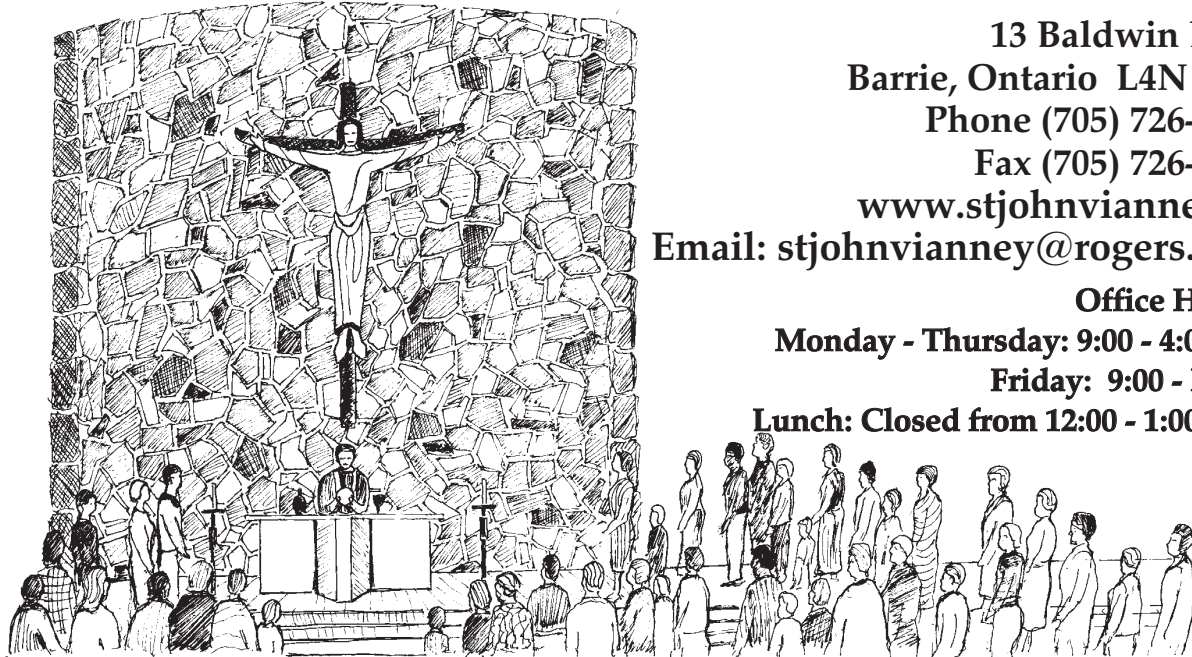


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in his mission of justice and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God.

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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.

Parish Information

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I Will Follow You...But!!

In today's gospel we are introduced to three characters. The first promised that he would follow Jesus wherever he goes. Yet Jesus replies to this boast with a warning. Unlike the foxes and birds, Jesus said, he had nowhere to lay his head. In other words, our Lord was telling this person that following him might be a bit more difficult than he imagined, and that he might wish to think twice before signing on the bottom line. In a sense, Jesus was asking: "Are you sure you want to follow me? Do you really know what you're getting into?"

The second character we meet agrees to follow Jesus, but only after he has buried his father. Now we have to understand that this person's father was not dead. His father was living, and he wanted to stay nearby. In effect, this person was saying: "I'd like to follow you, Jesus, but only when it's more convenient. It's just not the right time; I have other things I want to do first." Jesus' response that the dead should bury their own dead was his way of saying that following him is more important than anything else we might do.

To the third potential follower, Jesus said, "He who puts his hand to the plow and looks back to what was left behind is not fit for the kingdom of God." Jesus wants us to follow him, not with clenched teeth because of what we had to give up, but with a smile on our face.

The witness of these three individuals serves to remind us that if we truly want to be disciples of Christ, we need to be prepared to make changes in our life, and make them right away. In other words, authentic discipleship is not an afterthought or a part time activity, but should instead be our top priority that absolutely defines who we are and what we do. Today's first reading spoke of how Elisha, by slaughtering his oxen and burning his farm tools, gave up his entire livelihood in order to follow God's call to be a prophet. We may or may not be called upon to make a complete career change. Nevertheless, each one of us *is* called to make significant changes if we wish to follow in the footsteps of our Lord. Discipleship isn't always easy, and it isn't always convenient, but it *always* involves change: changes in the way we think, and changes in the way we act. The Bible and our tradition refer to this change as "conversion" or "repentance." And there's no better time to start than the present. Jesus challenges us to "seize the moment," and begin the process today.

