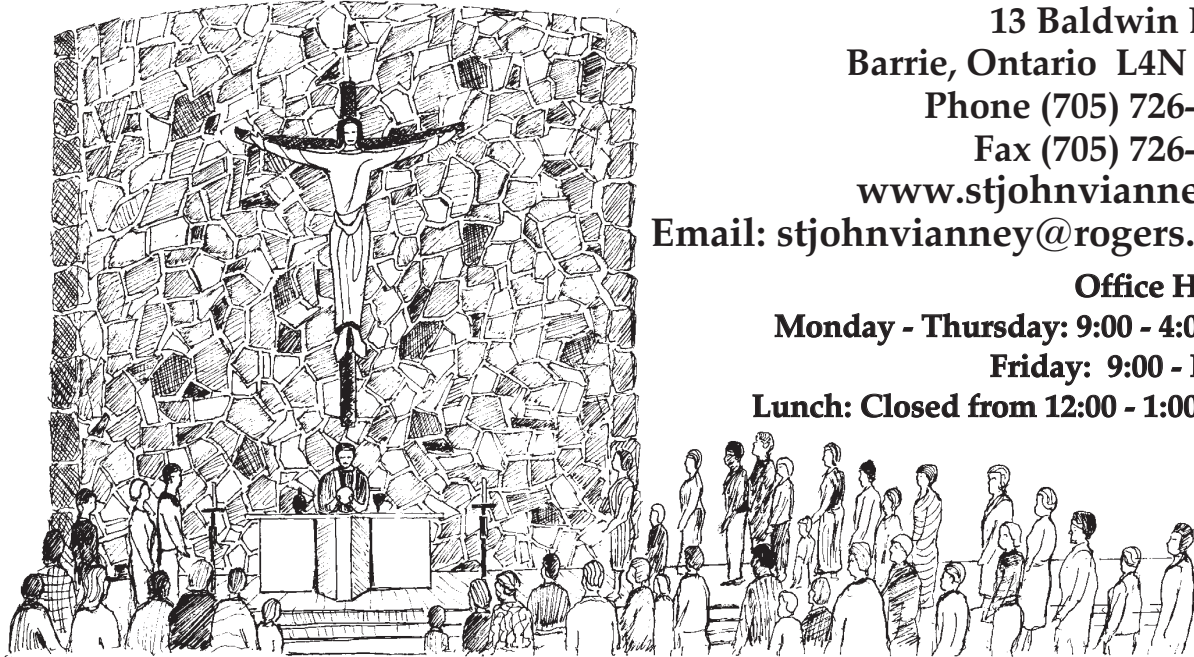


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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm

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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

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

Baptismal Information - Press 7

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Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, C.M.I., Pastor - 102

Fr. Saji Thomas, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 108

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

Mass Intentions for the Week



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| Saturday Jan. 21 st | 5:00 pm † Donna Mergenhagen Requested by: Larry & Mary Jane White |
| Sunday Jan. 22 nd | 9:30 am † Helen Keates Requested by: Knights of Columbus 2020 JJ Murphy |
| | 9:30 am † Tina Rashid Requested by: Paul Rashid |
| | 9:30 am † Anna Forte Requested by: Her Family |
| Monday Jan. 23 rd | 8:30 am † Brian Bagnell Requested by: Bagnell Family |
| Wednesday Jan. 25 th | 7:00 pm † Julie Avery Requested by: Emily Furtado |
| | 7:00 pm † Bernard Cano Requested by: St. Joseph's Catholic H.S. Staff & Students |
| Saturday Jan. 28 th | 8:30 am † Regina Sim Requested by: Soo & Kyu Lim & Family |



Light and Darkness

Terry Anderson, a journalist for the Associated Press, was seized and held hostage in Lebanon for seven years; blindfolded almost all of that time, Anderson described his experience in this way, “Deepest darkness, fumbling, uncertainties are frightening. More frightening is the darkness of the mind, when outside light makes no impression and inner lights go dim.”

In the Holy Scriptures, light and darkness serve as symbols for good and evil. Describing the humble beginning of the public ministry of Jesus, today’s Scripture readings teach us that Christ has brought us from darkness of sin into the Light by calling us to repentance and the acceptance of God’s rule. In today’s first reading and in the Gospel, Jesus is presented as the One sent to remove the darkness of sin from the world. Through Isaiah, God promises that His people will see an end to the darkness of oppression and separation. The second reading advises the

Corinthians to live as children of the Light, avoiding divisions and rivalries, because several factions had arisen among the Corinthian Christians, each claiming allegiance to its first Christian teacher or to a particular Apostle.

