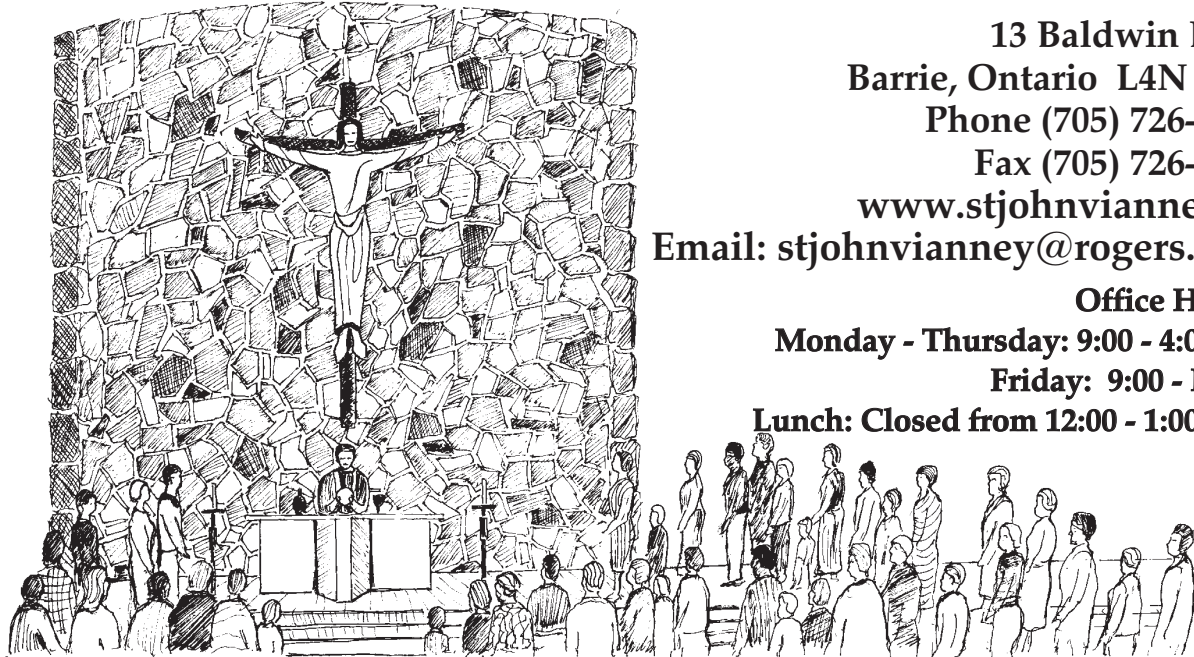


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

Fr. Saji Thomas, 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

Mass Times - Press 9

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Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6

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A DAY OF CHEERS AND TEARS

Today the Church is celebrating the Palm Sunday which reminds the faithful of the glorious and triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. As Jesus entered into Jerusalem the crowds greeted him with shouts of joy and proclaimed him as the messianic king. They spread their cloaks on the ground and placed the palm branches on the street and shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord".

The Gospel of today gives us the passion narratives. The passion narrative has long been recognized as the most significant portion of the four Gospels. The reason is that the very core of Christian faith is expressed in these chapters: namely the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. In today's passion narrative, Luke builds up five basic events that take place during the last few days of the earthly life of Jesus. First is that Jesus shares his final meal with the disciples. Second, Jesus is arrested by his enemies. Third, Jesus is subjected to the so called Jewish trial. Fourth, Jesus is subjected to the Roman trial and is condemned to death. Fifth, Jesus is crucified on the cross. He dies on the cross and is buried soon after. Yet the movement towards death begins when Jesus commences his long journey to Jerusalem as told by Luke in Chapter nine. He tells us that Jesus resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem. Jerusalem was his destiny and the place of glorification through his cross.

In this passion narrative we see the unfathomable love of God for us human beings shown in his beloved son Jesus. When we see the crucifix we see the Son of God nailed hands and feet to that cross, slowly shedding his blood for us. The Pharisees and the people mocked him at Calvary as he hung crucified. Pilate condemned an innocent person to death. He had to die a humiliating death hung between two thieves. The leaders deliberately put him with the criminals to humiliate him further before the people and to have them associate him with robbers. The helplessness of the God-man was visible on the cross.

In the face of those insults, and the people watching, and the leaders sneering, and the soldiers offering sour wine, Jesus had things to say. He did not say them only once. He went on repeating them.

