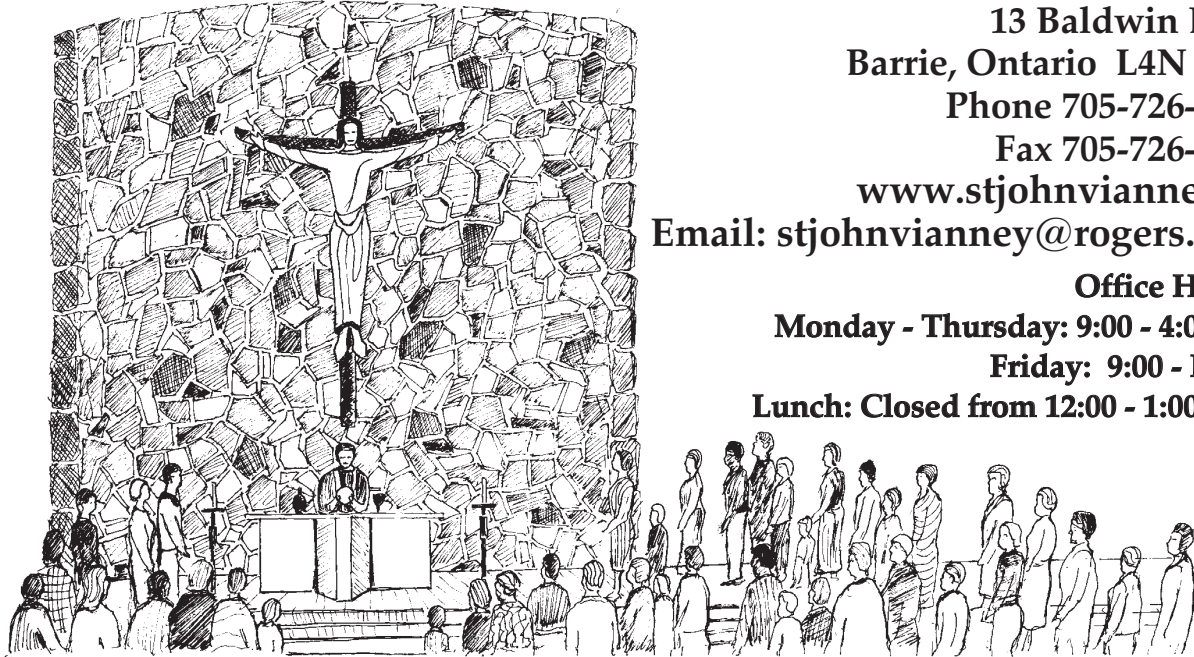


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Lunch: Closed from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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

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If You Really Love Me...

Imagine the scenario: an older brother or sister is desperately trying to get a recalcitrant toddler to co-operate. Maybe the toddler won't get up from the floor, or perhaps the toddler is playing with something unsafe. And in desperation, the brother or sister says 'Well, if you really loved me, you would get up off the floor/stop playing with?' An unwise phrase to use, because if the toddler is cross enough he/she will certainly not want to co-operate and that could lead to further trouble. And again: think of the plots of any number of different stories or films where the idea of love is being used as a bribe to get someone to do something they otherwise would not do.

So when we hear today's Gospel, we have to sit back and think. We may be reminded of the times that people have told or asked us about whether we love them or not, or whether we are willing to make sacrifices in the name of some form of love. The big difference is that it is *Jesus* who is presenting us with this statement: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.'

Gone are the dubious or uncertain grounds for making or breaking a promise, as we know that Jesus will never let us down. And we know that not only does Jesus love us, but that he knows us more than we can even know ourselves. So it stands to reason that he knows what is best for us; hence his commandments. They are not there to imprison us or to force us to co-operate in things whose value we doubt, but instead they are there to help us lead the life that will lead to eternal happiness.

So if we love Jesus, we will keep his commandments. Simple, isn't it? But what of our world today with so many of us who try to keep his commandments but do not always manage to do so? Do we really love Jesus as we ought?

And that is an important question to consider. Each time we go to confession or recite the *confiteor* we can ponder this question anew and try to answer it honestly. And if we do not love Jesus as we ought, and we know in our heart of hearts what we are doing wrong or where we

are going wrong, then let us rely on the Advocate, the counselor that Jesus promised to send us -- and will send us, every time we ask.

