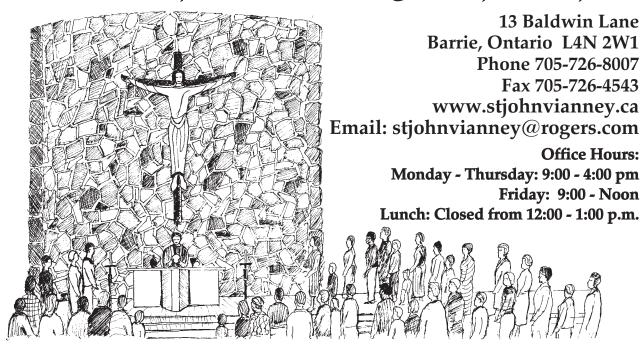
St. John Rianney Church



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 Fr. Joshy George, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 106 Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101 Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 103 Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121 Sheep are often ridiculed for their lack of intelligence. This common perception was behind the cartoon, where two sheep are chatting, and one says to the other: 'Sure, I follow the herd---not out of brainless obedience, mind you, but out of a deep and abiding respect for the concept of community.'

When Jesus tells us about the sheep that listen to his voice, we like to think of ourselves as being the sort of sheep he is talking about. We like to think of ourselves as being like the clever sheep of the cartoon. We follow out of conviction and principles. But is this really true? Perhaps the joke is on us. In spite of our 'individualistic society', most of us, if we are honest, have at least some 'sheep mentality'.

Most of us follow what others do, conforming to our society of many voices, a society that tells us we are all liberated, that we all have free choice. Yet society holds great sway. What we see and hear in the media shapes our attitudes and influences how we think. Those whom we meet in our daily lives through their values and their behaviour affect our own standards and expectations.

We certainly live in an age where Christian or religious values in general cannot be assumed. In the space of fifty years a huge change in attitudes has occurred. Instead of there being pressure to conform to religious practice and values, the pressure now operates in a very different direction. This has an impact on young people in particular. Young men and women who wish to live out Christian values face immense challenges. Gone are many of the support structures to guide them that their parents' generation would have taken for granted.

Just consider the challenges these young adults face. The majority of their peers have a very different understanding of how to conduct relationships from that of the Christian vision. This generates considerable pressure on these young people trying to find their way in a world where the joy of finding someone with whom one

could imagine sharing one's life is not something that can be taken for granted.

Of course, the pressure to conform to voices contrary to the Gospel is nothing new. Countless people in all sorts of situations at all points in history have refused to do wrong at great personal cost to themselves. It is difficult to take a stand and refuse to follow what the crowd is doing. It is difficult to take a stand and refuse to endorse the behaviour of those with whom one lives and cares about.

It is into the midst of this perennial problem of many voices that Christ's words come. Indeed, the early Christians, who would have first heard this Sunday's Gospel, were a community that was forced to take a stand against very strong pressure to give up their faith in Christ. These words would have been all too relevant to them.

Yet, if Christ's words about sheep imply that not everyone listens to his voice, it is a message of encouragement to those who do: I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

It has never been easy to follow Christ, which is why so many of us do it badly. Yet Christ is clear that the sometimes difficult road of listening to his voice is the way to true and authentic life in God. Other voices may impress more, flatter us and provide more allure, but what they give will be shallow and not lead to lasting happiness.

As our world is one where we have witnessed a proliferation of voices calling for our attention and allegiance, it takes a well-tuned ear to hear the voice of Christ amidst so much noise. The voice of Christ does not try to dazzle us, to manipulate us or to control us. It is a voice that is not for mindless sheep, but for sheep who decide for themselves and who are prepared sometimes not to 'follow the herd.'



There has never been, nor will there ever be, anything quite so special as the love between a Mother and her child.

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Saturday May 11th

5:00 pm † **Domenico Agostino**

Requested by: His wife

5:00 pm **† Maria Ha Pham** &

† Lynard Santos

Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

5:00 pm For the special intentions of the

Regnier Family

Requested by: Monique Perry

Sunday May 12th

9:30 am † David Ross Requested by: J.J. Murphy

Assembly 2020

9:30 am † Virgilio Sabanate Requested by: Leonarda Clemente

9:30am For the special intentions of Maria Thuy Mai & Maria Khuyen **Hoang** Requested by: Tran & Nguyen

Families

9:30 am For the special intentions of

Marjorie Oliveira Requested by: Family

11:30 am † Adolf Rygiel Requested by: Kandrac Family

11:30 am † Lupe Pilozo Requested by: Katrina

11:30 am For living & deceased

members of the C.W.L.

11:30 am For the special intentions of Melody, Amanda, Tara & Celestina

Requested by: Christopher

8:30 am For the special intentions

of Rob Galbraith Requested by: Wendy Gordanier

Wednesday May 15th

Monday

May 13th

7:00 pm For the special intentions of

Larry Wilkinson

Requested by: Barbara Charuba



This is the last weekend to purchase your tickets for the C.W.L. Victorian Tea which will take place from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm on Saturday May 18. Tickets are \$15.00 each.



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

The Eucharistic Ministry is in need of new Eucharistic Ministers

for the **5:00 pm & 11:30 am** Masses. This is a great spiritually rewarding opportunity to serve the Lord and others. Training is provided. Please contact the church office.



The next C.W.L. General Meeting will be on Monday May 13 at 7:00 p.m.



Baptismal Preparation Kits (Registration Forms) are available at the Welcome Table

in the Parish Hall or on the table in the church vestibule. Baptisms usually take place the last Sunday of the month (please confirm with the parish office). Attendance at a baptism preparation class is mandatory before baptism takes place. Please fill in the applicable form(s) and submit them to the parish A meeting with the Pastor will then be scheduled prior to attending the preparation class.

HOLYDAYS **KIDS SUMMER** DAY

CAMP: 2019 Day Camp for elementary students is now open. This year's theme is Holydays. We will be celebrating Christmas, Easter, Birthdays, Valentine's Day and All Saints Day. Camp will be held August 12-16, 2019, daily 9am-3pm. Daily Mass, crafts, skits, outdoor play and fun daily teachings about these special Holydays. All this and more only \$40/child for the week. Registration forms are available next to the youth bulletin board. Don't delay, we cap at 120 registrants.



Please pray for those who are sick: Jerry Cockeran, Chris Collingbourne, Louis Vanin, Viola Frigault. Spencer Cameron, Clarence Kennedy, Baby Tobias Gerritsen, Shirley Richard, and

Marjorie Oliveira.

And for those who have died recently: † Raymond Evask, † Jessamine Betteridge



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