His words, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing" hold for all time, for we too are included in it. God's merciful answer to his dying son

Jesus is for us too since we are his chosen ones. In his last words to anyone on earth Jesus kept assuring the penitent thief that that very day they would be together in paradise.

The Gospel tells us that as his death approached, there was darkness over the whole land. The powers of darkness were now approaching their moment of triumph. At that moment Jesus commends his soul to the Father. Into your hand I commend my spirit was the prayer of Jesus taken from the psalm 31, taught by every Jewish mother to their children before the night prayer. Here Jesus uses the word Father to make it an affectionate conclusion. The crowd seeing this was softened and women were touched. Jesus had triumphed. Into that scene comes a final good human being, Joseph of Arimathea, a good man and a secret disciple of Jesus. He is now courageous and bold and gets the body of Jesus from Pilate and even lends his own tomb. Luke says he is an upright and holy man. Even in that hate filled assembly there was at least one voice speaking for Jesus. Perhaps this is a great lesson for us to take courage to speak for him. May our reflections on the sufferings and death of Jesus make us true participants in the events and not just spectators in the life episode of Jesus.

Constantine the Great was the first Christian Roman emperor. His father Constantius I who succeeded Diocletian as emperor in 305 A.D. was a pagan with a soft heart for Christians. When he ascended the throne, he discovered that many Christians held important jobs in the government and in the court. So he issued an executive order to all those Christians: "Either give up Christ or give up your jobs." The great majority of Christians gave up their jobs rather than disowning Christ. Only a few cowards gave up their religion rather than lose their jobs. The emperor was pleased with the majority who showed the courage of their convictions and gave their jobs back to them saying: "If you will not be true to your God you will not be true to me either." Today we join the Palm Sunday crowd in spirit to declare our loyalty to Christ and fidelity to his teachings by actively participating in the Palm Sunday liturgy. As we carry the palm leaves to our homes, we are declaring our choice to accept Jesus as the King and ruler of our lives and our families. Let us express our gratitude to Jesus for redeeming us by his suffering and death, through our active participation in the Holy Week liturgy and our reconciliation with God, repenting of our sins and receiving God's pardon and forgiveness from Jesus through His Church.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday
March 19th 5:00 pm † **Luca Martino**
Requested by: His Family

Sunday
March 20th 8:00 am † **Janet Herbert**
Requested by: Fred & Hazel Hawrish

9:30 am † **Don Duperos**
† **Le Thi De, † Joseph Goi Mai**
Requested by: Nguyen & Tran Families


9:30 am † **John McGuire**
Requested by: Anonymous

11:30 am † **Adam Graham**
Requested by: Willa Wilson


Tuesday
March 22nd 8:30 am † **Louise Marr**
Requested by: Julie & Craig Taylor

Wednesday
March 23rd 7:00 pm † **Bridget Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior


Thursday
March 24th 8:30 am † **Louise Marr**
Requested by: Tim & Karen Taylor

 <p>Holy Week</p>			
Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Thursday March 24th	Friday March 25th	Saturday March 26th	Sunday March 27th
The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm	The Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm	8:00 pm	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Palm Sunday

 St John Vianney Youth Ministry will be selling large wood palm crosses again this year after all Masses on Palm Sunday weekend. The Blessed Crosses will be sold for \$10 each.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

 Please join us for a dramatization of the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 7:00 pm presented by St. John Vianney Youth Ministry.



PARKING ON GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 PM LITURGY

The Knights of Columbus will once again be looking after the parking arrangements for both the front and back parking lots. Please follow their instructions on parking and return to your vehicle immediately following the service. Your co-operation is appreciated.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOR SUMMER 2016



Check out our website for more information on the following Youth events.

www.stjohnvianney.ca

Stuebenville Toronto (grades 8-12) July 22-24, 2016

St John Vianney Summer Day Camp

(grades 1-8) August 15-19, 2016

EDGE Adventure Camp (grades 5-8) August 29-September 2, 2016

1st Communion Preparation Reminder

This is a reminder to all parents and children of St. Francis of Assisi School who are registered for 1st Communion that the preparation classes for this session will begin on **Tuesday March 29th at 6:30 pm** in the hall.

Confirmation Preparation Reminder

Registered Confirmation candidates and parents that attend St. Gabriel the Archangel School are reminded that their classes begin on **Wednesday March 30th at 7:00 pm** in the hall.



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Good Friday Collection

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March 25, 2016

Please pray for those who are sick:



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