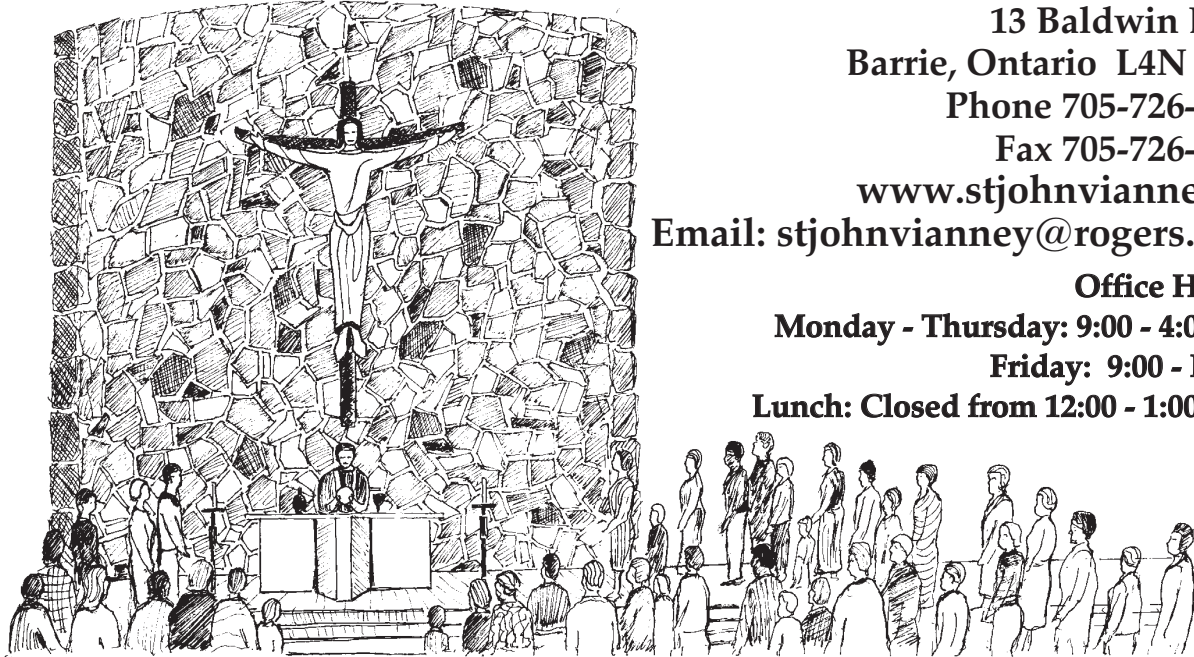


# St. John Vianney Church



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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, 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 Will this Child Become?

“What, then, will this child become?” That was the question asked at the birth of St. John the Baptist –today’s feast. That question must lie at the back of every parent’s mind as they gaze with wonder at their new-born babe. True, thousands of babies are born every day. Even so, each one is unique, special, not only to its parents, but especially to God. He has a different plan for each us, which no one else is called to fulfil.

The Church must consider the Birthday of John the Baptist to be extra special, since it takes precedence even over the Sunday liturgy. According to the Vatican Council that’s only supposed to happen on very important occasions. And there’s something else that’s extraordinary about today’s feast. Every other saint’s feast day celebrates his or her death, when the saint entered heaven. The Church only celebrates the birthdays of Jesus, Mary and John the Baptist. He’s certainly in the most distinguished and illustrious company!

So what’s so exceptional about John the Baptist’s birth? Sometimes in the Old Testament, when God had a special task for someone, there was something unusual about his birth –a problem which God alone could solve. This was usually a question of the parents being unable to have children. We have the examples of Abraham and Sarah, through whose descendants God would fulfil His covenant. Then there are the mothers of Samuel and Samson; then there are the elderly parents of John the Baptist, and finally the Virgin Mary, the mother of our saviour. In each of these examples God specially intervened in the conception of those He had chosen for a very unique task.

So what was John the Baptist’s distinctive God-given role? Quite simply God chose him to go ahead to ‘Prepare the way of the Lord.’ His vocation was to prepare people for God’s coming in judgement, and to call them to repentance. Only then would they be ready to receive the forgiveness which Christ alone could give. While John preached a baptism of repentance Jesus would preach a baptism of forgiveness.

And when Jesus did come John had two tasks to perform. Firstly, and surprisingly he

baptized Jesus Himself, as the Lord identified with sinful humanity and took upon Himself the burden of all our guilt –a burden which He would remove by His death on the cross. Next, while all the other prophets had foretold the coming of the Messiah, John the Baptist proclaimed, ‘There He is. Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.’

