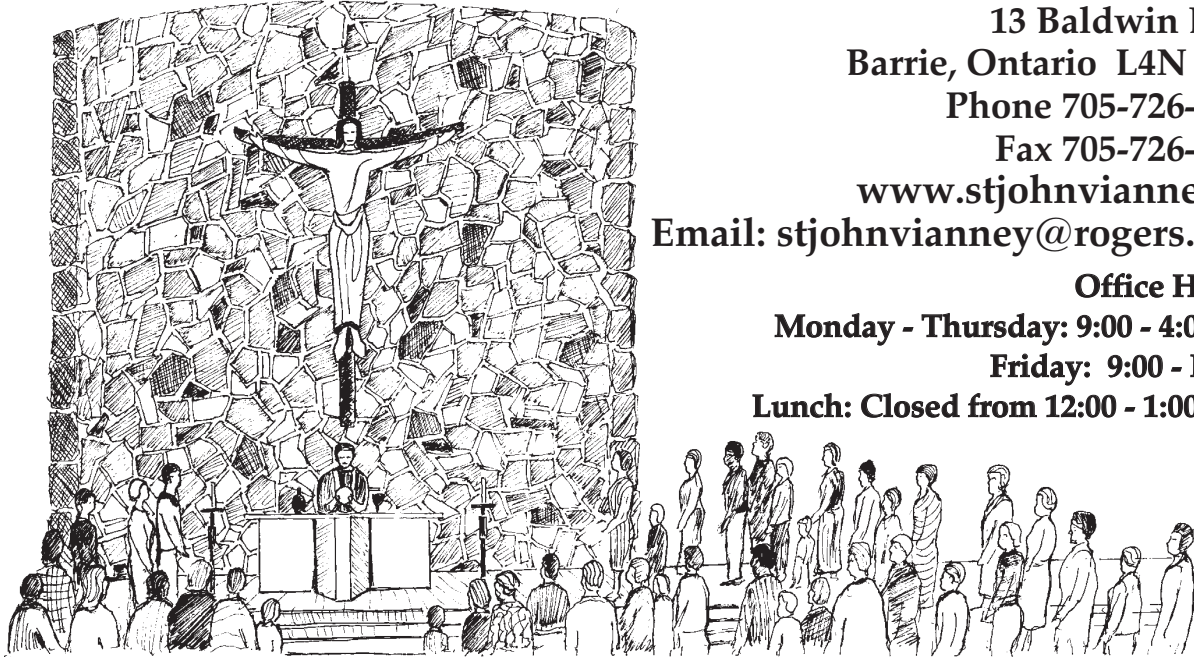


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**Friday: 9:00 - Noon**

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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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Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, C.M.I., Pastor - 102

Fr. Joshy George, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 106

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Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

## A PROMISE IS A PROMISE

Two little boys were getting ready to boil some eggs so they could decorate them for Easter. The older brother told the younger one---“if you let me break three eggs on your head I’ll give you five dollars.” “Really? “five dollars?” The younger one’s eyes grew wide with the prospect of getting five dollars. “Yep. If you let me break three eggs on your head I’ll give you five dollars.” “Promise?” “Yes, Promise.” “Okay.” The younger brother closed his eyes and held his hands at the side of his face as the older brother giggled and cracked open the first egg. As the yolk was just beginning to roll down onto his cheeks, the older brother said, “That’s one.” As he cracked open the second egg the older brother said, “That’s two” The younger boy then braced himself for the third egg. After about ten seconds he said, “Come on, I’m ready for the third one.” The older brother then said, “Are you kidding? That would cost me five dollars.”

We live in a world filled with broken promises and failed obligations. We see this when politicians break campaign pledges; marriage vows are abandoned; warranties and contracts aren’t honored; governments don’t provide necessary services; parents neglect their children; workmanship is sloppy and customer service poor; retirement plans fail; advertised products don’t match the hype; business leaders are corrupt; and clergy and teachers misuse their power.

So we say things like: “You can’t trust anybody; always read the fine print; let the buyer beware; don’t talk to strangers; sign the “pre-nup.” We might wonder: Who is it we can trust?

The good news God speaks to us today is that we can trust Him. God is trustworthy. Consider our first reading, from Genesis. God promised Abraham that he would possess the land he had led him to. But Abraham wondered how he could know that this would really happen. So God made a covenant with Abraham. To seal the deal, God instructed Abraham to sacrifice some animals and lay the pieces on the ground. Then, after nightfall, God appeared to Abraham as fire and passed through the midst of the slain animals. This was God’s way of saying to Abraham: May what happened to these animals happen to me if I fail to keep my promise to you. In the ancient way of

understanding, God was calling down a curse upon himself.