Now, we may wish to protest this and say: "But I thought that God loves me unconditionally! I

thought that God accepts me just the way I am!" And in a sense, that's absolutely right: God does love us unconditionally; he does take us just the way we are. God isn't like a health insurance company, because he's happy to accept us with all our "pre-existing conditions." God is, however, something like a doctor, because he wants to heal us of all our wounds. And that requires our cooperation; that necessitates change.

You've probably heard the popular saying, "Change is good!" And sometimes we're genuinely open to changes in our life- especially when we feel that we're at the end of our rope. More often than not, however, we resist change. There are two reasons for this.

First, we can get defensive about the suggestion that we need to change at all. "I don't have a problem," we say, "It's everyone else who has the problem! There's nothing' wrong with me!" Or, if we concede that we do have a problem, we refuse to take responsibility for it. We make excuses and point the finger of blame at society, our circumstances, our parents, and the devil. Maybe we even try to rationalize bad behavior by thinking that because our life is so darned hard we deserve to indulge in a little vice. After all, we tell ourselves, it's the only fun we have all week!

Second, we resist change because it involves energy, effort, and risk, and we can end up paralyzed by laziness or petrified with fear. We make excuses like "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" or "That's just the way I am." Sometimes we become so accustomed- and even comfortable- with our bad habits and our bad situations that we worry about what our life will be like if we do change.

When we face the pain and uncertainty of making a big change, following Jesus can seem like anything but "good news." As pastor Rick Warren has written, "The truth will set you free, but first it may make you miserable!" Or as the famous Cardinal Newman preached: "The gospel must be a burden before it comforts and brings us peace."

Nevertheless, the bottom line is that change is a non-negotiable essential for Christian living. As the old saying puts it: "There is no standing still in the Christian life. You're either moving forward or sliding back." And we know that God doesn't want us to backslide; he calls us to change for the better, growing in holiness, being made into saints. To again quote Cardinal Newman: "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."



Mass Intentions

Saturday
June 25th
5:00 am ✠ **Bob McParland**
Requested by: St. Vincent de Paul Society Members

Sunday
June 26th
9:30am ✠ **Joseph Hien Tran & Anton Anh Nguyen**
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
9:30 am ✠ **Igino Campoli**
Requested by: Farr Family
9:30 am ✠ **Maria Elizabeth Pillajo**
Requested by: The Family
11:30 am ✠ **Giovanni Campanella**
Requested by: His wife

Wednesday
June 29th
7:00 pm ✠ **Bob McParland**
Fred & Hazel Hawish
7:00 pm For the special intentions of Maureen Pauze
Requested by: The Taylor Family

Friday
July 1st
8:30 am ✠ **Marina Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



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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 online by visiting our website: www.stjohnvianney.ca

Join us after the 11:30 am Mass this Weekend for the 13th Annual Parish Picnic!

You can still purchase a ticket for the picnic at the door. Bring your family and friends for a great day of family time, fellowship, music and delicious food! The festivities will begin at 12:30 pm on the church grounds and adjacent park and will run until 5 pm. Lunch, featuring all you can eat chicken wings courtesy of **South Barrie Wild Wing** situated on Maplevue East will be served from 12:45 - 2:00 pm. Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share with others! **(You can drop off your food donations in the parish hall kitchen anytime after the 8:00 am Mass on June 26th)**



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St. John Vianney is a Blood Donor Partner with the Canadian Blood Services. Blood donations are needed before the summer to meet patient needs in what is a challenging time to collect blood. Their goal is 200,000 donations by July 31. They are currently at 130,000 units. Please consider making a donation in June or July. Be sure to say you are from St. John Vianney when you go. They are located at **100-231 Bayview Dr, Barrie L4N 4Y5** just down from the Allendale Rec Centre. You can also call to make an appointment. Phone: 705-730-1719.



Couples wishing to be married must contact the pastor at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office at (705) 726-8007 to book an appointment.



For with God, nothing will be impossible.
Luke 1:37
Congratulations to all the graduating classes of 2016!



LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR 50/50 TICKET!

50/50 tickets are available in the hall for purchase. Tickets over \$2000.00 have been sold. Don't delay...get your tickets today! The draw will be held in the church hall on June 26th 2016 at 1:00 p.m.



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

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