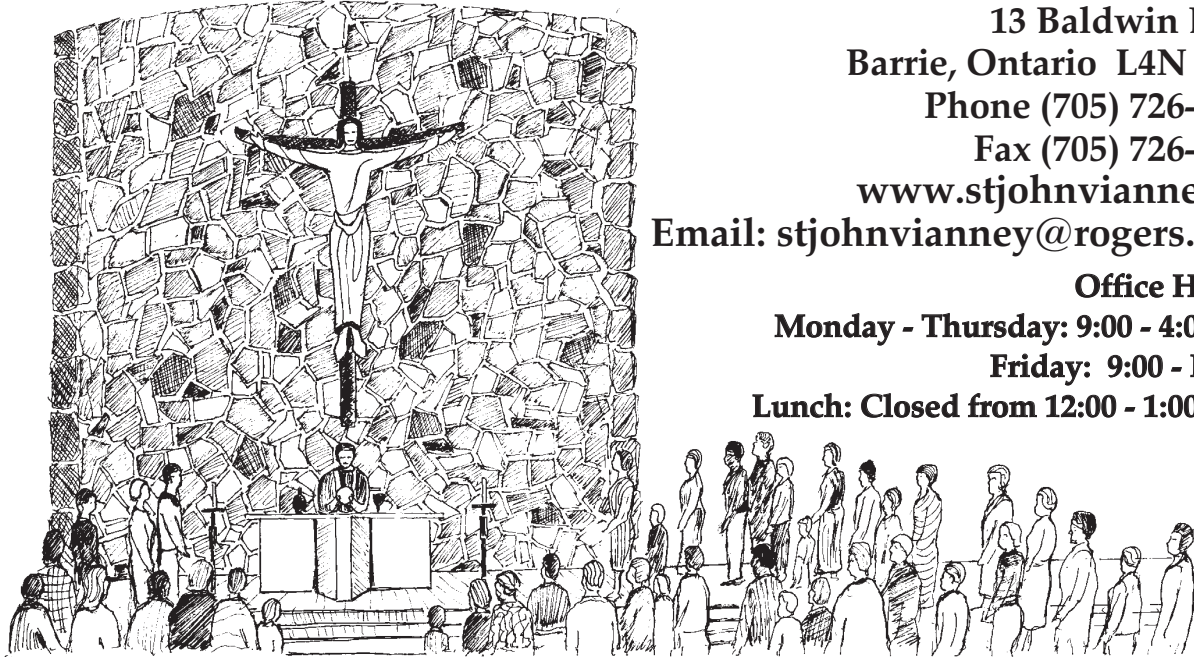


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in 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. Saji Thomas, C.M.I., Associate Pastor
Fr. Joshy George, In Residence

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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Mass Intentions  for the Week

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| Sunday March 19 th | 9:30 am † Le Thi De & Mai Van Gioi Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families |
| | 9:30 am † Alexander Cowley Requested by: Shirley Kenny |
| | 9:30 am For the special intentions of Marjorie Oliveira Requested by: Family |
| Monday March 20 th | 8:30 am For the special intentions Desmond D'Souza on his birthday Requested by: D. & J. D'Souza & Family |
| Thursday March 23 rd | 8:30 am † Bridget Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior |

“Leave water jar behind”

Today's Gospel encounter is captivating. Tired on his journey, Jesus sits down next to Jacob's Well. Soon a woman arrives to draw water. She belongs to a semi-pagan people, despised by the Jews. Right out of the blue, Jesus begins the dialogue. He doesn't know how to look down on anyone, only how to look at them with deep tenderness. «Woman, give me something to drink». The woman stops in her tracks. How dare he be in contact with a Samaritan? Why does he lower himself to speak with an unknown woman? Jesus' words surprise her all the more: “If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me something to drink’, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water”.

