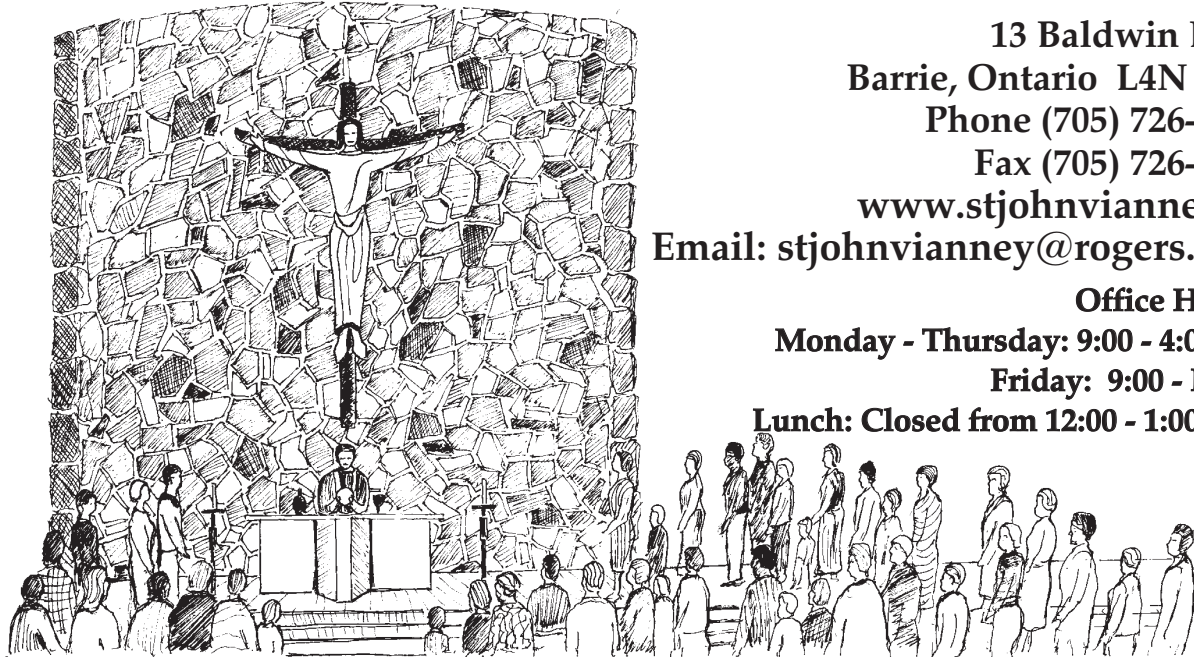


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday February 13 th	5:00 pm For the special intentions of Jacob & Amanda Fraser Requested by: The Galic Family
Sunday February 14 th	8:00 am † Janet Herbert Requested by: Clarence & Nancy Joncas & Family
	9:30 am † Tina Rashid Requested by: The Rashid Family
	9:30 am † Aurele Daigle Requested by: The Family
	9:30 am † Ngai Chu † Lac Nguyen Requested by: Nguyen & Tran Families
Thursday February 18 th	8:30 am For the special intentions of Eric Ramsbottom Requested by: Marlaine Ramsbottom

A Road Map of Christian Living

At the commencement of the Lenten season, the readings of this first Sunday liturgy, especially the gospel reading, present a road map of Christian living in the midst of today's world with its many forms and types of attractions, distractions as well as allurements.

The gospel reading deals with the story of Jesus being tempted by the devil. The temptations of Jesus were surely part of his redeeming action for the world; but it was also his self-gift as a role model for us to follow in similar circumstances of our everyday life which is often beset with evils of suffering, testing and temptations. The three temptations together cover human life in all its major dimensions, economic, social and religious.

Temptations and tempters, failures and defaulters may be called God's sand paper process: Fine wood furniture must endure a great amount of polishing by sand paper. All the rough places -the nicks, the irregular surfaces and the splinters must be sanded until the wood pieces are perfectly smooth and ready for the finishing process, for the sale-shop and the buyer's home. God wants to do the same with us to make us fit for his home, the heaven. But to do

this, he must rid us of our chronic character flaws and bring us to spiritual maturity.

