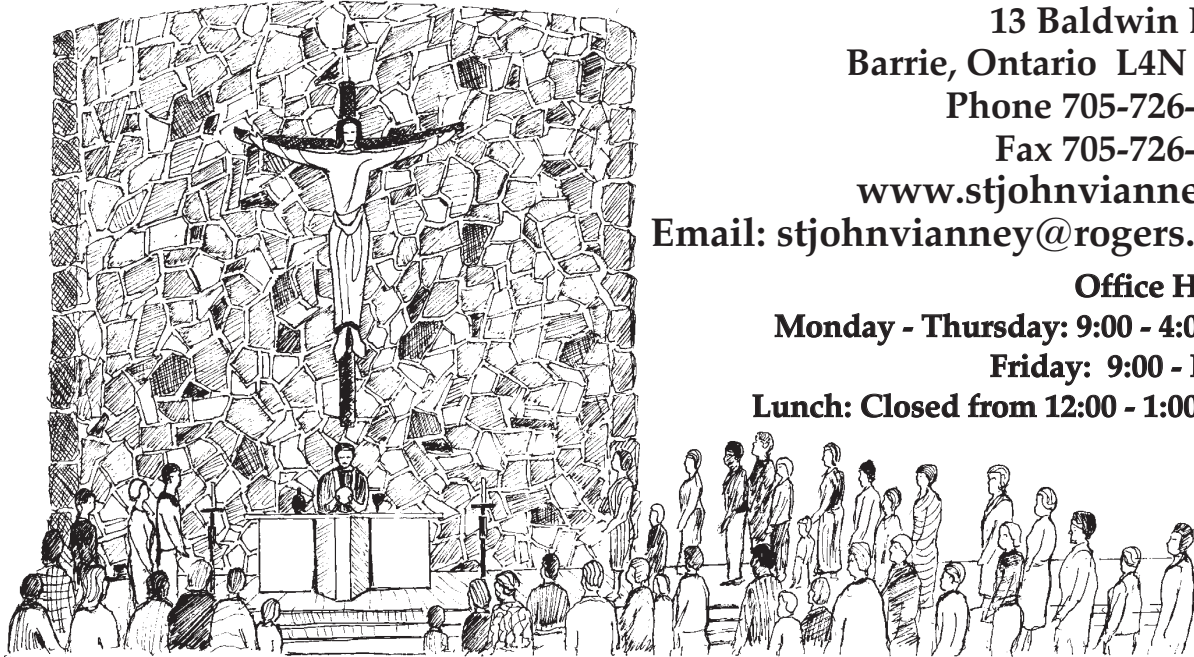


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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm

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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

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Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

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DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

School teacher Dodie Gadiant decided to travel across America and see the sights she had taught her students about, for the last 13 yrs. Traveling alone in a truck with a camper in tow, she launched out. One afternoon rounding a curve on I-5 near Sacramento in rush-hour traffic, the water pump blew on her truck. She was tired, exasperated, scared and alone. In spite of the traffic jam she caused, no one seemed interested in helping. Leaning up against the trailer she prayed, "Please Lord send me an angel, preferably one with mechanical experience!"

Within 4 minutes a huge Harley drove up ridden by an enormous man sporting long black hair, a beard and tattooed arms. With an incredible air of confidence, he jumped off and without even glancing at Dodie went to work on the truck. Within another few minutes, he flagged down a larger truck, attached a tow chain to the frame of the disabled Chevy and whisked the whole 56-ft rig off the freeway onto a side street where he calmly continued to work on the water pump.

The intimidated, schoolteacher was too dumbfounded to talk. Especially when she read the paralyzing words on the back of his leather jacket: Hell's Angels. As he finished the task, she finally got up the courage to say, "Thank you." Noticing her amazement at the whole ordeal, he looked her straight in the eye and said, "Don't judge a book by its cover!" With that he smiled, closed the hood of the truck and straddled his Harley. With a wave he was gone as fast as he had appeared.

Today's readings instruct us to share our Christian life, love, and spiritual health by our words, and to avoid gossiping about, and passing rash, thoughtless and pain-inflicting judgments on others, thus damaging their good reputation and causing them irreparable harm. The first reading, taken from the Book of Sirach, teaches that what is inside us is revealed through our conversation – as the grain and husks are separated in a farmer's sieve, as the quality of the metal is revealed in the potter's fire, and as the size and quality of a tree's fruit reveal the care it

has received from the planter. Sirach's teaching serves as an excellent preview for today's Gospel, which reminds us, when we're feeling judgmental, to think before we speak because what comes out of our mouth reveals our heart.

