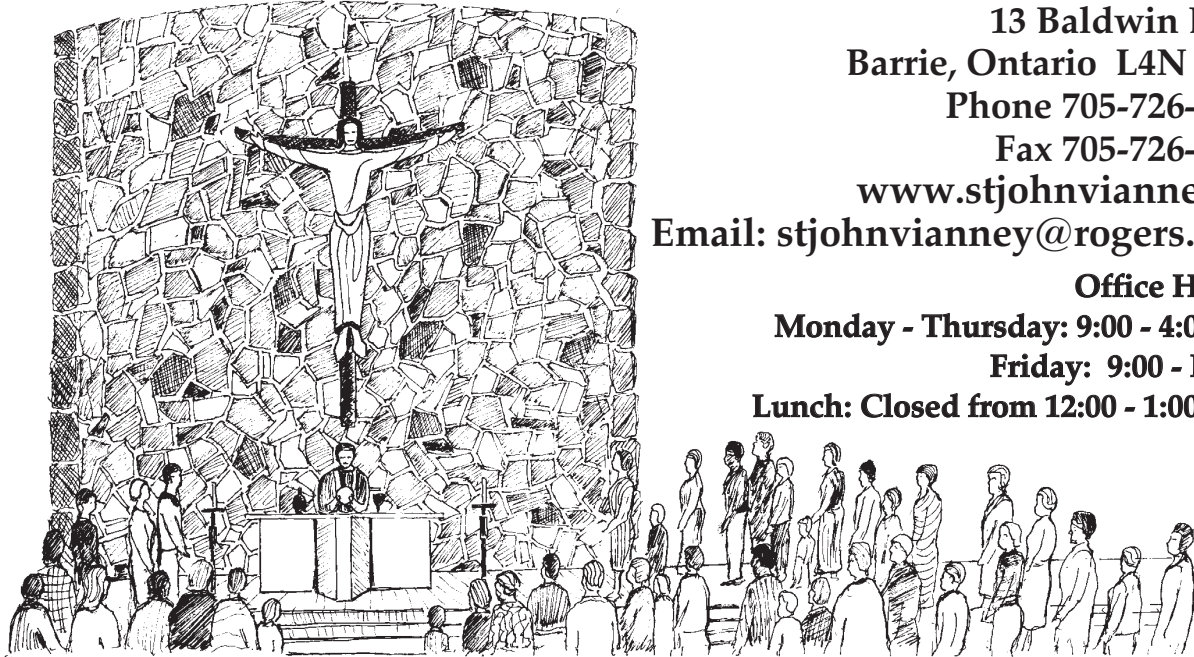


# St. John Vianney Church



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**Office Hours:**

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

**Friday: 9:00 - Noon**

**Lunch: Closed from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

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

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Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

LOOKING ON FROM A DISTANCE



“He was oppressed and was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth” (Is 53:7).

But it is well to bear in mind that Christ was no stranger to hardship, privation and suffering, long before that final day of his life.

He suffered the hardships of the poor, at times not even having a place to lay his head. He endured hunger and thirst, and after long days surrounded by crowds seeking a cure, he often spent whole nights at prayer in the hills. Despite his compassion for all who came to him, he met with hatred and rejection, in particular from Pharisees and priests, who planned to have him killed.

So terrible was the inner struggle of Jesus as he faced his death, that in the garden his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. Another bitter pill was the knowledge that one of his own circle of twelve would betray him, which most of the others would leave him, and that even the loyal St Peter would repeatedly swear he had never met him. But most terrible of all was his feeling of being abandoned by God, his inner spirit shrouded in a darkness that reflected the murky darkness that enveloped Calvary as the end drew near. “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

We see great hostility directed against Jesus during his public ministry especially during his last days of earthly life. There is the hostility of the chief priests, of the Roman soldiers, of those who passed by and jeered as he hung from the cross. Alongside the hostility of those who rejected Jesus, there is the failure of those who had been closest to him. Yet, there were a few people who responded to Jesus in that dark hour faithfully and nobly.

There was the anonymous woman who in an extravagant gesture of love and respect anointed the head of Jesus. Then there was the Roman centurion, who looked on as Jesus died and exclaimed, ‘this man was son of God.’ Joseph of Arimathea took the bold step of going to Pilate to ensure Jesus had a dignified burial. The women disciples who looked on from a distance noted

where Jesus was buried and went away to prepare spices to anoint his body at the earliest opportunity. All of these people men and women saw Jesus with eyes of faith and love.