In today’s Gospel passage, Matthew explains that what had been prophesied by Isaiah had been fulfilled through the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus. By his ministry of inviting people to the Kingdom of God through repentance, Jesus brought Light to peoples living in darkness, thus fulfilling God’s original promise. In addition, the Gospel describes the call of the first disciples, and Jesus’ own teaching and healing ministry, inviting people to repent of their sins and accept the Good News of God’s rule, which he was preaching. Ordinary fishermen with no formal training in Mosaic Law were chosen to preach the Good News. They were to be very effective instruments in the hands of Jesus to continue His mission.

Every one of us is called by God, both individually and collectively. The call is both a privilege and responsibility. The mission of preaching, teaching and healing which Jesus began in Galilee is now the responsibility of the Church and of each individual Christian. Our response to the call begins with our Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation. That response is strengthened through the years by the Eucharist and Reconciliation and is made manifest in Matrimony or Holy Orders. We are healed and consoled in the Anointing which also prepares us for death. As we respond to Christ’s call we gain spiritual strength through our personal and family prayers, our Sacramental life and our faithful study of the Bible and Church’s teachings.

When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are sent forth to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom and to defend the Catholic faith. Each Christian has received a unique call to preach the Good News of God’s love, mercy, forgiveness and salvation through his or her daily life. This call challenges us to rebuild our lives, homes and communities in the justice and peace that Jesus proclaims. Let us ask the Lord Jesus to give us the strength and perseverance to answer his calling, so that we may faithfully serve the Lord, doing his Divine will as best as we can by cooperating with his grace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

A reminder to all parents who have registered their children to celebrate the Sacraments of First Holy Communion (St. John Vianney & St. John Paul II School)

First Communion: Classes begin on Tuesday January 24th from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the parish hall.

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

It's not too late to register for these sacraments. Please visit our parish website at www.stjohnvianney.com for more information and registration packages or come to the parish office during regular business hours.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOSTING BREAKFAST



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Parish Breakfast on **Sat. Feb 4th, 9:30 to 11:30 am** in the Parish hall, serving scrambled eggs,

sausage, homefries, baked beans coffee, tea and juice. Tickets are \$5 per person, children under 3 years free. Tickets sold after all Masses on Jan 21, 22, 28, 29. Tickets will not be sold at the door!"



Catholic Women's League

Membership Renewal: Ladies, it's that time of year again where we dust off our purses and renew our membership in the league! I am glad to report inflation has not hit the CWL. Our membership dues are still \$25 for the whole year. What a great deal! Throughout January and February the CWL will have a table in the hall before and after Masses for you to renew your membership or become a new member. We meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm. Drop by and see us!



Sun. Jan. 29th the Northern CWL will be having their social at *Our Lady of Lourdes* in Elmvale hosted by the ladies of St. Patrick's Church in Phepston. This is a high tea so let's

dress for the occasion! We will be carpooling from SJV parking lot at 1 pm. Admission is FREE.



SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Catholic Education - Kindergarten Registration Working Together to Transform Our World

The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board is kicking-off a registration campaign for its elementary and high schools with radio, newspaper and social media advertisements beginning January 30th.

We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. It is a blessing that the youngest members of our parish have the opportunity to grow in spirit and faith within a Catholic school community. Our Catholic schools offer distinct faith-filled learning experiences, with a combined focus on academic, spiritual, social and emotional growth. Together, our Catholic schools and our parish community will guide children in their ongoing growth in faith.

To help parents and students get ready for Kindergarten, our board is offering welcome bags which contain information to help make the transition to school a little bit easier. We encourage parents who are looking to register their child for Kindergarten to drop by their local Catholic school to pick up their bag. Our Catholic high schools also have information packages for students going into Grade 9. Registration information can also be found on our website at www.smcdsb.on.ca.

Pastoral Letters of Reference

If you foresee that you will require a pastoral letter of reference from the pastor for the purpose of applying for a position within the Catholic School Board or to become a Confirmation sponsor or Godparent, it is essential that you introduce yourself to the priest well in advance so that he can get to know you. A letter of reference is meant to attest that a person is a "practicing Catholic", one who regularly attends Sunday Mass with the Parish Community and is actively involved in the parish. A priest who does not have some acquaintance with a person cannot satisfy such a request. Another means to attest to your attendance at Mass is by the use of Offertory envelopes and regular contributions to the Sunday collection.



Please pray for those who are sick: Marjorie Lavender-Oliveira, Haden McCabe, John Whittaker, Sherry Wyman, and Lillian Pottage.

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