date: Sun. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>  
from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm with  
the choir in the church.  
Refreshments to follow in the

hall. All are welcome!



**CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KIDS - DEC. 8<sup>th</sup> 5 - 7 pm !**

Only one week left until our annual Children's Christmas Party! Get your tickets at the Welcome Table after Mass for \$5.00 per person. There will be loads of fun including pizza, crafts, Christmas carols, gingerbread cookie decorating and a special visit from YOU KNOW WHO! If you are already a part of our BLAST program, your FREE ticket is available for you at the Welcome Table.



Dear Parishioners,  
During this most hopeful and joyous time of year, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board joins together

with our larger Catholic family in preparation for Christmas.

This year, our school communities are focusing on our annual theme *Our Story ~ Our Journey*. There are many natural connections between this theme and the season of Advent. In our schools, our students will learn about the story of salvation through the Jesse Tree. They will follow the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the journey of the shepherds to gaze upon the newborn Christ child and the journey of the wise men who offered their gifts.

We will also see our theme come alive throughout this Advent season as we recognize our place as part of a global family - a family called to reach out to brothers and sisters in need. An important part of our Advent tradition is supporting local charities and participating in numerous social justice initiatives.

We continue to be grateful for the relationship we share with our parish community. Together, we celebrate the gift of faith, the joy of hope and the blessing of His love. May the miracle of Christmas fill your hearts.

Yours in Faith,

Brian Beal, Director of Education  
Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board

The 2017-2018 SUNDAY MISSALS are available at the Welcome Committee table in the hall following Mass at a cost of \$5.00

Please pray for those who are sick: Judy Schoeneich, Kurt Kroeger, Bob Waring, Catherine Dion, Ted Huston, Denise Foster, Jerry Gulka, Sherry Wyman, Jebreil Syed, Maria DeMelo, Joanne Ransome, Lillian Pottage, & Marjorie Oliveira.



And for those who have died recently:

† Lucille Brisson



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