The passion of Christ invites us to identify with those who saw Jesus with the eyes of faith and love, who recognized the light of God in the darkness of Jesus’ passion and death. When we look upon the passion and death of Jesus with such eyes, we see a divine love that is stronger than sin, a divine light that shines in all our darkness, a divine power that brings new life out of all our deaths, a divine poverty that enriches us at the deepest level of our being.

We have heard the story of Jesus’ last journey told in the space of ten minutes. This Holy Week, the church invites us to travel that journey at a much slower pace, day by day as it were. We are invited to enter into that journey with the eyes of the anointing woman, the centurion, Joseph of Arimathea and the group of faithful women. We look beneath the surface of what is happening, we listen deeply to all that is taking place, so as to recognize the good Shepherd who laid down his life for us all, so that we might have life and have it to the full.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 7:00 pm.

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
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>
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



Saturday  
March 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm † **Marion Timmins**  
Requested by: St. Joan of Arc ladies

Sunday  
March 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am † **Christopher Bernier**  
Requested by: Maher Family

9:30 am † **Arthur Galasso**  
Requested by: Frank Mellon

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

11:30 † **Martha Asuncion**  
Requested by: The Valdez Family

11:30 am For the special intentions of  
**Ilario Barale**  
Requested by: Catherine Hall

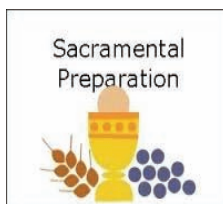
Monday  
March 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am † **Marina Prior**  
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Tuesday  
March 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am † **William Dale**  
Requested by: Marion & Jack Biggers

Thursday  
March 29<sup>th</sup> **Holy Thursday (no morning Mass)**  
7:00 pm Mass

Friday  
March 30<sup>th</sup> **Good Friday (no morning Mass)**  
3:00 pm Liturgy  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday  
March 31<sup>st</sup> **Holy Saturday (no morning Mass)**  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil



**REMINDER: FIRST COMMUNION**

This is a reminder to First Communion Parents of Group C (St. Gabriel the Archangel School) who are registered to receive their First Holy Communion on April 28 or 29

that your classes begin on **Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the parish hall.

**REMINDER: CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

This is a reminder to parents of Confirmation Candidates (Group A) who are registered to receive their Confirmation on May 19 or 20 that your classes begin on **Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the church.

**YAMs Easter Vigil Social**

Calling young adults 19+! After the Easter Vigil Mass on March 31<sup>st</sup>, come join YAMs (young adults ministry) for a pint and fellowship @ Wickies Pub located 274 Burton Ave. Barrie at 10 pm! We hope to see you there.



Steubenville  
Conference

Tickets for Steubenville Toronto are now available. This **high school conference** weekend is geared to ignite young hearts for Jesus in a fun atmosphere surrounded with inspiring speakers, great music, topics that every teen pays interest to and sacraments available to everyone. To learn more and register visit: [steubenvilletoronto.com](http://steubenvilletoronto.com) Group name is *St. John Vianney Barrie* (necessary to register).

**Total Cost \$325.00 includes: · Ticket · Food Accommodations · T-Shirt · Transportation**

**PROJECT HOPE (supporting refugees)**

Dear Parishioners, we are happy to report Yasmin & Toufiq are integrating well into the community. Our next Syrian refugees have received their approvals for immigrating to Canada & we expect them to arrive within a few weeks. The Committee is now challenged in finding a residence for the family of 5, mother, father, teen age son, daughter, and a younger daughter as well as sourcing furnishings and other goods to get them established. We will be making a pulpit announcement closer to their arrival outlining their various needs and look forward to the warm generosity of the parishioners of St. John Vianney Church.



**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.



*Please pray for those who are sick:*

**Pat Carter, Ted Houston, Rigo Ongaro, Jean Boileau, Carol Aimola, Shelia Oleson, Jo-Anne Ransome, Leonard Gibbons, Yvette Doiron, Allesio, Len Smyth, & Marjorie Oliveira.**

*And for those who have died recently:*

† Gertruda Daverveld, † Melissa Baier




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