God's sanders may be people with obvious personality flaws, like impatience, anger, pride, laziness and so on, on the one hand, but may be also holy people with good intentions on the other, though this latter type will be very rare. God makes these sanders to come into contact with us daily and rub us the wrong way as sand paper rubs against unfinished wood furniture. They grate and grind, trouble and taunt us, even to the point of driving us crazy, as the devil did to Jesus at the end of the temptations. As Jesus stood his ground undeterred and unscathed by the machinations of the devil and drove him away by the power of the word, we shall also face any sanders rubbing and turn it to fine tuning of our personality, looking at Jesus as our role model and by his grace.

In the Bible the desert or wilderness is a place of encounter with God or evil spirits. Jesus during his stay of forty days in the desert also had this twofold experience. As followers of Christ we also need to have such desert-experiences, in which we are tested and tempted. We also need to remind ourselves that God be always present in such experiences.

Another important point to keep in mind is that as long as we are in this world, temptation and tempter never leave us for good. And so the Evangelist makes the telling remark, "When the devil finished testing Jesus in every way, he left him for a while". By doing so Luke was hinting at Jesus' final temptation also in Jerusalem, when he would be hanging on the cross, facing three similar temptations at the hands of the Jewish leaders, the soldiers and the criminal on the cross at his left.

As Jesus came victorious through these temptations, he stands as a brilliant example for all those who will have to wrestle with evil and suffering in the world. Lent is a time to face squarely temptations of different kinds by embracing afresh the Holy Spirit, given to us at baptism, when we were born into God's family, the Church. As the same Spirit accompanied Jesus during his desert-experience, may he also accompany us into this Lenten season, which is in fact observed in remembrance of Jesus' desert-fasting. Once again Lent has begun for us; let us examine how the gospel message of today will help us choose a pathway fitting for Jesus' disciples, and how we will make the message of fasting, penance and almsgiving most fruitful in our everyday life.



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**BIBLE STUDY New Series:
Passion Narratives**

Join the Bible Study for a five-week Lenten series investigating the Gospel accounts of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus led by Fr. Joseph Lazar beginning on **Monday February 15 at 7:00 pm** in the hall and continuing every Monday until March 14. Those who would like to participate are asked to sign up at the Welcome Table.



Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. during Lent. Friday February 19th devotion will begin with a poverty meal at 5:00 pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm led by the Knights of Columbus.

St. John Vianney Church will be celebrating a bilingual Korean/English Mass on February 21st at 11:30 a.m. Fellowship in the hall will be hosted by the Korean community. Please join us for this special Mass and the opportunity to get to know our fellow parishioners!

COME & SEE

Office of Vocations is hosting a COME & SEE WEEKEND at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday Feb. 26 (7pm) to Sunday Feb. 28 (1.30 pm). Provides a time to pray, to learn what seminary formation is about and time to interact and socialize with the Seminarians & Priests of the Seminary. For more information call 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org



50/50 DRAW

The Knights of Columbus #10370 and the C.W.L. are once again having a 50-50 draw. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Only 3750 tickets will be printed and should all be sold at 3-\$10.00, the winning ticket could be worth \$6250.00. Whatever the final tally, the winner will receive 50% of the funds from the tickets sold. The draw will be held in the church hall on June 26th 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Celebrating the Mercy of God:

Our Call to Reconciliation

This three part reflection will invite participants to deepen their understanding of Jesus' message of mercy and reconciliation. God calls each of us to be reconciled and to reflect the mercy of God. The sessions will focus on the gifts that flow from reconciliation: freedom, forgiveness and peace. Discussion and reflection will assist participants in recognizing God's healing and transforming work of reconciliation in their lives and offer a fresh approach to celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Participation at all three sessions is encouraged. To assist with preparation pre-registration is appreciate, walk-ins are welcome. Holy Spirit Parish, 650 Essa Road, Barrie. Thursday February 18, 25 and March 3, 2016 from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Facilitators: Catherine Ecker and Laurie van den Hurk, Office of Formation for Discipleship, Archdiocese of Toronto



The winner of the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest was **Maeve Gormley**, a grade 8 student at St. John Vianney School. Her topic was " Science of Happiness" . The runner up was **Josea Fowler**, a grade 8 student from St. Francis of Assisi School who spoke about " Why Alcoholism Affects the Whole Family" . All presentations were informative and amazing! Thank you to all the speakers and to all those who helped make the contest a success!



Please pray for those who are sick:
Gina Racco, Clayton Leonard, Dyril Hayen, Gerald Borho, John McCorkell, Lillian Pottage, Michael Foster, Baby Avery Maset, & Carson Batters. *And for those who have died recently:* † **Albert Atkins, † Arthur Dubois, † Benigno Lopez, † Anne Marie Bulfon, & † Rosalyn Ferguson**



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