Jesus' thirst was not for water but rather to meet a dry soul. Jesus needed to satisfy the Samaritan woman to open her heart. He asks her for a drink of water to bring to light the thirst that was in her. The woman is moved by this encounter: she asks Jesus those profound questions that we all have, but that we often ignore. We too have lots of concerns to ask, but we cannot find the guts to pose them to Jesus! Lent is the appropriate time to look inside ourselves, to permit our most genuine spiritual

selves to emerge, and to ask the Lord's assistance in prayer. The example of the Samaritan woman welcomes us to express ourselves in this way: “Jesus, provide me that water that will permanently appease my thirst.”

The Gospel informs us that the disciples were astonished that their Master spoke to that woman. But the Lord is greater than prejudices; this is why he was not afraid to engage with the Samaritan woman. Mercy is higher than prejudice. This we must learn well! Grace is higher than bias, and Jesus is really merciful.

The outcome of this meeting at the well was that the woman was changed: “she left her water container behind” and ran to the town to tell people about her amazing experience. “I discovered a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Messiah?” She was passionate. She went to get water from the well but found another water, the living water of mercy that wells up to eternal life. She found the water that she had constantly been searching for! She went to the village– the town that judged her, condemned her and rejected her– and announces that she has met the Messiah: someone who changed her life.

Every encounter with Jesus changes our lives. It is a step forward, a step closer to God. In this Gospel, we too find the inspiration to “leave our water jar behind,” the symbol of all that is apparently important however that diminishes before the “love of God.” All of us have one, or more than one! What is the water jar, that which burdens you, that which keeps you from God? Let us leave it behind and listen to the voice of Jesus with our heart. He provides us a different water, a water that brings us closer to the Lord. We are called to rediscover the significance and meaning of our Christian life, started in Baptism, and like the Samaritan woman, to testify to our brothers and sisters. Bear witness to what? To happiness! Bear witness to the joy of the encounter with Jesus. Every encounter with Jesus changes our life, and every encounter with Jesus fills us with joy. And this is how the Lord is. And tell of how many fantastic things that the Lord knows how to do in our heart when we have the guts to leave our water jars behind.

*Thank
you*

One of our young parishioners amazed me last week when he unexpectedly performed an *Act of Service*. **Declan Small**, a grade 7 student from St. John Paul II School noticed that there weren't enough music programs available in the pews for everyone and took it upon himself to purchase 50 new duo-tangs and copied and inserted the music into them. His thoughtfulness and initiative is to be commended. Thank you Declan!

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha



Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. during Lent. On **March 24th** stations will be led by the Choir.

Simple Lenten Meals will be served in the hall before the Stations of the Cross from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. This week the Lenten meal will be provided by the St. Vincent de Paul. Join us for the sustenance of food and fellowship!

Lenten Reflection by Rev. Paul Acton



Lent is a season of reflection and preparation leading us to Good Friday and Easter. Please join us on **Friday April 7th at 7:00 pm** as we welcome our guest speaker, Fr. Paul Acton who will lead a reflection followed by Confessions. **The evening will begin with a poverty meal at 5:00 pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.**



Archdiocese Day of Confessions

Our priests will be available for confession on **Friday April 7, 2017** from 9 am - 10 am and 7 pm- 9 pm.

SHARELIFE SUNDAY



Sunday April 2nd is ShareLife Sunday and the first of three collections for this annual appeal.

We invite you to be generous to our ShareLife Campaign again this year.

Through your generosity agencies, including Catholic Family Services in Simcoe County, are able to provide service to our Community. This year our Campaign Goal this year is \$179,200.00.



CANTOR WORKSHOP

CANTORS

Have you been blessed with the gift of singing? Please consider using this gift to present the Word of God to our church community in a way that can move the hearts that hear it. The role of Cantor is a specialized ministry which engages and leads the assembly in the singing of the Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation and other refrains. St. John Vianney Church will be holding a **Cantor Workshop** led by our music director, Marilyn Reesor, on the evening of **Tuesday, March 21st from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the Fr. Blackwell Room. This workshop is intended for all and will be equally beneficial to the novice and the experienced. Topics will begin with the fundamental aspects of canting, training and apprenticeship, and lead to in-depth discussion of role, spiritual devotion and canting technique. Those who are interested please sign-up at the welcome table or email Marilyn at sjvmusic@rogers.com



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† **John Paul Dempsey**

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