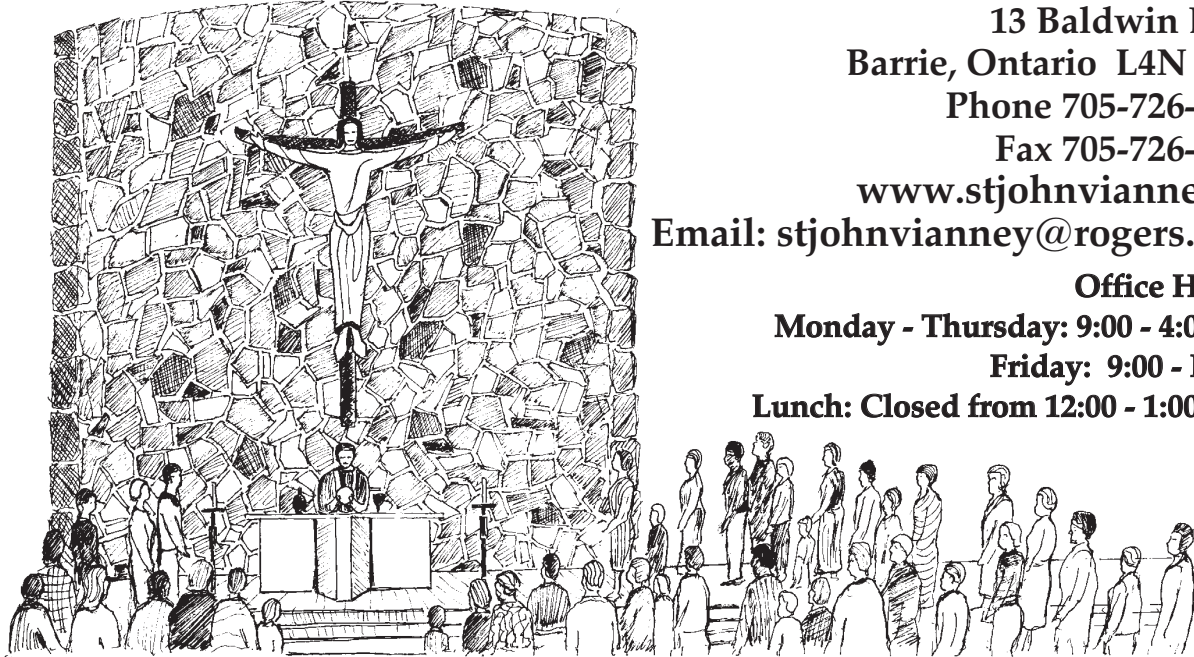


# St. John Vianney Church



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**Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm**

**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

Parish Outreach for Seniors - Press 103

*Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6*

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

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

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

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## Letting go of oneself, for others

Martin Luther King once wrote about a time when he knelt in prayer in the kitchen of his home in Alabama. Stones had been thrown through the window because of his call for civil rights for black people. His wife and children were in danger. In prayer he found himself asking if it was right to put himself and them in danger. It was in that moment he decided to put the will of God and the welfare of his people before his own security and even that of his family. He chose to serve God by speaking out for those who were most oppressed. In a sense, he chose to die so that others could more fully live. It was a striking echo of what Jesus says in the gospel, that the grain of wheat must fall into the ground to yield a rich harvest.

Jesus himself was the supreme expression of this principle. He is the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies, and in dying yields a harvest of life. He describes that harvest in prophetic words: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." If God was at work through the life of Jesus, even more so through the death of Jesus, a death that reveals the power of God's love, even more fully than his years of healing and ministry. The amazing love revealed in Christ's death on the cross drew people to God, and continues to do so. Over the centuries, simply by looking upon the crucifix, millions of people have experienced God's personal love and compassion and in turn found themselves drawn to God. Jesus of Nazareth, by accepting the loss of so much that was dear to him, and especially by his vibrant life and warm companionship with others, drew people of all nations to himself and, thereby, to sharing in God's life.

Each of us in different ways has to accept some significant loss if we are to remain true to our deepest and best self, true to what God is asking of us. There are losses in life that we do not choose, but that are forced upon us. We may have to accept the loss of people we love and care about because of choices they make themselves. Parents may not wish to see a son or daughter go far away to live and work, but they accept this necessary loss out of respect for the one they love. In accepting the losses that life imposes, in letting go of those we love, we often find something fuller and richer.