Luke’s Gospel tells us that John leapt for joy in his mother’s womb, at the presence of our unborn saviour. Even then John witnessed to Jesus. John witnessed to Christ not only by his preaching, but also, and especially by his martyrdom, which foreshadowed Christ’s crucifixion.

Such was John’s popularity that he could have tried to compete with Jesus, or might have resented being supplanted. But he was prepared to slip into the background after he’d completed his God-given mission. His guiding principle was, ‘He –Jesus –must increase. I must decrease.’

John marked the transition between the Old and New Testament. Like John the Baptist the Church and each of us, must prepare the way for the Lord to come into today’s world. As our words and deeds witness to Him, He must increase and we must decrease. Like John, we’re called to promote Jesus, not ourselves.

Finally, how do we respond to the question asked by the neighbours of the newly-born John the Baptist? “What will this child become?” What have we become? To what has God called us? It’s not too late to get back on course, if we’ve gone astray. After all repentance was a central part of John’s preaching.

#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have you or someone you know ever considered becoming a Catholic? If so, the RCIA process is for you. This process begins each fall and runs with weekly meetings up to and including the Easter season. For those who are not baptized and for those of other Christian denominations who are already baptized, the RCIA/RCIC (children ages 7 and up) process is a wonderful response to the Lord’s call to His disciples to “come and see”. If you are interested in joining the RCIA/RCIC process for the fall of 2018 please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Fr. Biju. (705) 726-8007



## Masses For The Week

- Saturday  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 pm † **Marguerite McCahery**  
Requested by: Barbara McCahery
- Sunday  
June 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am † **Deedee & Otilie Mieschke**  
Requested by: Conrad Mieschke
- 8:00 am † **Leah Couvrette**  
Requested by: Cyrille Couvrette
- 9:30 am For the special intentions of  
**Marjorie Oliveira**  
Requested by: Family
- 9:30 am † **Joseph Hien Tran & Anton Anh Nguyen**  
Requested by Tran & Nguyen Families
- 9:30 am † **Agnes Nguyen Tsih Quy & Phero Tran Van Tho**  
Requested by Tran & Nguyen Families
- 11:30 am † **Jim Melody**  
Requested by: Michael & Maria Hardie



### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

With the school year quickly coming to a close and the onset of summer holidays fast approaching, we would like to remind parishioners who may be away from the parish during the

summer months to please consider supporting the parish through **Pre-authorized Giving** which ensures that the parish will receive your on-going support, which it is dependent on, whether you are able to attend Mass each week or not. It is a safe and convenient way to automatically contribute to your parish. Simply pick up a yellow pre-authorized payment form (available at the back of the church) and fill it out, attaching a void cheque and place it in an envelope in the collection basket or drop it by the parish office. Thank you for your consideration and continued support.



*For with God, nothing will be impossible.*

*Luke 1:37*

Congratulations to all the graduating classes of 2018!

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION FOR 2018/2019 SEASON

### 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:  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 6 PM OR  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 12:30 PM OR  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 7:00 PM at HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate & \$75 registration fee to reserve a family space. For more information, call the parish office.

### CONFIRMATION

Parents, if your child will be in Gr. 7 next year, mark your calendars now. Registration for the program will be at the church on the following dates:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 6 PM OR  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 12:30 PM  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 23 at 7 PM

*(Please Remember, A Photocopy of Your Child's Baptismal Certificate & \$75 Registration Fee is needed to register!)*



### PARISH PICNIC

Our annual parish picnic will take place on Sunday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Further information including ticket sales will be available closer to the date.



### Guardians of the Galaxy Summer

**Camp**: This year's Summer day camp will be themed *God's Guardians of the Galaxy*. The dates this year are August 13-17<sup>th</sup>.

There are forms in the folder beside the Youth Ministry board or available on the parish website. Note **deadline for applications is July 1** due to the need to order materials and T-Shirts. If you and/or your teen are interested in volunteering, contact Denis Nugent (info below). Email, text or call Denis Nugent if you need help with youth ministry applications/information. [Dnugent71@gmail.com](mailto:Dnugent71@gmail.com) or Call/text (705)817-4636



*Please pray for those who are sick:* Jim MacDonald, Denise Burgess, Elsie Walsh, Barbara Nadon, Penny Guitard, Nadia Allesio, Sherry Wyman, Pat Carter, Graeme Sutherland, Valentina Marrone, Margaret Breckinridge, Ted Huston, Rigo Ongaro, Jean Boileau, Jo-Anne Ransome, & Marjorie Oliveira.


*And for those who have died recently:* † Ginette Duval & † Vahe Sourian



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