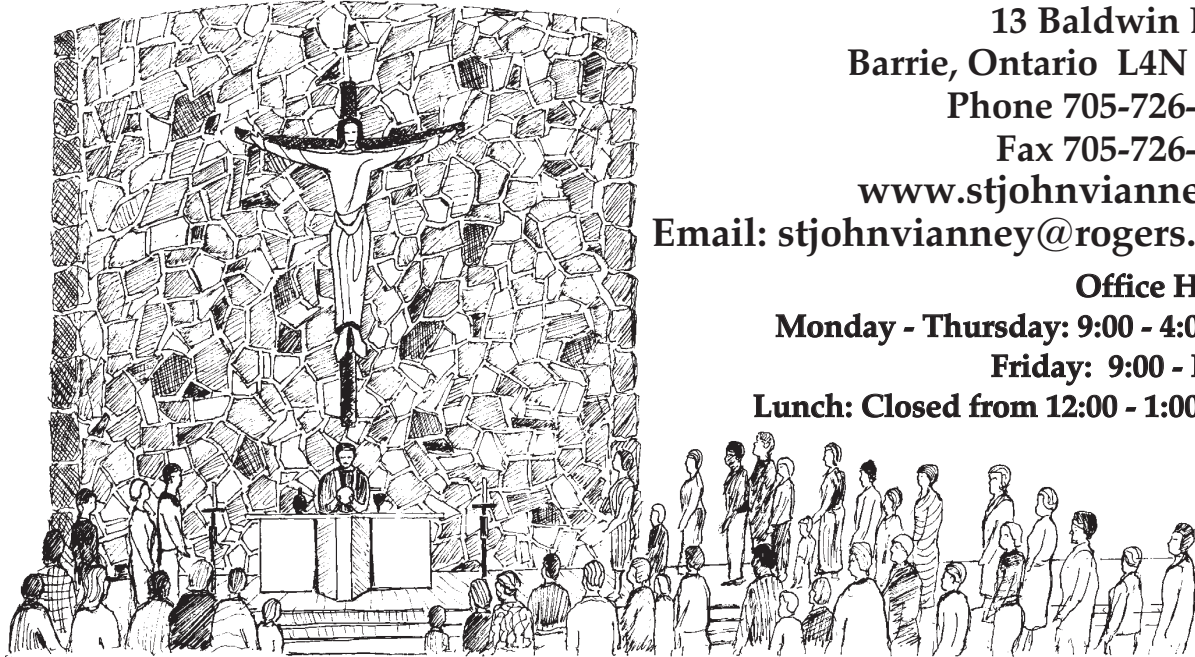


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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm

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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

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A Sermon that Heals

Suffering, loneliness, illness are things that nobody wants. We do our best to get rid of them. Doctors, nurses, researchers, social workers, people with clear religious commitment and people with none, faith-healers, and rationalists - all strive to rid the world of its problems. It is an effort which unites so many people from different places and backgrounds, although there are plenty of squabbles along the way about whose method is best. So it is not surprising that, when the gospels present Jesus, the stories show him as a healer, someone who can cure people and help to lift the burdens that they are carrying.

So, in the story told in today's passage from Luke's gospel, a crowd of people was following Jesus, a man who had a reputation for being able to heal people's illnesses and take away their problems. They came from all over the place looking for help, practical help. And what did they get? A sermon!

That probably sounds all too familiar for many people who have approached religious groups for help. And the sermon or the talking-to that they have to listen to is often about what they must have done wrong to deserve all that has been happening to them.

But that is not the line that Jesus takes. He starts his sermon by saying, 'Blessed are you poor..., blessed are you that are hungry...' Now the word that is usually translated as 'blessed' or 'happy' doesn't mean the sort of happiness you might experience at a good party. It comes originally from a word that describes the straight flight of an arrow.

The best translation of it would be 'on the right track'. So Jesus is not saying you've done something wrong if you're poor or hungry or are bullied and so on. Quite the opposite: you're probably on the right track if things like that are happening to you. He is not suggesting that suffering of any kind is a good thing or that you've got to go looking for it. It's a message of encouragement. Problems come along to everyone, but when things do go wrong it doesn't mean it's your fault, God hasn't given up on you.

