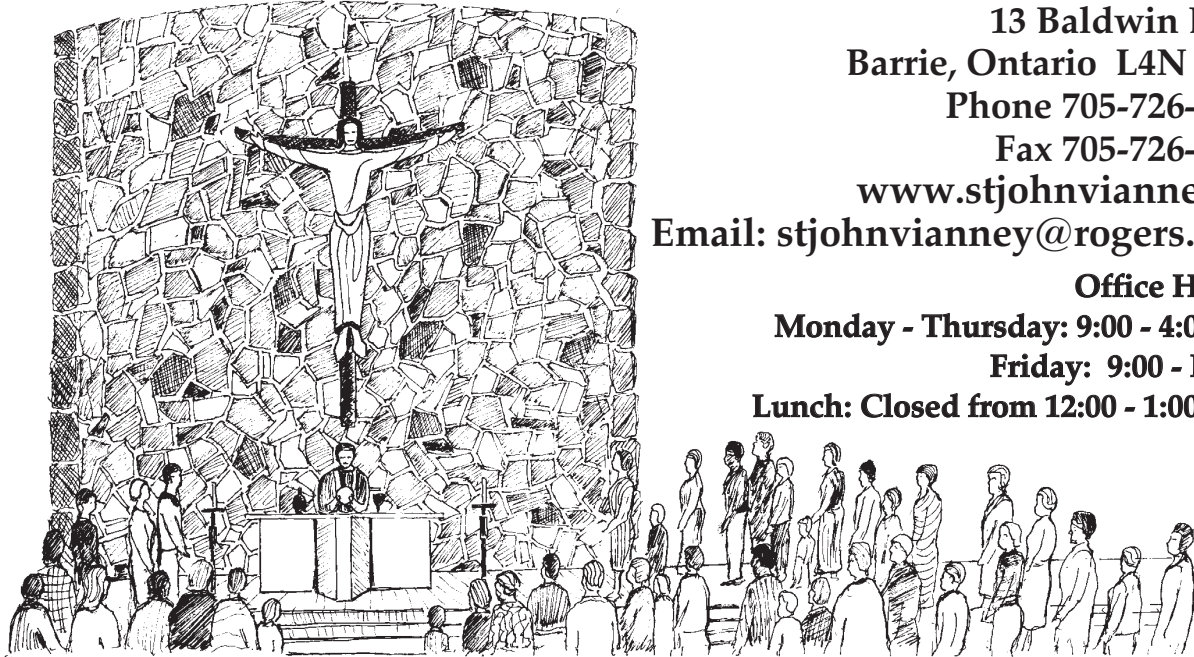


# St. John Vianney Church



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**Office Hours:**

**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



Saturday Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am For the special intentions of <b>Maria Thuy Mai</b> <b>† Nguyen Thi Nhon</b> Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
Sunday Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 am <b>† Ada Guzzo</b> Requested by: Assunta Stumpo
	9:30 am <b>† Christian Rynkowski</b> Requested by: Family
	9:30 am For the special intentions of <b>Marjorie Oliveira</b> Requested by: Family
	11:30 am <b>† Norman Tejor</b> Requested by: Nilberto Family
	11:30 am <b>† Anna Forte</b> Requested by: Her daughters
	11:30 am <b>† Kathleen Coles</b> Requested by: C.W.L.
Monday Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30 am <b>† Dino Gregoris</b> Requested by: Alberta Gregoris & Family
Tuesday Jan. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30 am <b>† Brian Bagnell</b> Requested by: The Bagnell Family

### YOU are God's Obsession

God's call to discipleship, with the response of repentance, conversion and renewal of life expected from us, is the main theme of today's readings. No matter to what life, work or ministry God calls us, He first calls us to conversion, to reform, to repentance -- to continually becoming new people. All three readings today underline the absolute necessity of such repentance and ready response to God's call.

The first reading tells us how the prophet Jonah responded when God called him and told him to go to Nineveh. Jonah ran away. God had to halt Jonah in his flight and give him three days' "down time" in the belly of that great fish before the prophet was ready to accept God's "second chance". However, the people of Nineveh, promptly responded to God's word, repenting in sackcloth with a fast. In the second reading, Paul urges the community in Corinth, and us, to lose no time accepting the message of the Gospel.

