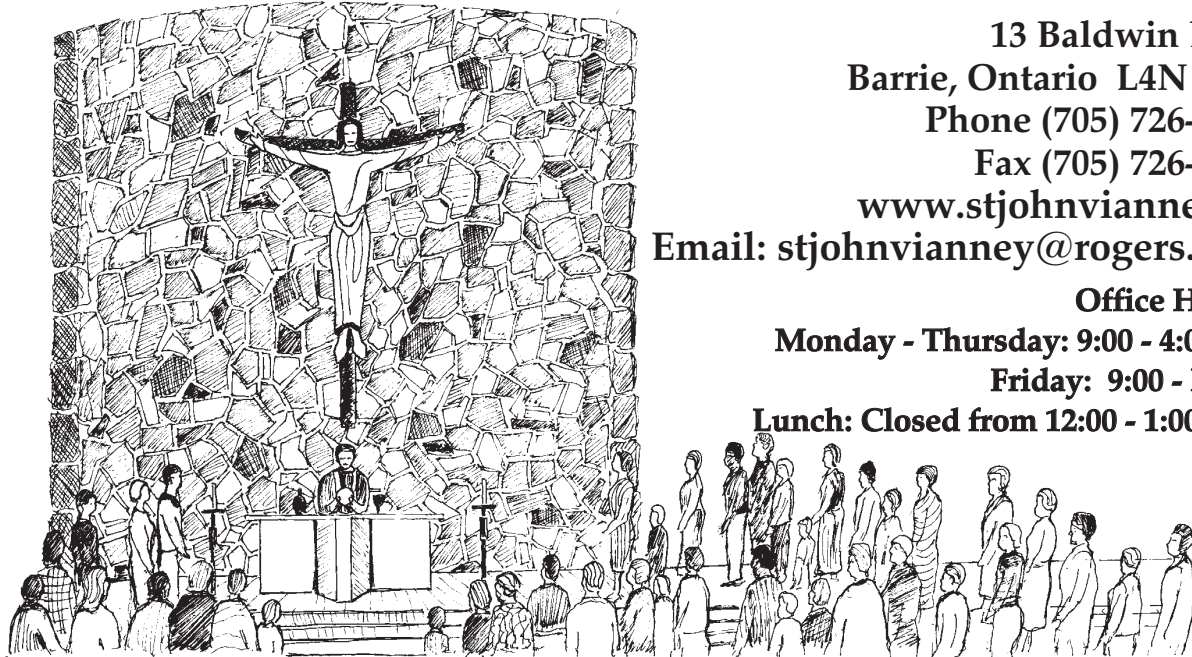


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

God wants to give us good things. And God wants to give those we love good things as well. This is the good news that's at the heart of today's gospel reading. God loves us so much- as one friend loves another, as a parent loves a child- that he wants to give us all those things that will make us holy, and provide us with that which will make us truly happy. All we need to do is ask. "Ask, and you will receive;" said Jesus, "seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened unto you." Couldn't be easier, right? Not necessarily. Sometimes we don't bother to ask. And sometimes we're afraid to ask.

So then, why don't we ask, if God is so ready and willing to give? Well, it could be that we think it's just a waste of time. We figure that God is going to do whatever he wants to do anyway, and he's probably far too busy to bother with us in the first place. And besides, since God sees everything, praying to him isn't going to tell him anything he doesn't already know. So what's the point in asking? There's no use pestering him or trying to change his mind.

There are many of us who have thought along these lines, at one time or another. But you know what? To think that way is to forget that God loves us. And because he loves us, he wants us to share with him everything that is near and dear to our hearts, just like we might share them with a trusted friend. So then, when we ask God for something in prayer, we're not telling him something he doesn't already know. Instead, what we are telling him is that there is something- an individual, a situation, a personal need- that is very important to us. God wants to hear these things! And God wants to give us the things we need. As St. Theresa of Avila once said, "God never gets tired of giving. So let us never get tired of asking!"

God *does* answer our prayers. And when he answers our prayers, he does things that he would not have done if we had not asked in the first place. As one old bumper sticker slogan puts it, "Prayer changes things." Prayer does change things! And if you think about it,

the implications of this are staggering! It means that our world can become a better place through prayer. It means that we can become better people through prayer. And it means that you and I can have a role in shaping human history. This is remarkable privilege and a wonderful freedom that God has given us. It's also a tremendous responsibility, and a duty that we need to take very seriously.

Unfortunately, this can frighten us sometimes. We can get intimidated about asking God for certain things. We secretly worry that God might actually give us what we ask for. Sometimes we know we need something, but we're afraid of what God might do in order to meet our need; we're afraid he'll ask us to step out of our comfort zones. When the great St. Augustine was a young man, he once prayed, "O God make me chaste...but not yet." He knew that God wanted him to be chaste, and deep down he really wanted to be chaste, but he was afraid of making the effort and enduring the pain that comes when we try to change our life and break our addictions.

Another problem we sometimes face when praying is that, there are so many situations in life when God's will isn't so clear, and it's this mystery- this "grey area"- that can keep us from asking. But it shouldn't. We can be assured that God will answer each and every one of our prayers. We just need to remember that we don't always know what his answer will be. Sometimes God says "Yes!" Sometimes God says "Not yet." And sometimes God says "No." And that's a good thing. As C.S. Lewis once said, we'll spend eternity thanking God for the requests he didn't grant!

Another way of looking at it, is that when God says "No," it's because he has something better in mind for us. This might be hard to appreciate at the time of our asking, especially if we're suffering, and it seems so obvious to us that a loving God would only want to take away our pain. But that's when faith is needed. Faith that God always knows best. And faith that with wisdom and hindsight, we might see that God's plan was ultimately better than our plan.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sunday July 24 th	8:00 am † Paul & Ana Kokelj Requested by: The Kokelj Family
	9:30 am † Doug Miller Requested by: Irma Miller
Saturday July 30 th	8:30 am † Gerald Borho Requested by: Gord & Marg Nixon

SACRAMENTS

New Confirmation Age

Parents, if your child will be in Gr. 7 next year, mark your calendars now. Last year our Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins set Grade 7 as the new norm for the age of reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Registration for the program will be at the church:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7 PM OR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 6 PM OR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 12:30 PM

(Please Remember, A Photocopy of Your Child's Baptismal Certificate Is Needed to Register!)

For more information, see the bulletin board in the foyer or the parish website.

Gr. 2 First Communion

Parents, if your child will be in Gr. 2 in the fall, mark your calendar for the opportunity to welcome your child to Sacraments of Holy Communion and of Confession. Registration for the program will be at the church:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AT 7 PM OR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 6 PM OR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 12:30 PM

Bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to reserve a family space. For more information, see the bulletin board in the foyer or the parish website.



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

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.



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.

2nd ANNUAL FAMILY HERITAGE FESTIVAL



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 from you. We encourage you to call the parish office or speak with Fr. Biju. Thank you for your interest and support.



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:


† Adrien Dugas



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