The sermon goes on to give some guidance about how to cope with life in general. It's all based around an idea of love. It is a kind of love that is free and generous. It's a matter of trying to respond well even when people are unkind to us; trying to heal damaged situations by forgiveness where that's possible; trying to improve our own reactions instead of just being critical of what other people are doing. It gives a whole framework for life. Nothing in the sermon comes across as being superficial or easy. Trying to be as open to people as it suggests means being prepared to allow ourselves to be very vulnerable. We are going to be hurt, we are going to be taken advantage of. But, says Jesus, when that happens we are probably on the right track.

Maybe it is because so many people were following him, expecting him to take their problems away, that Jesus put the question back to them in the sermon. He was suggesting that they could free themselves from the weight of carrying around too much guilt for everything. They could give some shape to their lives by taking on board some of the ideals that he was presenting. They could heal their own lives without necessarily having their illnesses or their problems taken away from them.

The miracles of healing that we hear about in the gospels and elsewhere are spectacular, even if they do seem a bit out of reach. But the sermon is more practical, more possible. Thank God we can still rely on healing in various forms, some more or less miraculous, but there's something just as important and more within the reach of everyone. To be able to love and accept ourselves, to give someone else the support of love and maybe some guidance if it is needed, even to be able to make someone feel better about themselves, is to bring a kind of healing that is very real and very important. It may not be spectacular but it can still be a miracle.

Together
we make a
Family

Happy Family Day!

Feb. 18th

(The office will be closed)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday Feb. 16th 5:00 pm † **Vittoria Rizzo**
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 Requested by: The Family

Sunday Feb. 17th 9:30 am † **Leonora Mullins**
 Requested by: Anita & Family

9:30 am † **Louis Mullins**
 Requested by: OECTA
 Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association

9:30 am For the special intentions of **Marjorie Oliveira**
 Requested by: Family

11:30 am For the living & deceased members of the **CWL**
 Requested by: CWL

11:30 am † **Stefania Santi**
 Requested by: Mellany Santi

11:30 am † **Rowbert Gabriel Florita**
 Requested by: Mellany Santi

11:30 am † **Giuseppe DiGregorio**
 † **Manuela Da Silva**
 Requested by: Dino DiGregorio

Thursday Feb. 22th 8:30 am † **Shellie Lynn Scott**
 Requested by: Bill Scott

Saturday Feb. 23rd 8:30 am † **Peter Feltracco**
 Requested by: Augusto Feltracco



The Catholic Prayer Bible, a large print prayer bible with passage explanations and reflection questions is available at the Welcome Table at a cost of \$35 each.

PANCAKE SUPPER



The Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting the pancake supper on Tuesday March the 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The cost will be \$5.00/person and free for children under the age of 12. Tickets will be available in the hall starting next weekend, February 23/24.



ADULTS: Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada, the 27th annual Lift Jesus

Higher Rally! The theme of this year's rally is "Hope in the Midst of Suffering" (Romans 5:3-4). **Saturday, March 2nd, 2019**, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Inspiring talks and a high 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 (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Fr. Mark Goring. For Tickets: \$25 for adults and \$15 for the youth. Add \$15. For HEATED BUS that meets in Parish parking lot at 7:00 am and returns approximately 7:30 pm. Call Berna at Parish Office 705-726-8007 X103 for your tickets.



We welcome all families of St. John Vianney to join us for a fun night out. Friday, February 22, from 6:30-9pm we have a special price of \$25.00/person at X-PLAY for 1 hr. of lazer tag and 1 hr. of trampolining which includes water bottles and trampoline socks. Just show up and say: "I am a St. John Vianney Youth"! Please arrive at 6:30 to give time to fill out waivers.



Don't forget to pick up your 2018 tax receipt in the hall after Mass.

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Please complete a yellow PAG form (available at the back of the church), attach a void cheque and drop it in the offertory basket or bring it to the parish office.



Please pray for those who are sick:

Maximilian Malone, David Ross, Martin Matchett, Shirley Richard, and Marjorie Oliveira. *Please pray for those who have died recently:* †

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