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus entered Galilee and began preaching. Like John, Jesus also called for repentance. But Jesus added the Good News that the Kingdom of God was at hand. It still is, for where

Jesus is, there is the Kingdom of God. Then Jesus called on his listeners to believe in the Gospel or the Good News of God's love, mercy and salvation. When Jesus invited Simon, Andrew, James and John to join him and help in his preaching and healing ministry, they promptly accepted his call.

Why did Simon and Andrew and later, James and John and others, adjust their lives and follow Jesus? Why such an important decision taken without hesitation by ordinary people? John's preaching probably influenced them to some extent, but obviously Jesus Himself, at that moment, gave them reason to stop what they were doing and to follow Him. By His expression, by His words, by His attitude, He infused them with a clarified perception of reality and, most importantly, an appreciation of their own worth.

Similarly, Jesus says to us, every time we hear His words, every time we touch Him in The Sacraments, "You are more than what you eat and what you wear...you are more than your sickness and disease...you are more than your loves and your desires...you are more than your gains or your losses...you are more than your evil and your sin...you are more than your anxieties, fears and tears...you are more than your job, your school and your business...you are more than these or even the sum of these...much more!

The Apostles found, as we must, that life has more meaning than cleaning a house or a fish, more than pulling in a paycheque or a net, more than mending a roof or a sail. Only in a relationship with Jesus can we come to understand how much more we are and can become. What happened to those practical fishermen? Jesus came by and through His eyes they saw their own lives as being given, directed and sustained by God. A God who would bind their wounds, forgive their sins and give joy and purpose to their lives.

They would continue to catch and sell fish but now they would be Christian fishermen, proud Jews of a new era, and each day, while in His company, as well as when back in their boats, they would renew that decision. Perhaps several times a day! Sometimes easily and at other times with considerable difficulty.

And so, Jesus walks by our nets several times a day. He stops...He looks...He beckons...He waits...and He goes on with or without us and every time, often within seconds, we must decide. Do you know who you are? You are the reason God created, you are the reason Jesus was born, and you are God's obsession.

### SPECTACULAR SOUTH AFRICA

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Under the leadership of  
Fr. Biju Kannampuzha



An information session for those interested in the fall cultural tour of South Africa will take place on **Tuesday**

**February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.**



**ADULTS:** Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada, the 26<sup>th</sup> annual *Lift Jesus Higher Rally!* The theme of this year's rally

is "Fire on the Earth" (Luke 12:49). Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, 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 Bishop Scott McCaig.

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



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](http://steubenvilletoronto.com)

Group name is *St. John Vianney Barrie* (necessary to register).

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



EDGE NIGHT on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> will be held at St Mary's Parish beginning at 6:30 pm. All kids in grades 5-8 are welcome.

Parents please drop off and pick up children At St. Mary's parish at 65 Amelia Street, Barrie.

**SJV YOUTH** All registration, posters, and permission forms are available next to the YOUTH bulletin board in the Parish vestibule and on our website. Please visit our website for these and all your parish needs. [www.stjohnvianney.ca](http://www.stjohnvianney.ca)



ASH WEDNESDAY takes place on February 14<sup>th</sup> and is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. It marks the beginning of Lent, a season of fasting and prayer which

takes place 40 days (Sundays are not included in the count) before Easter Sunday.

Mass with distribution of Ashes will take place at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm



This is a reminder to First Communion Parents of Group B (St. Francis of Assis and St. John Vianney Schools) who are registered to receive their First Communion on February 24 or 25 that your classes begin this

Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.



Volunteers are needed to assist with the First Communion program. No experience necessary, just a willingness to share our faith with a small group of children and their parents. We invite anyone interested

to sit in on a class during the next 4-week session which begins Thursday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. If this opportunity speaks to you, please contact the church office for more information.

### 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.

**ALSO PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS AS NEW NUMBERS ARE ASSIGNED EACH YEAR AND THIS ONLY CREATE DIFFICULTY WHEN INPUTTING YOUR DONATIONS INTO THE COMPUTER.**

Thank you for your support!



*Please pray for those who are sick:*

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