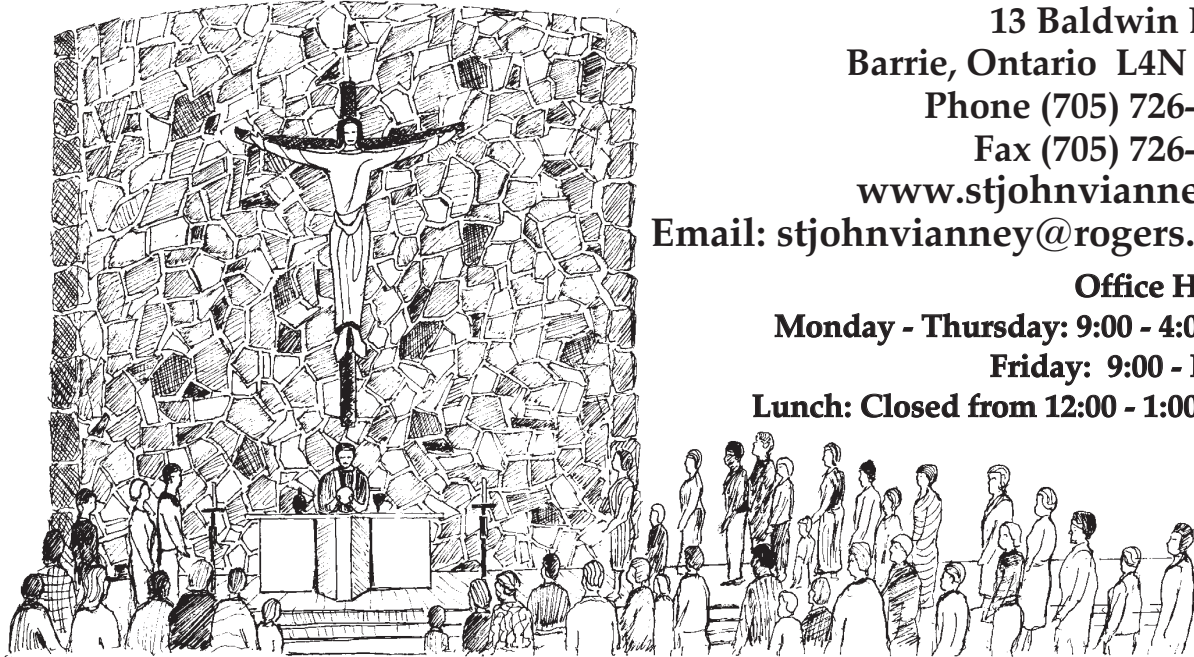


# St. John Vianney Church



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**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. 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**

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. Saji Thomas, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 108

Fr. Joshy George - 106

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121


 Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday March 25 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm † <b>Gerald Borho</b> Requested by: Betty & Family
Sunday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am † <b>Jiacobe Huynh Van Ho</b> † <b>Maria Nguyen Thi Hoa</b> Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families
	9:30 am † <b>Caitlian O'Brien</b> Requested by: Knights of Columbus 2020
	9:30 am For the special intentions of <b>Marjorie Oliveira</b> Requested by: Family
	11:30 am † <b>Patricia Parent-Johnston</b> Requested by: C.W.L. Members
Wednesday March 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm † <b>Sestino Vinelli</b> Requested by: Mary Kominek & Family

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### “LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT”

John Henry Cardinal Newman was a professor at Oxford University. When he was an Anglican priest, along with the other scholars, he started the Oxford movement. When he was thirty-two years old, his health was bad, and he took a break from his writings and went to Europe to recuperate. But unfortunately, he contacted a deadly fever. He wanted to return to England, but no transportation was available. As he waited, his life became lonely and tedious; he was experiencing great physical and emotional despair. It is then that he penned a beautiful hymn asking God for light: *“Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on; The night is dark, and I am far from home; Lead thou me on: Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see The distant scene—one step enough for me.”* In his confusion and distress, Newman prayed to the God of Light to lead him from darkness to light, from confusion to certainty, and from sickness to health. God heard his prayer and led him home safely. In 1845, he was converted to the Roman Catholic faith.

We're at the halfway point in Lent. This week, the readings tell us to get rid of the

darkness, and to learn to see as God sees. As Father Richard Rohr says in a recent book, "because humans do not see their own truth very well, they do not read reality very well either" As a result of straining away through the darkness, we make many foolish and destructive choices. We're like a person who fails to turn the light on when entering a room. As a result, we knock over tables and chairs, rather than seeing how to use them.

By describing the anointing of David as the second king of Israel, the first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God's help. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility as children of light *to live as children of the light, producing every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.*"


Presenting the miracle of Jesus' giving of sight to a man born blind, today's Gospel teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of the mind by Faith, and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. To live as a Christian is to see, to have clear vision about God, about ourselves and about others. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should serve to heal our spiritual blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God and love them as our own brothers and sisters saved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

#### **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 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** as we welcome our guest speaker, Fr. Paul

Acton who will lead us in Lenten 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.**

|                                            |                                                                                   | <b>HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE</b>                                                                                     |                                               |                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Palm Sunday                                                                                                                | Holy Thursday                                                                     | Good Friday                                                                                                   | Easter Vigil                                  | Easter Sunday                                              |
| Saturday<br>April 8 <sup>th</sup><br>at 5:00 pm<br><br>Sunday<br>April 9 <sup>th</sup><br>8:00 am,<br>9:30 am,<br>11:30 am | April 13 <sup>th</sup><br>The Mass<br>of the<br>Lord's<br>Supper<br>at<br>7:00 pm | April 14 <sup>th</sup><br>The Passion<br>of the Lord<br>3:00 pm<br><br>Stations of<br>the Cross at<br>7:00 pm | Saturday<br>April 15 <sup>th</sup><br>8:00 pm | April 16 <sup>th</sup><br>8:00 am,<br>9:30 am,<br>11:30 am |

## The Stations of the Cross



Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. during Lent. On **March 31<sup>st</sup>** Stations of the Cross and the Lenten Meal will be hosted by the Eucharistic

Ministers.

A Simple Lenten Meal will be served in the hall before the Stations of the Cross from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Join us for the sustenance of food and fellowship!



### **CONFIRMATION**

Please pray for our youth who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday at a special 3:00 pm Mass. May God richly bless them and their families as we journey together in faith.



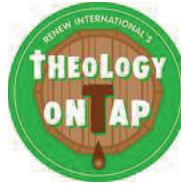
**Couples wishing to be married must contact the pastor at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office at (705) 726-8007 to book an appointment.**



### **2017 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

are available at the Welcome Table in the hall after Mass.

**Thank you for your continued support!**



### **THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Theology on Tap: Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Donaleigh's Irish Pub, 28 Dunlop Street E. Retired Educator, Pat Bullock will discuss "Why do Good People Suffer?" – A relevant topic in these times as many ask where God is when bad things happen. All adults 19+ are welcome to attend.

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### Edge Camp Registration

Deadline for Edge Camp 2017 is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Registration is online followed by a deposit for registrant(s) at the office. Please call Berna at 705 790-7846 for more details or visit our website;

[www.stjohnvianney.ca/edgecampcentral2017.pdf](http://www.stjohnvianney.ca/edgecampcentral2017.pdf)



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How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it is volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Our annual appeal provides resources to 42 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, consider your ability to "Live the Gospel" by helping those who are vulnerable and in need, and make a contribution to ShareLife

**Next Sunday, April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday  
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**Please pray for those who are sick:**

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