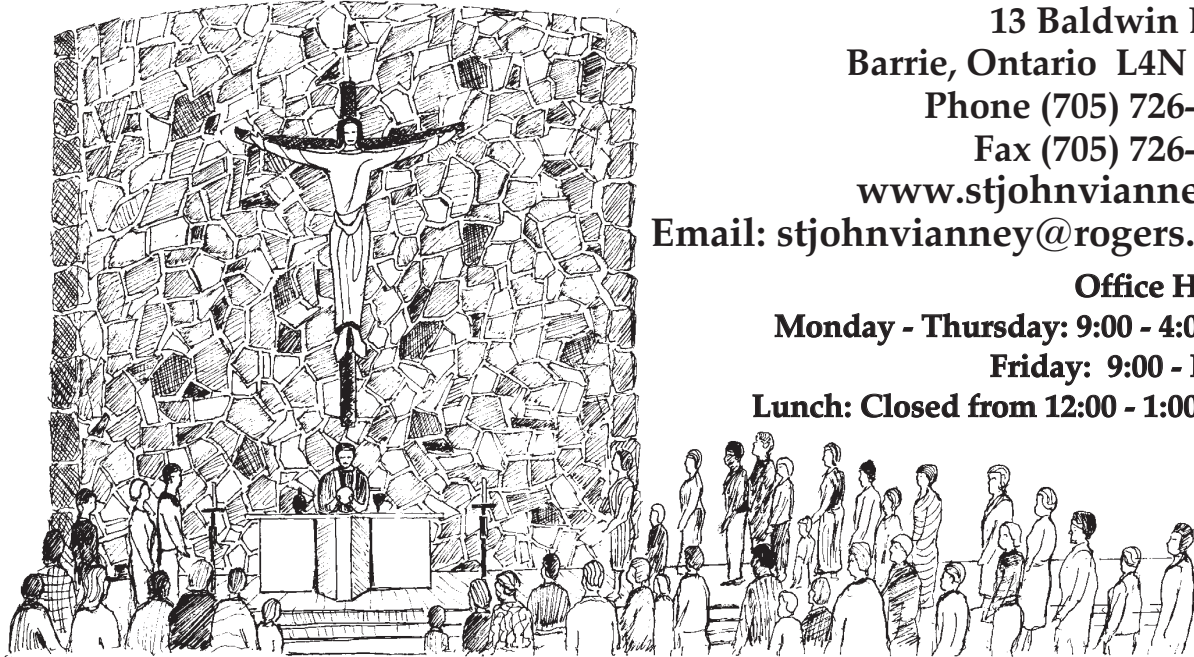


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

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Lent: The time for
"Becoming Christians"

Lent has an interesting history. It seems to have begun as the period of preparing catechumens for baptism: the time for "becoming Christians." Later, Lent also became the period when the "order of penitents," the already baptized who had fallen into serious sin, prepared to be re-admitted into the Church. Finally, it became an annual observance for the whole Church. The gradual expansion of Lent suggests a growing insight into the fact that *conversion from sin* is not the victory of a moment, but the pilgrimage of a lifetime. Unless we keep *becoming* a Christian, we cannot *be* a Christian. To no longer strive to be *better*, is no longer to be *good*.

This principle holds throughout the year, of course. But the Church devotes a special season to conversion precisely because of the richness of the Christian mystery. Christ's words and deeds give us strong motives to feel many different things: to mourn our sins, to rejoice at our redemption, to contemplate Christ's second coming with holy fear, to contemplate his first coming with gratitude and wonder. To try to attend to all the facets of the Christian mystery at the same time is really to attend to none of them at all. And so the Church refracts the white light of the Christ through the prism of the liturgical year, separating it into its various colors. Now we are in the purple of conversion.

A question arises: what is conversion? Stating it positively, we could say that it means becoming fully alive. But even a moment's reflection reminds us that life—even biologically—can be defined as "resistance to the pull of gravity." Where there is no upward exertion, there is no life. The Church's three great Lenten practices—prayer, fasting and almsgiving—are all signs of life in this sense. Each represents a way of resisting the pull of spiritual gravity. Adoration before God checks our self-importance. Fasting checks our craving for comfort and pleasure. Almsgiving pierces the

bubble of self-absorption. All the great religions advise similar practices.