Our Advocate will gently indicate the way to us that we should go, the paths that need to be repaired, the relationships in need of further inspection or care. For this Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, is a gift from God. And being from God, it can never do harm, never do wrong, never lead us into danger. We may of course be led in ways that we did not expect or anticipate, but if we are truly open to God and all his gifts then we must also be open to go where he would will for us to go.

So let us ask ourselves once again: Do we really love Jesus? Do we really try to keep his commandments? Are we open to all God's gifts? Do we earnestly and genuinely wish for the Spirit of truth to enter into our hearts and stay with us always?

If we are at all uncertain about any of our answers to these questions, then let us pray that we might truly be open to the scriptures, open to God, open to Jesus and what he asks of us in love. And pray that as Pentecost approaches we too might become filled with the Spirit and completely open to the love and freedom in Christ that is promised to us as a result.



**LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP
FOR
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
Sunday May 28th
12:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

Let us celebrate you, our many wonderful volunteers, who serve on our various Ministries. Please join us for a Volunteer Appreciation luncheon featuring all you can eat chicken wings courtesy of **South Barrie Wild Wing** situated on Mapleview East. Lunch will be served from 12:30 – 2:00 pm in the parish hall. Attendees are asked to please sign up at the Welcome Table. You are most welcome to contribute a favorite salad or dessert for our luncheon to share with others. There will be music, children's entertainment, plenty to eat and fun for the whole family! We hope to see you there!

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, Pastor



Saturday
May 20th 5:00 pm † Patricia Parent Johnston
† Linda Parent Baldwin
Requested by: Art & Prima Parent

Sunday
May 21st 8:00 am † Cynthia Ryan
Requested by: The Smith Family

8:00 am † Kazimir Kawa
Requested by: Joseph Kawa

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

9:30 am † Christopher Gauthier
Requested by: Ralph Gauthier

9:30 am † Shawn Hill
Requested by: Dorothy & Jack Hill

9:30 am † Joseph Hien Tran
† Doan Duc Manh
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen
Families

11:30 am † Beth Burke
Requested by: S.J.V. C.W.L.

Monday
May 22nd 8:30 am † Paul Guillotte
Requested by: Line Crickard

Thursday
May 25th 8:30 am † Hank Wesseling
Requested by: Line Merle & Marg
Bodenham

Saturday
May 27th 8:30 am † Bernadette Fazari
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First Communion Masses:
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Sunday May 28th at 9:30 & 11:30 am



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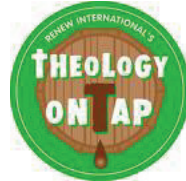
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HERITAGE FESTIVAL to be
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Sunday, June 11th, in conjunction with **Canada's 150th Birthday**. The festival will feature multi-cultural displays, food samples, music and dance which will appeal to every age group. We are in our final planning stages for this event. To ensure that as many diverse countries are represented as possible, this is a final call to invite any parishioners who would like to highlight their country at our festival. Please consider sharing your ancestral heritage with others with a display of art, clothing and food samples. If you require further information, please contact the parish office (705) 726-8007 or Germaine (705) 737-1339.



The Knights of Columbus are holding their 1st Annual Golf Tournament at Innisbrook Golf Course in Barrie on **Saturday, June 3rd at 2pm**. It is a scramble format for men, ladies and single registrations are welcome. The cost is \$110 per person and includes 18 holes, cart, roast beef dinner and prizes. All proceeds go to Hospice Simcoe. Registration forms are available on the Welcome Table inside the hall. This is the final week for registration. The Knights are seeking Hole sponsors and prize donations if you'd like to contribute.

THEOLOGY ON TAP



Theology on Tap: Wednesday May 31st at 7:00 pm at Donaleigh's Irish Pub, 28 Dunlop Street E., Barrie. "Do All Dog's Go to Heaven?" with Nathan Gibbard, Director of Ryerson Catholic Chaplaincy. All adults 19+ are welcome to attend.



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.



Please pray for those who are sick:
Sherry Wyman, Raymond Valney, Jamie Ringler, Rosa Maria Santos, Jebraeil Syed, Pauline & Barry Vincent, Maria DeMelo, Joanne Ransome, Richard Benoit, Lillian Pottage, Stephanie Chalmers, & Marjorie Oliveira.

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