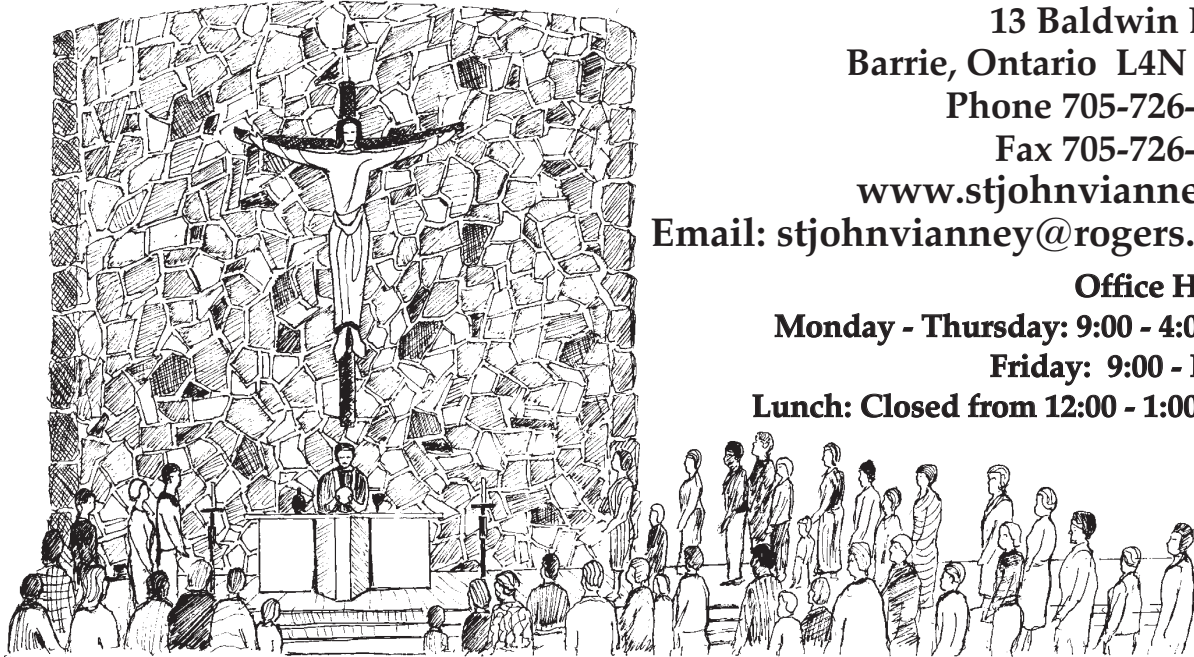


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

Baptismal Information - Press 7

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The Ascension of the Lord



With our modern understanding of the world, the Ascension can be rather hard for us to comprehend. After all, surely if you go up and up into the sky, you don't go up into heaven at all, but you just end up going into outer space. So what was it that the apostles witnessed at the Ascension and what does the Ascension actually teach us? Well, there's another story about Jesus which has a number of parallels with the Ascension and that can shed some light on this question. This is the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

Both the Transfiguration and the Ascension took place on a mountain, and this is significant, because mountains are the kind of place that God likes to reveal Himself. In the Old Testament, both Moses and Elijah had personal encounters with God whilst up a mountain. Furthermore, in both the Transfiguration and the Ascension, something very dramatic happened to Jesus – in the Transfiguration, His appearance changed and His clothes became dazzling white, and in the Ascension, He ascended into heaven. Thus, both events reveal something of the glory of Christ which is normally hidden from people's eyes.

It's also significant that a cloud is mentioned in both stories, for in the bible a cloud often depicts the presence of God. We're told this very explicitly in the book of Exodus, where the Israelites were said to have been led by the Lord in a pillar of cloud. The Transfiguration and the Ascension are very reminiscent of this. In the Transfiguration, a cloud overshadowed them and they heard a voice in the cloud saying “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” and in the Ascension, a cloud took Jesus from their view. So the cloud is very symbolic of Jesus' intimate relationship with His heavenly Father.

Another similarity is that in both the Transfiguration and the Ascension, two men appeared: Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration, and two mysterious men in white at the Ascension. At the Transfiguration, Peter wanted to make three booths in some kind of vain attempt to hang onto this experience rather than see it as a preparation for something greater; Peter wasn't at all ready for Jesus' departure.

