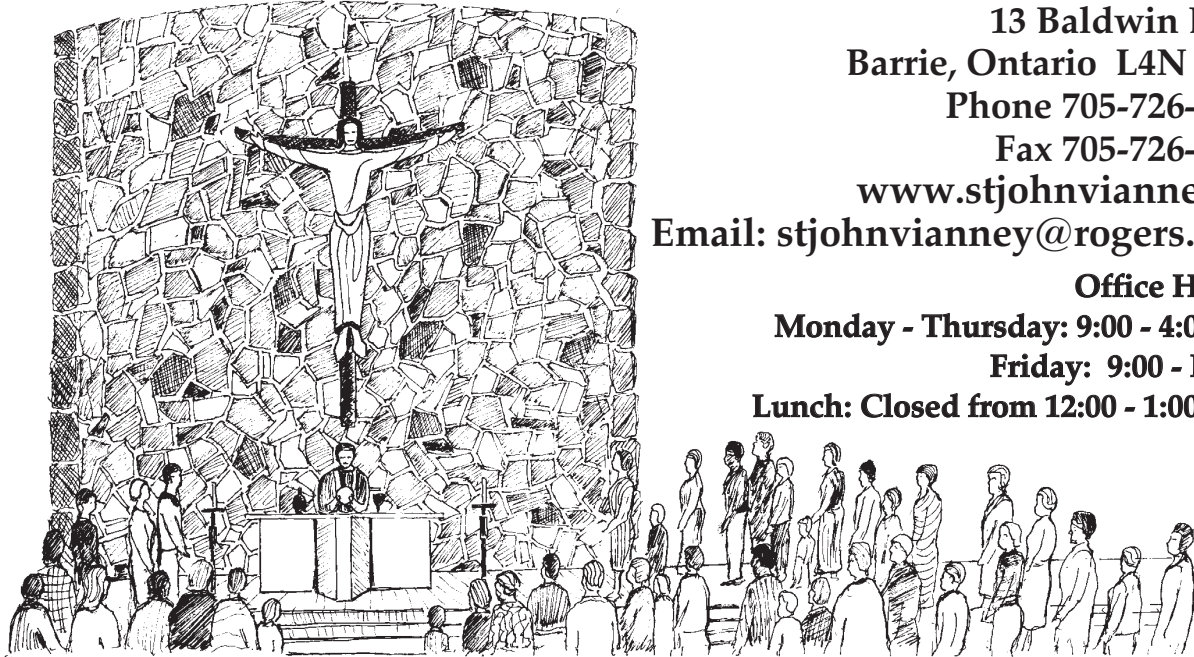


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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm

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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, 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.

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“Throw them out! Throw them out!”

The year was 1770, and in a small Italian church, two altar boys prepared for Benediction. Annibale Della Genga and Francesco Castiglioni entered the sacristy, put on their albs, and grabbed the heavy brass candlesticks. And then they began to bicker. Arguing over who would stand on the priest’s right for the procession, their quibble escalated into a shouting match. Alarmed parishioners turned their heads to the back of the Church to see the commotion, and that’s when it happened: Castiglioni cracked Della Genga over the head with his candlestick.

Blood dripped from Della Genga’s injury, and both boys began shoving each other. Shocked parishioners screamed, “Throw them out! Throw them out!” So, the embarrassed priest grabbed the boys, led them to the door, and tossed them out of the church.

Now fast-forward several decades to 1825. Half a million-people gathered in Rome for the great Jubilee celebration. The Jubilee occurred every 25 years, and its grand climax was the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica. Traditionally, the Pope would knock on the door three times with a large silver hammer and sing, “Open unto me the gates of justice!” On the third knock, the door would swing open, and the Pope would lead his people through. The symbolism was rich: pilgrims from all over the world coming back home to the Church, following their leader through the great “door of Faith.”

That Jubilee year, in front of thousands of pilgrims, Cardinal Della Genga made his way to the door. It was fifty-five years after the candlestick incident. Cardinal Della Genga who had become Pope Leo XII neared the door. Turning to the Cardinal beside him—Cardinal Castiglioni, the Pope said “Let me have the hammer.” With a sly grin, Castiglioni replied, “Just like I gave you the candlestick?” Amazingly, four years later Castiglioni succeeded his friend and became Pope, taking the name Pius VIII.

Now if you told any of those pew sitters back in 1770 that they had two future-Popes in the back of their church, they’d have laughed you out of the building: “Those two boys? The ones shoving and whacking each other with candlesticks”? Today’s readings tell us about a very patient and

compassionate God who is hopeful that the so-called “weeds” among us will be converted, and that we should not be in a hurry to eliminate such elements from the Church or society or the family on the basis of unwarranted and hasty judgment.

The first reading shows us a merciful and patient God, rather than the disciplining and punishing God presented in the book of Genesis. The second reading reminds us that the Spirit of God goes on empowering us in our prayers and in our weakness. So, we should be patient with ourselves and with others. Finally, in the Gospel parable of the wheat and the weeds, Jesus presents a wise and patient God who allows the good and the evil to coexist in the world and blesses the evil ones for the little good they may have done, so that the evil ones may come to conversion before their time ends.

Let us patiently and lovingly treat the “weeds” in our society as our brothers and sisters and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to Heaven, especially by our good example, encouragement and our fervent prayer for their conversion. Let us remember that most of us have been “weeds” in God’s field more than once, and God has showed us mercy. God is so merciful that He allows evil to exist in order that what is good may grow. He allows evil to exist also because He can turn it into good. Through the power of the Spirit, God can change even the ugliest thorn into a blossom of Faith. In God’s field, we have two responsibilities: to grow in grace and to share His Word and love with others.

We need to grow up as healthy wheat in God’s field, leaving the “weeds” for Jesus to take care of. The Good News is that growth and maturity are probably the most effective forms of weed control.

In the end, it’s enough to know that we are “seeds” who have been planted by the “Son of Man,” and that we are part of a healthy harvest that will someday be reaped by the angels of God. Our transparent and exemplary Christian lives will be a compelling challenge and a forceful invitation to evildoers to repent of their sinful lives and turn to a loving and forgiving God. Our acts of charity, kindness, mercy, loving correction and selfless service can prompt the “weeds” in our society to reassess their lives, modify them and become useful members of society.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday
July 22nd

5:00 pm † **Doug Miller**
Requested by: Irma Miller

5:00 pm † **Joan Armstrong**
Requested by: Ross & Family

Sunday
July 23rd

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

11:30 † **Dean O'Sullivan**
Requested by: Trish O'Sullivan

Tuesday
July 25th

8:30 am † **Ana & Paul Kokelj**
Requested by: Family



**WELCOME NEW
PARISHIONERS
AND VISITORS TO OUR
CHURCH!**

Warmest of greetings are extended to our summer visitors as well as any new parishioners of the parish. We hope you feel welcome and at home at St. John Vianney. New parishioners are invited to register by filling out a parish registration form available in the church vestibule or visit us in the Parish Office. Offertory Envelopes and Pre-Authorized Giving forms are also available.



Archdiocese of Toronto 175th Anniversary – Northern Pastoral Region Celebration – September 21, 2017:

As we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, extends an invitation for all to join him for Mass and a reception to commemorate this historic milestone. The Northern Pastoral Region celebration will take place at St. Mary's Church on Thursday September 21st at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.archtoronto.org/175



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THE ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

St. Mary's Cemetery Mass will be held on **Wednesday, August 16th at 7:00 p.m.** with the main celebrant Most Reverend Wayne Kirkpatrick presiding. In the event of rain, the Mass will take place at St. Mary's Church.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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