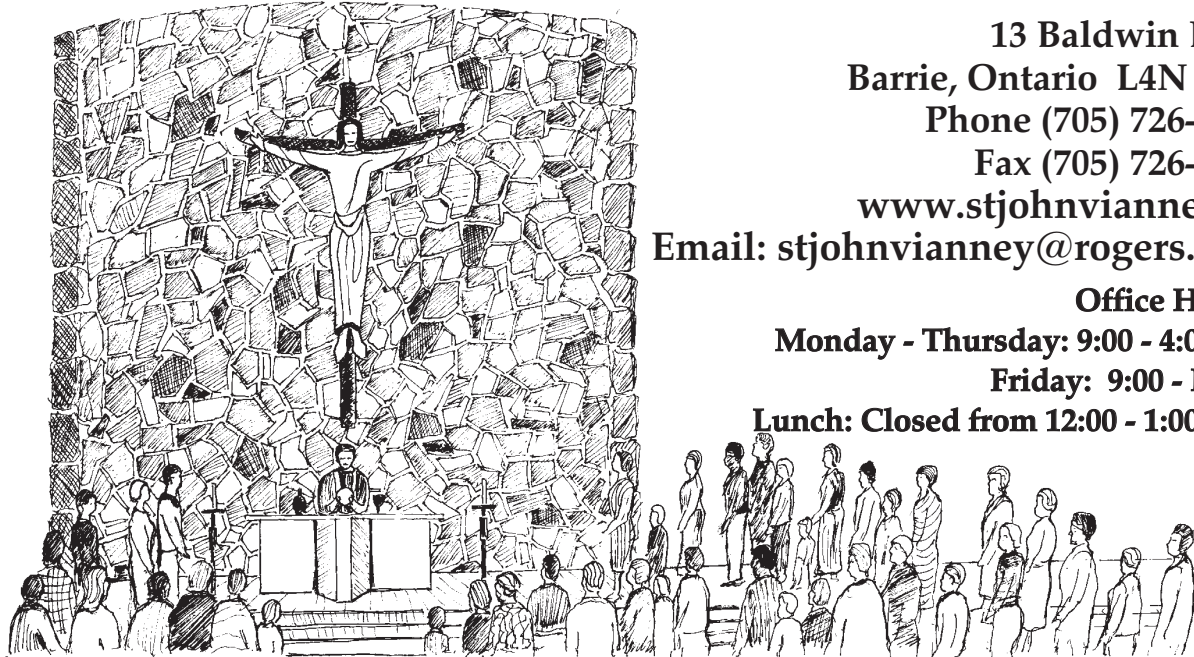


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

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What's the Rush?

Poor, flustered Martha is one biblical figure who elicits a great deal of sympathy from others. To many people, it just doesn't seem fair that Jesus preferred Mary's quiet listening over Martha's frenetic serving.

However, for us to truly appreciate where Jesus was coming from, we need to understand two things. First, you and I view this story through a modern, western lens. We don't appreciate the importance that ancient Jewish culture placed on paying attention to one's guests. Viewed this way, it's Martha, and not Mary, who was being selfish and rude. Second, this was no ordinary meal. Jesus' time was short; he was on his way to Jerusalem to die. He didn't want an elaborate meal. Instead, he simply wished to spend time with two of his dearest friends.

We too are friends of Jesus. And Jesus wants us to spend some quality time with him, in quiet, personal prayer. So often, however, our daily responsibilities and hectic routine seem to preclude time for prayer. There's work, the commute, grocery shopping, paying bills, cleaning house, cooking meals, and folding laundry. Moms and dads contend with tubs, story time, playdates, soccer games, homework, and endless driving. We seem to be running around "24/7," and we can end up feeling very much like Martha: Anxious, overburdened and exhausted. When we feel like that, prayer can begin to seem like an unattainable luxury.

If this is a description of your life, perhaps you might consider rising a few minutes earlier each morning or staying up a few minutes later each night, even just once or twice a week. And try to take advantage of those little quiet moments that punctuate our day: Behind the steering wheel, over the stove, in the shower, brushing teeth, waiting in the checkout line, and so forth. If we add all these short moments together, we may find that we have quite a lot of time for prayer. St. Dominic prayed as he walked; St. Isidore the Farmer prayed for hours as he ploughed his fields; and many people today pray the rosary, or engage in other forms of prayer, while they drive or even jog. As St. John Chrysostom once said, "It is possible to offer fervent prayer even while walking in public or

strolling alone, or seated in your shop...while buying or selling...or even while cooking."