One focus during Lent is to reflect on our own death and to see our way through it. We all must die, as much as we don't like the fact. We try to

hide it, dodge it, and deny it. Yet we can't in fact escape it. Jesus came into the world, not so much to do away with death but to teach us how to die by his example and then to assure us that death does not say the last word about life. When we walk into the valley of death we do not walk alone. Jesus is with us because he's been there before and knows what it is like. Moreover he promises us that just as he rose from the dead so will we. We will all be young again. We will all laugh again.

Once upon a time there was a young grandmother who totally adored her oldest grandson. He was a good young man, friendly, courteous, more mature than you could reasonably expect any teenager to be. He was also an excellent athlete and was to be valedictorian of his class. Then, just a week before graduation, another teen, quite drunk, plowed into the car in which the young man was returning from a baseball game. He died three hours later in the hospital. Everyone in the family was, devastated. The grandmother was furious. "Why do such terrible things happen?" she demanded. "Why did it have to happen to my grandson? What kind of God would permit this to happen to me? He must be a cruel and vicious God. Why should I believe in him? I don't believe in him. My grandson was so young, he had the rest of his life ahead of him. I don't believe in heaven. I don't believe in anything." She carried on like this for months, making the tragedy even harder for her family. She stopped going to Church and refused to talk to the priest who dropped by her house to talk to her. "I just hate God," she insisted.

Then one night, maybe she was dreaming, her grandson, in his baseball uniform, came to visit her. "Cool it, Grams." he told her. "I'm happy. Life is much better where I am. You're not acting like my grams any more. We all have to die sometime, young or old, but here we're all young and we're all laughing." So the grandmother began to let go of her grief and rage.

At the end, for each of us, there is the final, unavoidable struggle to let go of our very life, with all the loss that is entailed in that. As we face of all these inevitable losses that are integral to life, we are strengthened by the words of Jesus in today's gospel, "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." We trust and believe that, at the end of the day, after we have struggled through all our losses, the Lord will draw us to himself, and, when that happens, we will lack nothing.



Saturday  
March 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm † **JoAnn Neate**  
Requested by: Bob, Linda & Michelle Hodgins

Sunday  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † **Ada & Enrico Pellegrino**  
Requested by: Maria & Fiorenzo Coccimiglio

9:30 am † **Vincent Mancinelli**  
Requested by: The Family

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

Monday  
March 19<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am † **Jebriel Syed**  
Requested by: Family

Tuesday  
March 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am For the special intentions of **Brian Roussel & Natalie Butler** Requested by: Annie & Oscar Roussel

8:30 am For the special of **Desmond D'Souza**  
Requested by: D. & J. D'Souza & Family

Friday  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 am † **Bridget Prior**  
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Saturday March 24 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm	Thursday March 29 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm	Friday March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Sun. March 25 <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

**NEW POLICY FOR HANDLING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

The Archdiocese of Toronto has implemented a new policy regarding Special or Extraordinary Collections in the Church at various times throughout the year. Effective immediately, when a second collection by the Archdiocese is mandated, the parish will conduct two separate collections at each Mass. The second collection will take place after Communion.



**Stations of the Cross & Lenten Reflection**  
by

**Fr. Eugene Chianain, CFIC**

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation leading us to Good Friday and Easter. Please join us at 5:00 pm for a simple Lenten Meal in the parish hall next Friday March 23 followed by Stations of the Cross at **6:30 pm** led by Mr. Marcus Terfloth. We will then welcome **Father Eugene Chianain, CFIC**, who will lead a reflection followed by Confession.

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—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

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**BAPTISM**



Baptismal Preparation packages are available at the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall or on the table in the vestibule. Baptisms usually take place the first Sunday of the month.

Attendance at a baptism preparation class is mandatory before baptism takes place. Please fill in the applicable form(s) and submit them to the parish office.



*Please pray for those who are sick:*

**Ted Houston, Rigo Ongaro, Teresa Johnson, Jean Boileau, Carol Aimola, Shelia Oleson, Jo-Anne Ransome, Kate Campbell Ramsbottom, Leonard Gibbons, Yvette Doiron, Mary Heffernan, Nadia Allesio, Len Smyth, & Marjorie Oliveira.** *And for those who have died recently:* † **Celesta "Sally" Thomas**



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