All the same, there is something different about the Christian attitude toward conversion and its practices. Christians don't convert themselves. Conversion happens, not by our life-force, but by Christ's life within us. Hence, our Lenten practices only dispose us receive Christ's life; they do not produce it automatically. If we could produce holiness by ourselves, if we could simply sculpt ourselves into great-souled persons, Christianity would be a very different religion. We would not need to be here week after week.

This is the meaning of Original Sin, which St. Paul describes in the Letter to the Romans: *Through the disobedience of one man all were made sinners*. From his own spiritual struggles, St. Paul knows that there is a depth of sin that we did not **opt into**. Therefore, there's a depth of sin we cannot **opt out** of either.

This is why we're here at Mass every Sunday. This is why it's not enough to be spiritual-but-not-religious. Not enough to be a nice guy. We need a cure that goes as deep as the wound. We need, as St. Paul says, *through the obedience of one man, to be made righteous*. We need Christ.

Not surprisingly, Christ turns out to be the ultimate basis for Christian conversion, for Christian fasting, Christian almsgiving, and Christian prayer. We do these practices because Christ himself went before us doing these things; He filled these practices with His own power.

Christ himself **fasted**, underwent trial, and overthrew Satan. Christ became hungry and vulnerable, that He himself required the ministry of angels. When we **give alms**, then, we aim at more than exercising awareness; we aim to comfort Christ. Finally, Christ was led in the Spirit to pray to the Father. **Prayer** too, then, Christ filled with His power and His presence. Here at the Eucharist, we enter into Christ's perfect prayer in such a way that His prayer also becomes our prayer. Christ's life becomes our life—this is the meaning of conversion—this is the meaning of Lent.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. March 4th 9:30 am For the special intentions of the Ordinandi
Requested by: Jackie Galic

Sunday March 5th 8:00 am † **Mrs. Vanden Berg**
Requested by: Casey & Ria Vander Mast

8:00 am † **Lorna Alderson**
Requested by: Geri Eaton

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

9:30 am For the special intentions of **John Jinwoo Lee**
Requested by: His parents

9:30 am † **Christian Rynkowski**
Requested by: Dorota Rynkowski

9:30 am † **Basil Mellon**
Requested by: Frank & Joan Family

Mon. March 6th 8:30 am † **Marshall & Doris Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Wed. March 8th 7:00 pm † **Jose Furtado**
Requested by: Emily Furtado

Thurs. March 9th 8:30 am † **Theresa Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNERS!



The Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest for our parish was held on Saturday, February 25. Congratulations to the winner **Baylie MacMillan** from St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic School speaking on Residential Schools. She will go on to the regional contest on March 4 and congratulations also goes out to **Aurora De La Roca** from St. John Paul II Catholic School was our runner up speaking to us on Toxic Chemicals. Thank you to everyone who attended and everyone who assisted in making this even such a great event!

ST. PATRICKS DAY DINNER/DANCE



The Irish Claddagh Club of Barrie and District is holding its annual St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance on **Saturday, March 11th at St. John Vianney Parish Hall.** Doors open at 6:30: Dinner at 7:15. Live entertainment and a DJ for dancing. Call Brenda at 705-721-7624 for tickets (\$30 per person)

PARISH OUTREACH TO SENIORS



Simcoe Country has a higher number of seniors living alone without family support and in desperate need of a friendly visitor. Our parish has introduced a new program to reach out to lonely and isolated seniors in Barrie. We have recently trained and vetted many mature and responsible volunteers that are ready and willing to partner with a lonely senior. This program is open to all seniors in Barrie and we encourage anyone to call our parish office and recommend the name of someone who might benefit from this ministry. For more information visit our website or call (705) 726-8007 Ext. 103

Please pray for those who are sick:

Frank Nunes, Richard Benoit, Phyllis Visschedyk, Ian Baker, Chris Kryzaniak, Joanne Ransome, Anthony Sacco, Marjorie Oliveira, Sherry Wyman, and Lillian Pottage.



Join us for **The Stations of the Cross** devotion on Friday evenings at 7: 00. during Lent. On **March 10th** stations will be led by the Knights of Columbus.

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 members of the Refugee Committee. Join us for the sustenance of food and fellowship!



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