One obstacle we face in making time for prayer is that we live in a nation which prizes hard work, productivity, and efficiency. To us, busy Martha is the virtuous one, multi-tasking and scurrying about, getting the job done. Mary, on the other hand, appears to be something of a "slacker." We're puzzled when Jesus says that it is she, and not Martha, who has chosen the "better part."

Now don't get me wrong: Hard, honest work is indeed important. The danger, however, is that our "bias toward busyness" can lead us to think that prayer is just a waste of time. Nothing's getting done! We're not producing anything! Even religious people fall into this trap.

It's significant that in Luke's gospel, Jesus' dinner with Mary and Martha follows the story of the Good Samaritan, which praised a man who took the time to help another in need. It's possible that the Mary and Martha story was intentionally placed immediately afterwards, so that we wouldn't get the impression that Christianity is about nothing more than doing good works. Good works are essential, but they have to flow from a life of prayer.

To be sure, it does take faith to believe that prayer is not a waste of time. But think of it this way: God calls us to a deep and personal relationship with himself. And if we want this relationship to blossom and flourish, we need to give it time. Trust is established only with time. Love grows only with time. And mutual knowledge is built only over time.

Relationships that aren't given time usually stagnate, become superficial, or dissolve altogether. But God doesn't want our relationship to suffer. And he doesn't wish to be simply a casual acquaintance. God wants to be our friend, and that's where prayer comes in. As St. Theresa of Avila once wrote, "Prayer in my opinion is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with the God who loves us."

And that's the challenge of today's gospel: To make time for prayer; to be a bit more like Mary, and a little less like Martha. Or as St. Augustine once put it: "Martha is who we are; Mary is who we want to become."

Mass for the Intentions Week



Saturday July 16th 5:00 pm ✠ Marguerite & Robert McCahrey
Requested by: Barbara McCahrey.

Sunday July 17th 11:30 am ✠ John Turner
Requested by: The Family



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Please consult with a parish priest to set out on the right pathway. Often newborns to six year olds become Catholic through our Infant Baptism program. Infant Baptisms can occur monthly. From six to fifteen, with family support, many young people are baptized or received in the Church through the RCIC course. RCIC Registration will be here on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 10:30 am for the program which will run in January to May 2017.

Adults interested in our Church will likely take part in the RCIA program. The Fall 2016 course is organizing now. Please call the parish office and provide your contact information so a coordinator can get in touch with you.

THE ANNUAL MASS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

St. Mary's Cemetery Mass will be held on Wednesday August 17 at 7:00 p.m. with Most Reverent Wayne Kirkpatrick as the celebrant. In the event of rain, the Mass will take place at Holy Spirit Parish.

Thank you for your commitment to the Family of Faith Campaign. The efforts that we make together will further the Pastoral Plan and mission of St. John Vianney Church. Please remember to honour the pledge that you made. As payments are made, funds will be deposited in our account to address future projects and some of our most pressing needs.

For its present and future, St. John Vianney Church welcomes donations and bequests, large or small, so please consider us in your giving and when making your will.

2nd ANNUAL FAMILY HERITAGE FESTIVAL



St. John Vianney Parish is a dynamic and thriving community which is enriched by the vast cultural diversity amongst our many families.

United as one body, we are comprised of peoples from countries throughout the world who have converged and come together in our Christian home. We would like to celebrate and learn more about the cultural traditions of our families and are planning to host our 2nd annual "**Family Heritage Festival**" on the afternoon of **Sunday, September 18th**, beginning with a culturally diverse Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by celebrations which will conclude at 5:00 p.m. Last year our festival was an overwhelming success.

Our committee has been meeting regularly to plan for this year's event. This festival will feature multi-cultural displays, food samples, music and dance which will appeal to every age group, and we would like to have as many countries represented as possible. If you are interested in participating we will need a commitment for your participation. Members of the committee will be in the hall after all Masses to answer any questions you may have. We encourage you to sign our list of participants so we can proceed with our plans. Thank you for your interest and support.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR Kids Summer Camp...



Attention all elementary school students: We welcome you all to another exciting Summer Kids Camp.

This year our camp runs from August 15 - 19. From 9 am to 3 pm daily for one week. The cost is only \$25 per child. All details can be found on the registration forms. Registration forms are available next to the youth bulletin board and or by visiting our website: www.stjohnvianney.ca



Please pray for those who are sick in our community especially: Nancy Kearns, Joe Badali, Rose Marie D'Amelio, Stephenie Chalmers, Wilson Gasewicz, Lillian Pottage, Avery Maset & Carson Batters.

And for those who have died recently.



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