Jesus condemns our careless, malicious and rash judgments about the behavior, feelings, motives or actions of others by using the funny examples of one blind man leading another blind man and one man with a log stuck in his eye, trying to remove a tiny speck from another's eye.

No one except God is good enough to judge others because only God sees the whole truth, and only He can read the human heart. Hence, only He has the ability, right and authority to judge us. We do not see all the facts or circumstances or the power of the temptation which has led a person to do something evil. We are often prejudiced in our judgment of others, and total fairness cannot be expected from us, especially when we are judging those near or dear to us. We have no right to judge because we have the same faults as the one, we are judging and often in a greater degree. Hence, we should leave all judgment to God, practice mercy and forgiveness, and pray for God's grace to get rid of all forms of hypocrisy in our lives.

There is no 8:30 am morning Mass on Monday March 4th. Instead there will be a Funeral Mass at 11:00 am which you are welcome to attend.



ASH WEDNESDAY takes place on March 6th. It marks the beginning of Lent, a season of fasting prayer and almsgiving. **Mass with distribution of Ashes will take place at Noon and 7:00 pm**



Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. during Lent. Our first Stations of the Cross will be held on **Friday March 8th** led by the Youth Ministry and will begin with a Poverty Meal at 5:00 pm. Join us for the sustenance of food and fellowship!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday
March 2nd 5:00 pm † **Joan Lac Nguyen & Joseph Ngai Csu**
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

5:00 † **Norma & Eduardo Saez**
Requested by: Family

5:00 pm † **Brian Stokell**
Requested by: June & Bernie Richard

Sunday
March 3rd 9:30 am For the special intentions of **Maria Thuy Mai & Maria Khuyen Hoang**

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

Monday
March 4th **NO 8:30 AM MORNING MASS**
MASS WILL BE AT 11:00 AM

Tuesday
March 5th 8:30 am † **Marshall & Doris Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

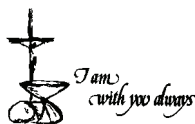
Wednesday
March 6th 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm
Mass with the Distribution of Ashes

Friday
March 8th 8:30 am † **Theresa Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

5:00 pm **POVERTY MEAL**
7:00 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



Congratulations to those boys and girls who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend! Our prayers are with you as you continue to walk in faith, with Jesus guiding your steps.



PANCAKE SUPPER: The Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting the pancake supper on Tuesday March the 5th from 5:00 to 7:00pm. The cost will be \$5.00/person and free for children under the age of 12. Tickets will be available in the hall this weekend.

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MADE FOR GREATNESS

The Office of Vocations is facilitating a discipleship and discernment program in our parish called *Made for Greatness*. It is for single men who want to grow in their relationship with Jesus through the universal call to holiness and learn more about the unique vocations to which they may be called. Register on line at MadeforGreatness.ca. Classes are every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Fr. Blackwell Room.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

The Society of St Vincent de Paul would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support through 2018. Your generosity has accomplished many wonderful things. We preformed 584 visits, both at the church and in our friends' homes. Of those visits, we served 210 families, including 300 children and 303 adults. We were also able to assist our friends with other urgent issues that arose throughout the year. Your response to our Knights of Columbus food drive was phenomenal. You donated an upwards of 6600lbs of food. Without you, we would not be able to continue our mission: *"To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy."* Thank you again from all of us at The Society St Vincent de Paul!

PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL

On March 7, students and staff from the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, as well as local parishioners, will depart for a 12 day pilgrimage to Israel. These students from across the school board have been taking a course in Religious Education on Saturdays, and will have the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. The Sacred Scriptures will come alive for these students and adults as they celebrate six masses in the holiest of places in Israel. We are asking all of our parishioners to pray for our pilgrims as they undertake this important faith journey. Thanking you in advance, Brian Beal, *Director of Education, Simcoe Muscoda Catholic District School Board.*



Please pray for those who are sick:

Patrick Scicluna, Baby Tobias Joseph Gerritsen, Brian Downey, David Ross, Martin Matchett, Shirley Richard, and Marjorie Oliveira.

And for those who have died recently: † Maureen MacNeil

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