We also encountered the theme of trust in today’s psalm. The author felt surrounded by enemies. But he knew that the Lord would never fail him. “The Lord is my light and my salvation;” he sang, “whom should I fear? The Lord is my life’s refuge; of whom should I be afraid?”

The Transfiguration of our Lord further reminds us that God keeps his promises, especially when Moses and Elijah were seen speaking with Jesus. Both Moses and Elijah were associated with the coming of God’s promised Messiah. For them to appear at the Transfiguration served to show that, in Jesus, God’s promise had been fulfilled. God the Father then proceeded to say that Jesus his Son is just as trustworthy as he is. “This is my Son;” he announced. “Listen to him.”

We can be assured that God the Father and Jesus his Son are trustworthy; they are promise-keepers. But what about us? Are we people who keep our promises? Not always. We fail to keep promises to ourselves. We also fail to keep our promises to others, whether it be not getting something done when we said we would, or backing out of a volunteer commitment. And what about our promises to God? The promises we made at our children’s baptisms and the promises we made as godparents to help new parents in their duty as Christian mothers and fathers. The promises we made on our wedding day, when we pledged to be true in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, for richer or poorer, all the days of our lives, and to welcome children lovingly from God and raise them in the faith.

All of us fail to keep these promises, to one degree or another. And God knows that. God knows that we are weak, broken, and sinful people. He doesn’t hold us to the same standard he holds himself. What he does ask is that we do our best, keep trying without getting discouraged, and ask his forgiveness when we fail.

Lent is a period of conversion and renewal. We prepare to renew our baptismal promises to God on Easter Sunday. Our trustworthy Lord invites and empowers us to re-commit ourselves to the promises we’ve made and confess the promises we’ve broken. Thus, we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.”

# Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday  
March 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm † **Ottillie & Deedee Mieschke**  
Requested by: Conrad Mieschke
- 5:00 pm † **Marg Nixon**  
Requested by: Larry & Mary Jane White
- Sunday  
March 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am † **Steve Perkić**  
Requested by: Agnes Perkić
- 9:30 am † **Krystyna Eugeniusz & † Dariusz Jakubiec**  
Requested by: Fuks Family
- 9:30 am † **Vincent Mancinelli**  
Requested by: Family
- 9:30 am † **Huynh Hun Phat & † Nguyen Thi Mot**  
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
- 9:30 am For the special intentions of **David Ross**  
Requested by: Knights of Columbus
- 9:30 am For the special intentions of **Marjorie Oliveira**  
Requested by: Family
- 11:30 am **For living & deceased members of the C.W.L.** Requested by: C.W.L.
- Monday  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am † **Marg Nixon**  
Requested by: Les & Mary Watts
- Tuesday  
March 19<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am † **Marg Nixon**  
Requested by: Wed. Prayer Group
- Wednesday  
March 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm For the special intentions of **Brian & Isabella Roussel**  
Requested by: Annie & Oscar Roussel
- 7:00 pm For the special intentions of **Desmond D'Souza**  
Requested by: D. & J. D'Souza & Family
- Saturday  
March 23<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am † **Bridget Prior**  
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



## THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings at 7:00 during Lent. Next **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the Stations of the Cross will be led by the Choir.

*The Catholic Prayer Bible –Lectio Divina Edition (NRSV) which is a large print prayer bible with passage explanations and reflection questions will be available at the Welcome Table this weekend. The cost is \$35.*

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*Itineraries are available at the back of the church. Information & Registration evening will be on **Tues. March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the parish hall. Those who are interested, please come prepared to register and make initial deposit.*



The Catholic Women's League will hold their annual general meeting on Monday March 18 at 7 p.m. The 2018 financials will be approved and the 2019 budget will be presented for approval.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

March 21, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at  
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Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Saturday April 13 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm	Thursday April 18 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm	Friday April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday April 21 <sup>st</sup>
Sun. April 14 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	The Mass of the Lord's Supper	The Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm	8:00 pm	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am



*Please pray for those who are sick:* Aileen Henry, Niala Kalliecharan, Patrick Scicluna, Baby

Tobias Gerritsen, Brian Downey, Monique Lewicki, David Ross, Martin Matchett, Shirley Richard, and Marjorie Oliveira. *And for those who have died:* † Angelo Mendicino, † Marg Nixon, † Baby Gabrielle Pallasigui, † Cheryl Arnold, & † Karl Hurley,



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