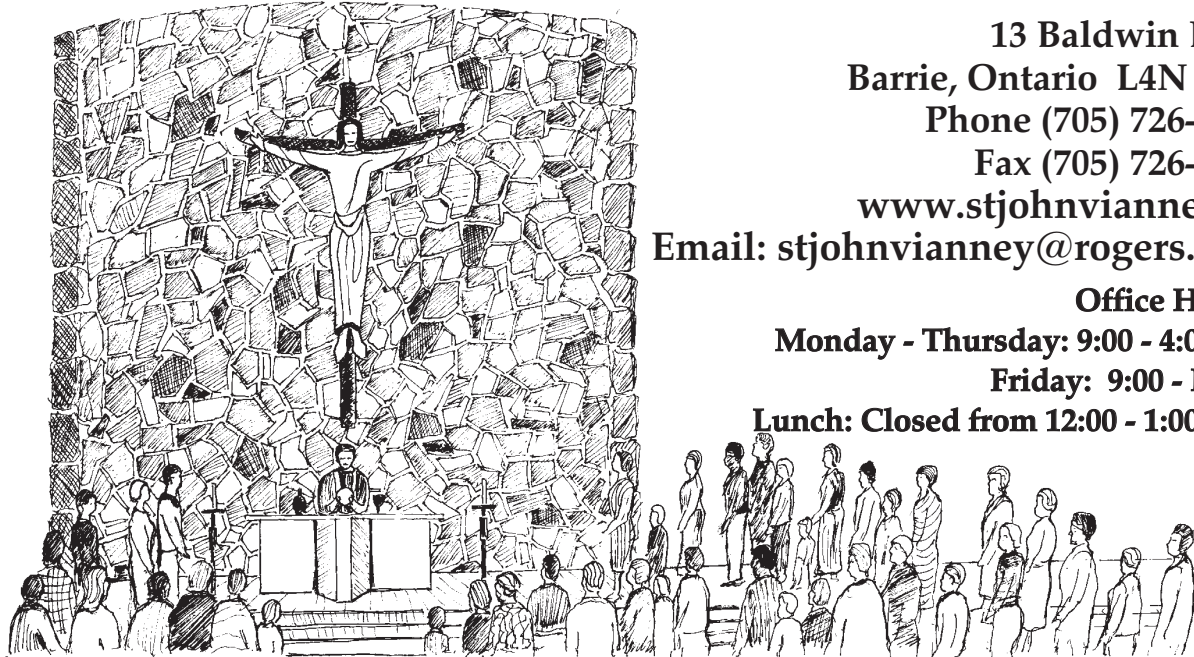


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

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Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6

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Mass Intentions

Thursday
July 7th 8:30 am ✠ **Bob Groundsell**
Requested by: Marg & Gord Nixon

Friday
July 8th 8:30 am ✠ **Alex Couvrette**
Requested by: Couvrette Family

GENDER OF GOD

Once, an angry little boy told his sister that boys are better than girls because God made Adam before he made Eve. Throughout history, many men have thought that boys are better than girls. As St. John Paul II put it in his 1995 *Letter to Women*: "Women's dignity has often been unacknowledged and their prerogatives misrepresented; they have often been relegated to the margins of society and even reduced to servitude."

This was not God's plan for women, however. God created both man and woman in his own image. God, however, is neither a man nor a woman, because God is spirit. Sometimes we use male imagery when we speak of God; like Jesus did, it's normative to refer to God as "Father" when we pray. But occasionally feminine imagery is used for God, too, like in today's first reading. As God said through the words of the prophet, "As a *mother* comforts her child, so shall I comfort you."

Both men and women reflect something of who God is, but neither, on their own, offers a complete picture. Both of them are necessary, and that's the way God intended it to be. God created man and woman as equal partners. He designed them to live in harmony and help each other as loving servants. In other words, while God created men and women to be equal, he did not make them the same. Instead, in God's design, men and women are *equal* and *complimentary*.

Because of sin, however, we don't experience the harmony and unity that God intended between men and women. Sin is why women in our world today are discriminated against, exploited, abused, treated as inferior, and denied basic human rights. In certain nations, women cannot vote, may not own property, and do not

enjoy equal protection under the law. Domestic violence is a very real threat to women around the world, regardless of their age, race, or economic status. Nevertheless, "glass ceilings" persist in some professions, and working women in general still don't receive equal pay for equal labor. And it has to be said that Christians are no exception when it comes to poor treatment of women. "For this," apologized Pope John Paul II, "I am truly sorry."

None of this, of course, is God's will. God created men and women to help each other, not hurt each other. He intended them to live in harmony, not hostility. He wants women to enjoy their rights, not have them denied. That's why he sent Jesus his Son to restore the right relationship between men and women. During his ministry, the respect and role Jesus gave to women was truly counter-cultural. His death and resurrection was a victory over the sin which disfigures the relations between the sexes, and it established a "new creation," as St. Paul described it in today's second reading, from Galatians. In this new creation, Pope John Paul II explains, "the mutual opposition of man and woman is overcome."

In our gospel for today, Jesus sent 72 people ahead of him to help spread the good news. Were there women among them? It's possible, as women did accompany Jesus on his missionary journeys. In any event, Jesus calls all of us today to share and witness to God's plan for harmony, unity, and equality between men and women.

There are many ways we can do this. We can first of all examine our attitudes, and repent of any unhealthy attitudes we may have toward the opposite sex. We can help support and heal women who have been victims of discrimination or violence. We can celebrate the great service that women are increasingly giving in the Church today. And above all, we can pray.

In the Closing Message of the Second Vatican Council, our Church stated: "The hour is coming, in fact has come, when the vocation of women is being acknowledged in its fullness, the hour in which women acquire in the world an influence, an effect and a power never hitherto achieved." May this vision be realized! And may God's will be done.



We are so blessed to have so many wonderful parishioners who eagerly participate and are involved in the planning and execution of our annual parish picnic. Once again this year, everyone enjoyed the day! I would like to thank the many people who made this possible – **Rudy Maset** and his staff at **South Barrie Wild Wing** for their delicious contribution of all you can eat wings, **Swellyn Crisostomo** of **Photos by: Wacky Shots**, who provided a complimentary photo booth service with a free 4 X 6 photo's to the delight of many of the guests. I want to thank the members of **CWL** and other volunteers for their part in organizing, setting up and cleaning up afterwards; **Berna Brock** and the Youth Ministry for their part in providing a great afternoon of fun and games for the kids; and **Val Egerton** and the Community Building Committee for co-ordinating and overseeing the day. I hope I did not overlook anyone. Having said that, I want to thank YOU for attending and bringing a dish to share with your parish family! *Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, Pastor*



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 50/50 WINNER.... J. Schwecke who won **\$2,005.00!**

Many thanks to Ross Armstrong and the Knights of Columbus, Helena Hedrick and Sue Gibbons-Shrubsole for their assistance with ticket sales and for all those who purchased a ticket in support this fundraiser.

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.

I can do ALL THINGS through Christ who STRENGTHENS me.
—Phillipians 4:13



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.

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.

MOVING THIS SUMMER?



To any parishioners who are moving away from the area, please take a moment to leave a forwarding address at the parish office so that we can mail out your tax receipt. For those who are leaving the parish, we wish you a fond farewell and all the best in your new home. Thank you for being part of our parish community.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAYS!



As summer sets in, many parishioners will be travelling and visiting with friends and loved ones. We wish you all a safe and memorable journey. May your time away be a time of refreshment, relaxation and renewal. We look forward to your return. Have a happy summer!



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


And for those who have died recently: † John Butt



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