When it came to the Ascension, the apostles were still not entirely ready. As St. Luke recounts, the apostles were left amazed staring into heaven, and they had to be told by the two men in white 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah about His departure at His Transfiguration, and this departure was fully realized at His Ascension, but it was not a departure that left His disciples abandoned. In fact, the Greek word St Luke uses for departure in his account of the Transfiguration is the word Exodus. Thus, St Luke wants us to understand the Ascension in the light of the Exodus story. Jesus' departure is about leading His people into freedom, into the Promised Land.

Jesus' departure was difficult for the apostles to accept, but their experience of the Transfiguration and the Ascension helped them to grow up in spiritual maturity so that they could witness to the power of God's redeeming works. The Transfiguration gave the apostles the courage to accompany Jesus to Jerusalem where they would witness His terrible suffering and death on the Cross, and the Ascension prepared the apostles for Pentecost, that defining moment when the Holy Spirit inspired the apostles to go out into the streets and give witness to the glory of Christ's death and resurrection.

It was at the Ascension, that the apostles came to realize that Jesus Christ had been exalted to the heights of heaven, and although it's difficult to express what it must have been like to come to this realization, the point is not to dwell on exactly what the apostles experienced, but to dwell on what was promised. The promise of the Ascension is that since Christ has been exalted to the heights of heaven, we too can share in this exaltation. When Jesus' disciples witnessed His Transfiguration, they didn't leave rejoicing because as yet they weren't at all ready to share in the glory that they had witnessed. But after the Ascension, the disciples did leave rejoicing, because it was only then that they began to realize that what had happened to Jesus was going to happen to them. Thus, our hope in our celebration of the Ascension, is that we too will be raised up with Christ and be glorified with Him, and this is certainly a cause for great rejoicing.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday June 1st 8:30 am † **Peter Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

5:00 pm † **Roel Ofreneo & † Christian Petricca Jones**
Requested by: Ella Caceves

Sunday June 2nd 9:30 am † **Raymond Evask**
Requested by: Knights of Columbus 10370

9:30 am † **Jaime Mero**
Requested by: Mero Family

9:30 am For the special intentions of **The Sanctity of Life**

9:30 am † **Joseph Gioi Mai & † De Thi Le**
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

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

11:30 am † **Raymond Evask**
Requested by: Christopher Evask

Wednesday June 5th 7:00 pm † **All the Souls in Purgatory**
Requested by: Marinus & Lenore Logtenberg

Friday June 7th 8:30 am † **Marina Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



**Sunday June 23rd
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm**

Let us celebrate you, our many wonderful volunteers, who serve on our various Ministries. Please join us for a Volunteer Appreciation luncheon featuring *all you can eat chicken wings* courtesy of **South Barrie Wild Wing** situated on Mapleview East. Lunch will be served from 12:30 – 2:00 pm in the parish hall. If you are a volunteer and plan to attend, please sign up at the Welcome Table in the parish hall. We would be most appreciative if you would like to bring a favorite salad or dessert to share. We hope to see you there!

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

The Eucharistic Ministry is in need of new Eucharistic Ministers for the **5:00 pm & 11:30 am** Masses. This is a great spiritually rewarding opportunity to serve the Lord and others. Training is provided. Please contact the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS!



First Communion

Our sincere congratulations to those boys and girls of the parish who will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend. May you feel the warmth and comfort of the Lord's love with you today and every day. May God Bless you and your family.

Expression of Appreciation CWL Victorian Tea



The members of St. John Vianney Catholic Women's League wish to express their gratitude to all those who attended, contributed funds, made donations of food, time, services, or contributed in any way. We especially want to commend and congratulate our student servers for their excellent work, which received many positive comments. They can be very proud of their service. Alexandra Balabourska and Keven Rector are to be commended for sharing their musical talent. Your support and generosity have enabled us to once again provide a successful fundraiser tea. Our thanks to all of you!



ShareLife Sunday **Living the Gospel by supporting mental health wellness**

Last year, over 3,200 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies, you're helping people find health and happiness. **Today is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.**

St. Mary's Church, Barrie hosts International Speaker Alex Schadenberg on Monday June 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Alex Schadenberg will present a film, 'Fatal Flaws' before answering your questions regarding Euthanasia.



Please pray for those who are sick: Olive Winter, Jerry Cockeran, Chris Collingbourne, Louis Vanin, Viola Frigault, Spencer Cameron, Clarence Kennedy, Baby Tobias Gerritsen, Shirley Richard, and Marjorie Oliveira

And for those who have died recently:
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