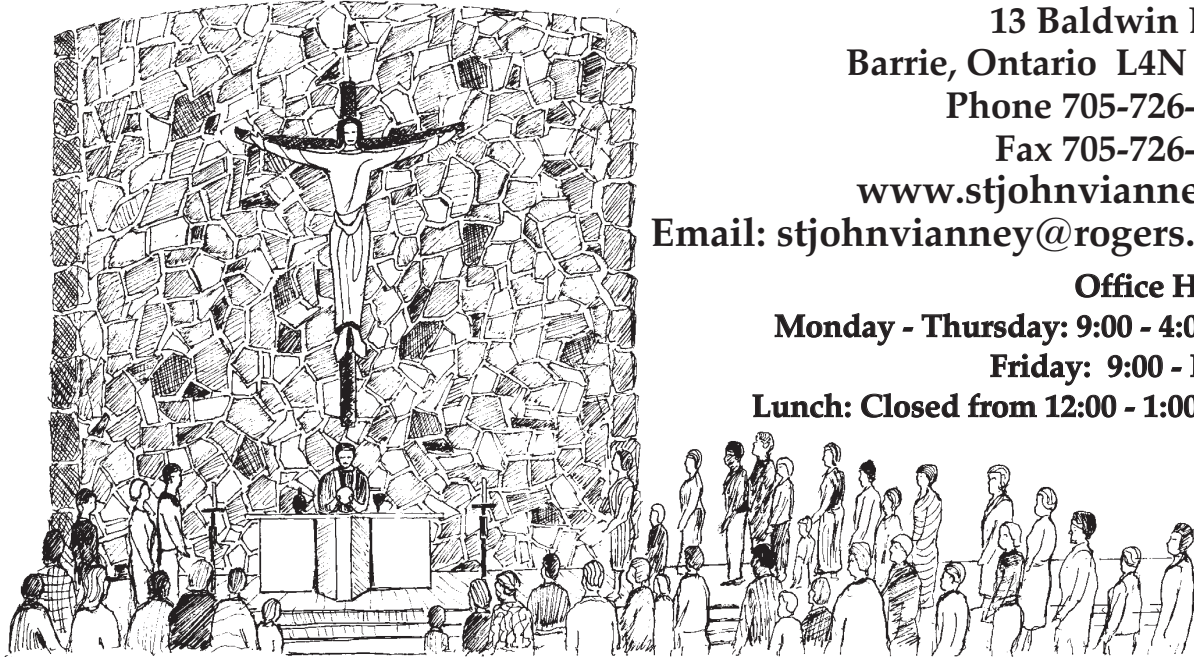


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

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Saturday Feb. 10 th	5:00 pm † Candida Pereira Requested by: Marlene Pereira
Sunday Feb. 11 th	9:30 am For the special intentions of Maria Thuy Mai & Maria Khuyen Hoang Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Marjorie Oliveira Requested by: Family
Monday Feb. 12 th	8:30 am † Clarence McCorkell Requested by: Helen & Family

TOUCH THAT TRANSFORMS

In the life of St Francis of Assisi we see a story of his encounter with a leper. Among all the awful miseries of this world, Francis had a natural fear of lepers. One day as he was riding his horse near Assisi he met a leper on the road. He felt terrified and revolted, but not wanting to transgress God's command that to come closer to God he has to disregard his body, he dismounted from his horse and ran to kiss him. As the leper stretched out his hand, expecting something, he received both money and a kiss. Francis immediately mounted his horse and although the field was wide open, without any obstructions, when he looked around he could not see the leper anywhere. The miraculous disappearance of the leper at the end of the story is a way of saying that the meaning of the story is about Francis' encounter with God in his encounter with the leper. From that moment Francis was a changed man. It transformed him.

In today's Gospel we see Jesus touching the leper and that touch transformed the leper. He was cured. The man with leprosy was facing a serious problem in three areas of life, physical, social and spiritual problems. The leprosy at that time was the most dreaded sickness, which was incurable. The sickness slowly eats away at the body and the body deforms. Now if we are facing a physical problem today, perhaps we can identify with this man. Or perhaps we can be thankful that our problem is not nearly as bad as the physical problem this man was facing.

The man had a social problem. The leper was a social outcast. Isolation was required by the Old Testament law. One reason for this was due to the fact that leprosy can be contagious. It can be

transmitted through the air or through contact with something the leper has touched. The leper had not only to bear the physical pain of his disease; he also had to bear the anguish and the heart-break of being banished from society and shunned literally like the plague. The only friends they could have would be other lepers.

