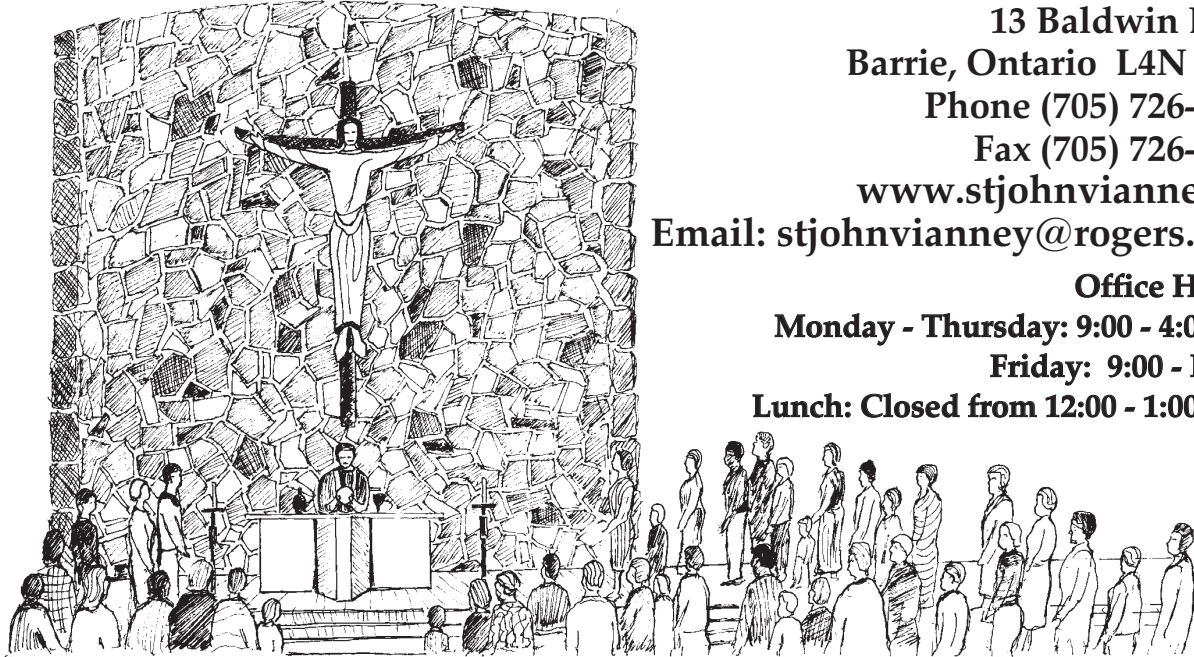


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

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

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Fr. Joshy George - 106

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday Feb. 19 th	9:30 am † Shirley Hamilton Requested by: Family
	9:30 am For the special intentions of Marjorie Oliveira Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † Joseph Lac Nguyen Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
Monday Feb. 20 th	8:30 am † Dominic Fazari Requested by: Fazari Family
Wednesday Feb. 22 nd	7:00 pm † Lorraine Armstrong Requested by: Mike & Cindy Armstrong



EYE FOR EYE, TOOTH FOR TOOTH

The old cowboy films had a recurrent scene that in the bar-room shoot-out, the crooked gangster, beaten to the draw, tottered to the floor, riddled with bullets. As the gunman turned away, the dying gangster weakly raised his gun and fired a last shot into the gunman's back. Then he slumped back and died, almost contentedly, a wisp of smoke spiraling from his gun and a flicker of a smile on his face. Sweet revenge!

Life is full of people with chips on their shoulders, real or imaginary, all waiting for a chance to get their own back. They carry their scars through life, refusing to let them heal until they have settled accounts. Feuds, vendettas and – grudges are nurtured in parishes, in streets and even in families.

Some are even passed down from one generation to the next. A colossal amount of energy and ingenuity is expended on settling old scores and exacting vengeance. The phrase – “an eye for eye and tooth for tooth” – is alive and well and thriving in every human environment.

Some people see life in terms of survival of the fittest, or ‘dog-eat-dog’. David had his chance to kill his enemy before his enemy killed him, as Saul fully intended to do. But he held back and he would not take Saul's life. The temptation to violence is an easy one. The world is full of wars and violent confrontations. We yield too readily to our instincts of aggression, whether it is the great aggression where nation confronts nation in a balance of terror, or violent confrontations between groups of citizens, or violence in the home.

Honor is always at stake when the God of vengeance is invoked. “Getting one's own back” is raised to the level of a virtue in our world. The injured party could never hold its head up again if the injury is not repaid. Loved ones too are invoked. We owe it to our wives and children. “Getting even” becomes an obsession. “I'll fix him if it is the last thing I do.” Shades of the prostrate crook and his smoking six-shooter!

The world has nothing but contempt for the one who “turns the other cheek.” He is a weakling. “He took it lying down.” It goads us on to vengeance. “Don't let them get away with it.”

The Bible tells us otherwise. The Lord said to Moses: “You must not take revenge, nor bear a grudge against the children of your people.” What is refreshing about today's gospel is that it recognizes us as we are, full of pettiness, exacting hurt for hurt, trading blow for blow. We all have enemies who persecute us. Letting them get away with it is not easy. Loving them is a call to perfection, to be perfect, as our heavenly Father is perfect.

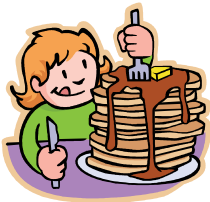
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TAX RECEIPTS

Please help defray the cost of postage by taking a few minutes to pick up your 2016 tax receipt in the hall. (Please note that your parish tax receipt does not contain your *Family of Faith* donation. This receipt will be mailed out separately by the Archdiocese).

First Communion Masses:
Saturday February 25th at 5:00 pm and
Sunday February 26th at 9:30 & 11:30 am.

PANCAKE SUPPER



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake supper on **Tuesday February 28th** at St. John Vianney parish hall from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Cost is \$5 person, children 3 and under free. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on Feb 18-19 and 25-26. Please bring your family and join us.

ASH WEDNESDAY is March 1, 2017



LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY
 St. John Vianney Parish has booked a bus for THE 25th ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY, "**The Light Shines in the Darkness**" on

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