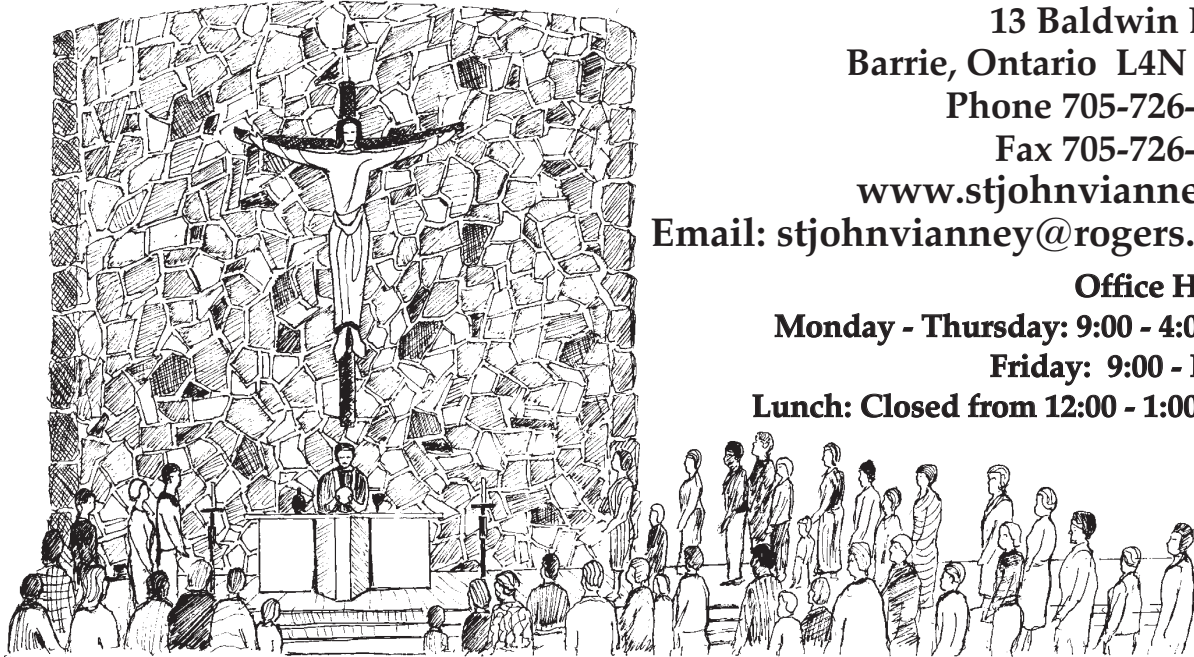


# St. John Vianney Church



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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. 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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## THE COMMAND TO LOVE

The entire Law of the Gospel is contained in the 'new commandment' of Jesus, to love one another as he has loved us. It might seem funny at first for Jesus to give his followers a commandment to love. We do not often think that the words "love" and "commandment" go in the same sentence. We often feel that love should be a natural impulse. We do not need a commandment to love family and friends.

Some Christians in history have even tried to put God the Father and Jesus at odds over this point. They depicted God in the Old Testament as harsh and commanding, while God in the New Testament, Jesus, is loving and permissive, never giving orders. The only way anybody could reach such a conclusion, however, is never to read the actual Bible. The Old Testament is full of acts of mercy from God and signs of his love. Jesus, too, is quite demanding of his disciples and harshly criticizes the Pharisees and Sadducees for failing to truly observe God's commandments.

What Jesus does is remind us that love and commandments must go together. Later in the Last Supper, Jesus even says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments". This gives us a new reason for following the way that Jesus has taught us. We love him for saving us from eternal damnation. We love him for forgiving our sins. We love him for giving us hope, peace, and joy, which nothing in this world can give.

When we love someone, we want to bring them joy. We want to do all good things that they ask of us. In the case of Jesus, he only asks us to do good. Our natural desire should be to do all that Jesus asks us.

But we do have a fallen nature. We love each other imperfectly, and we love God imperfectly. Many times we would rather do what we want than do what is right. This is why we need commandments. Our feelings alone are a poor guide about what is right to do. We have to train ourselves to feel joy at goodness and sadness at evil. We need a rule while we train ourselves, a measure to ensure that we are staying on track.

The New Commandment that Jesus gives is exactly this rule: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." How did Jesus love us? He left his home in heaven for us. He suffered hunger, pain, and thirst. He went out of his way to teach us what is right to do, to correct sinners, and instruct us. He healed the sick, drove out demons, and spent long hours praying for us. He ate and drank with us, gave himself for our food, and offered his life for ours. We just have to treat each other the same way Jesus treated us. Here's some advice for better keeping this new commandment. I believe that St. Catherine of Sienna gave this advice. Rather than focusing on the many ways we do not love as Jesus loves, find the way in your life that you imitate him best. What is your best virtue? Is it courage, temperance, wisdom, faith, hope, or charitable love? What work of mercy do you do best? Are you best with helping the sick, instructing others, encouraging children, confronting evil, consoling the sorrowful?

Now increase that Christ-like quality in your life. Make more time for that work of mercy. Show that virtuous characteristic of yours more often. This will raise the bar in your entire life and correct the many ways in which you fail. If we love one another like Christ in one aspect of our life, that attitude of Christian charity will spill over into others areas as well.

After the Lenten season of penance, this is a fitting practice for Easter. Better fulfill the new commandment to love as Christ loves by increasing the most Christ-like quality in yourself, thereby raising up all aspects of your life. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples," Jesus tells us: "if you have love for one another."

Our catholic faith has been passed down from generation to generation. Please ensure our faith lives on for generations to come by remembering your parish in your Will.

# Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday  
May 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am † **Amelia Kulick**  
Requested by: Family

5:00 pm † **Gerardo Capone**  
Requested by: Pierina Capone

5:00 pm For the special intentions of  
**Viola Frigault**  
Requested by: Gerry Frigault

5:00 pm For the special intentions of  
the **Celestina May**  
Requested by: Melody

Sunday  
May 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am † **Aisling O'Driscoll**  
Requested by: OECTA

9:30 am † **Joseph Buu Nguyen & Peter Hong Tran**  
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

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

11:30 am † **Raymond Evask**  
Requested by: Dorothy Evask

Thursday  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 am † **Shawna Hill**  
Requested by: Dorothy & Jack Hill



## 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Our sincere congratulations to those young people of the parish who will be receiving the Gift of the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Let us continue to pray for their perseverance and continued spiritual growth.

## Pastoral Letters of Reference

If you foresee that you will require a pastoral letter of reference from the pastor for the purpose of applying for a position within the Catholic School Board or to become a Confirmation sponsor or Godparent, it is essential that you introduce yourself to the Pastor well in advance so that he can get to know you. A letter of reference is meant to attest that a person is a "practicing Catholic", one who regularly attends Sunday Mass with the Parish Community and is actively involved in the parish. If the Pastor does not have some acquaintance with a person cannot satisfy such a request.

## 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.



## St. John Vianney Parish Game Night

Join us every other Friday evening from 7:00 – 10:00 pm in the parish hall for an evening of fellowship and games. Bring a snack/drink to share, your favorite game, and be prepared to have fun! Schedule: **May 24; June 7 and 21; July 5 and 19; August 9 and 23**



Please pray for those who are sick: Karl Amm, 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:  
† Antonio Carrasqueiro, † Rosemary Sinclair

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