The man had spiritual problems. According to the law he is spiritually unclean. Today's first reading from Leviticus narrates this, "The person with such a disease is unclean. The priest will declare him unclean." In this condition that person was required to be separated from others. That meant that he could not participate in temple worship or many other activities. But whereas most conditions of uncleanness were only temporary, leprosy was usually a lifetime condition. The second spiritual problem this man had was the fact that he was made to feel that his leprosy was due to his sin, or perhaps the sins of his parents. The Jewish Rabbis loved to trace disease to moral causes. They would say, "The sick are not healed, till all his sins are forgiven." Thus, leprosy was described as a chastisement from God.

Being aware of this situation, Jesus touches him. According to the Jewish law a person touching a leper also becomes unclean. But the touch of Jesus transforms him. The unclean man is cleansed. In the hopeless situation of life the man comes to Jesus. He gets a new life.

Our problems, whether big or small should be taken to Jesus. His touch will surely transform us. But we should prepare ourselves to meet Him. Let us reflect on the behavior of the man with leprosy.

He pleaded on his knees- a sign of deep humility and earnest entreaty. 'If you choose' - This was an acknowledgment of the almighty power of Jesus, and an appeal to his benevolence and supplication to the will of God. 'Make me clean'- Full faith in Jesus. This man came to Jesus the right way. He came humbly and he came in faith. He realized that he deserved nothing, but he knew enough about Jesus that if the Lord wanted to, He could heal him.

We must know that Jesus is still touching our lives. It makes no difference who you are or what you may have done, we are never beyond His glorious touch. When Jesus came into this world to die for our sins, He entered our world. He shared our pain and our suffering. He died on the cross and took our sins upon Himself that He might touch us and change us by His grace and power. He has compassion on us today and He will touch us, if we will let Him!

The
Season
of
Lent



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14th is Ash Wednesday. Mass with distribution of Ashes will take place at Noon and 7:00 p.m.



Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. during Lent. Our first Stations of the Cross will be held on

Friday February 16th led by the Youth Ministry and will begin with a Poverty Meal at 5:00 pm.

Simple Lenten Meals will be served in the hall from 5:00 – 7:00 pm on three selected dates (Feb. 16, March 9, & March 23) before the beginning of the Stations of the Cross. Join us for the sustenance of food and fellowship!

PANCAKE SUPPER



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake supper this **Tuesday February 13th** in the parish hall from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This will be a great time to get together as a church community and enjoy a delicious dinner as we enter the season of Lent. Cost is \$5 per person, children 12 and under \$4.00. Tickets are on sale after all Masses and will also be available at the door.



Remember Your Offerings

Supporting Your Parish Community? **Are you using donation envelopes to contribute to parish offertory?** The tax receipt you receive each

year will result in charitable income tax credits. Unfortunately many individuals and families do not use this annual tax credit which could result in a larger tax return. Offertory envelopes or Pre-Authorized Giving forms can be picked up at the Welcome Table in the church hall after Mass. **2017 tax receipts are ready and can be picked up in the parish hall after Mass.**

Thank you for your support!



ADULTS: Be inspired encouraged and healed at the largest

single day Catholic event in Canada, the 26th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally! The theme of this year's rally is "Fire on the Earth" (Luke 12:49). Saturday, March 3rd, 2018, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Inspiring talks and a Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins.

YOUTH: There will be a separate youth event (12-19 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. The youth Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Scott McCaig.

For Tickets: \$25 for adults and \$15 for the youth. Add \$15. For HEATED BUS that meets in the Parish parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and returns approximately 7:30 p.m. Call Parish office or contact Berna 705-790-7846 for your tickets.



Steubenville
Conference

Tickets for Steubenville Toronto are now available.

This **high school conference** weekend is geared to ignite young hearts for Jesus in a fun atmosphere surrounded with inspiring speakers, great music, topics that every teen pays interest to and sacraments available to everyone. To learn more and register visit: steubenvilletoronto.com Group name is *St. John Vianney Barrie* (necessary to register).

Total Cost \$325.00 includes: · Ticket · Food Accommodations · T-Shirt · Transportation



Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest

is being held at SJV Parish Hall on Sat. March 3rd, from 10 am to Noon. One student in grade 7 or 8 from each of the parish "feeder" schools is eligible. The contest is also open to parish students who attend public schools or who are homeschooled. Please call Bernadette Borysenko at 705-436-6240 for more info.



Please pray for those who are sick:

William Timmins, Yvette Doiron, Mary Heffernan, Jebriel Syed, Nadia Allesio, Len Smyth, Bob Waring, Lillian Pottage, & Marjorie Oliveira.



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