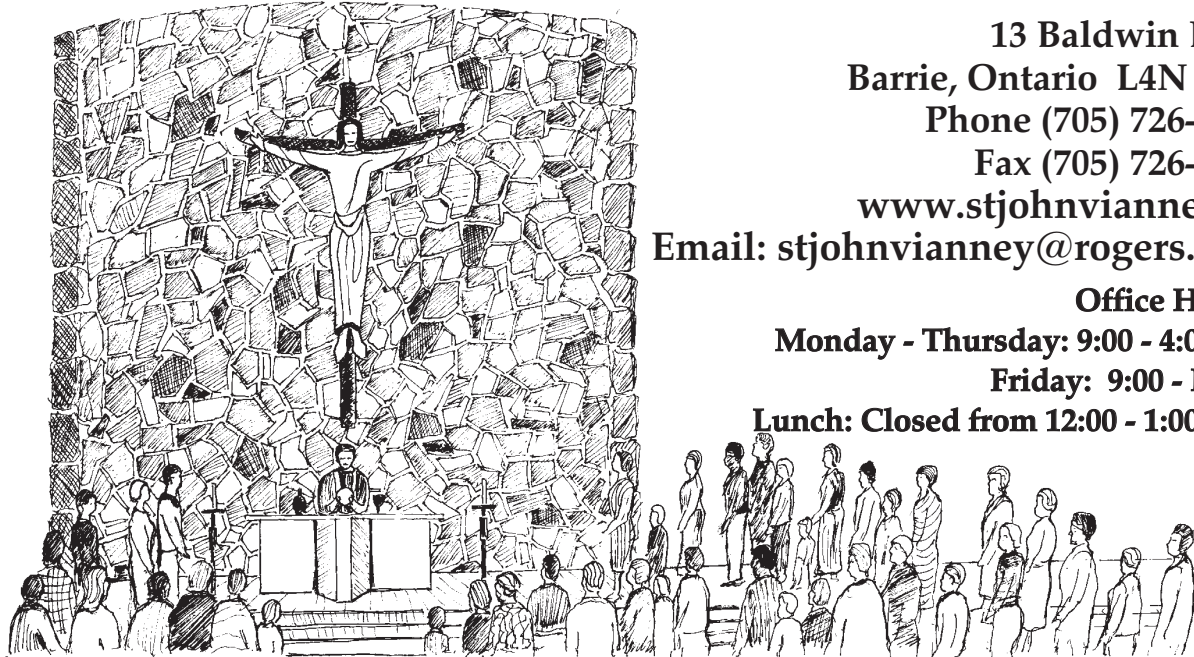


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in 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. Jose Koluthara, C.M.I., Associate 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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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Have you ever wondered what heaven will be like? People sometimes ask if there are dogs in heaven, and I happen to think there will be. Sometimes people wonder what we'll do in heaven. As one bumper sticker proclaims: "If there's no golf in heaven, I'm not going!" And it's not unheard of for parents to assure their children that thunder is simply the sound of God bowling in heaven. I can't say for sure if there is golf or bowling in heaven. But if there is, I promise you that there will be no golf widows, and nobody will bowl alone.

I say this because "Bowling Alone" is the title of a recent book from a Harvard professor which speaks about our society's increasing fragmentation, and how we've become more and more disconnected from each other. Over the past 25 years we've experienced a huge drop in the number of people participating in clubs and other organizations, having friends over, and attending family dinners. We have seen an increase in the number of people who bowl. But they don't bowl in leagues. Increasingly, we bowl alone.

But in heaven, nobody will have to bowl alone. Why? Because God is a Trinity. Now, if I lost you just there, bear with me. Understanding the Trinity is critically important. It's easy for us to dismiss the Trinity as a mystery of faith we accept simply because we're Catholics. But it's essential that we understand the Trinity, because it will help us understand ourselves, and appreciate why there is no solitary bowling in heaven.

We became Christians when we were baptized- as Jesus instructed in today's gospel- "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Because of this, as St. Paul explained in our second reading, we received the Holy Spirit into our hearts, making us children of God with Jesus our brother, who call upon God the Father as Abba, or "Dad." Through baptism, we are united with all three persons of the Trinity in such a way that we share in the very life of God. And God's life is a sharing of love between three Persons: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. You and I have been created in the image of the Trinity. This means that you and I were made to share love. And this can only be done in community. With others. Never alone.

It's true that as Christians we believe in one God, not three. But we believe in one God in three Persons, so perfectly united by love that they are indeed one. This is important. Because if God were ONLY one, then we might understand God as being lonely. Which could mean that you and I, as God creation, might simply be an expression of God's neediness, God's boredom, God's loneliness. We might be nothing more than God's distraction, or God's hobby. If God is alone, it would

mean that you and I would have been created to be alone too. To be lonely as God is lonely. To bowl alone.

But God is not simply one. He is three-in-one. A community of persons united in love. Therefore, there's no chance that we're merely expressions of God's neediness. Instead, we're an expression of God's love. Perfect love, which God is, is giving, generous, overflowing. It can't contain itself. You and I might understand ourselves, then, as an overflowing of God's love. And since we're made in God's image, we can say that we're both created by overflowing love, and created for overflowing love. Which makes our existence both a gift, and a possibility- a possibility to give and receive love the way God does: a perfect love without conditions, without limits.

Sometimes, however, encountering such love in this life can remain only a possibility. We may experience love, but it is far from perfect. What we thought was love ends up not really being love at all. We've wound up being hurt, abandoned, used, left behind. Friends and family may have turned their backs on us when the going got rough, or because they were looking for greener pastures. We may not have wanted to bowl alone. But we wound up doing so anyway. When this happens, we can be understandably angry. It's as if we're being cheated out of something we were meant to have. We say: "This isn't fair! This isn't the way it should be!" And we'd be absolutely right. Because we've been made for something much better than this.

Now, it may be that we are deeply blessed by the love of others in this life; hopefully others are blessed by our love too. But any and all human love, this side of the veil, is always imperfect, however good it may be. It's only in heaven that we will experience love in all its fullness, in all its perfection. The brokenness we experience here, will be healed and restored there. In heaven, we will finally be able to love, and be loved, the way God intended us to. The way he created us to do. The way God the Holy Trinity does. In this life we often say, "You always hurt the ones you love." But in heaven, we'll finally be able to say, "Love means never having to say you're sorry."

While we wait and hope and pray for such love, it's important that we keep trying to love as best as we can, and be grateful for the love we receive. We can't give up, retreat into ourselves, or get stuck in cynicism. We need to keep reaching out, keep trying, keep forgiving. We need to have realistic expectations about our relationships with others, all the while trying to grow in our relationship with God, as we set our sights on heaven.

So what will heaven be like? Will there be dogs? I wouldn't be surprised. Golf and bowling? Perhaps. But bowling alone? Not a chance.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday May 21st 5:00 † **Ada McCabe**
Requested by: John & Shannon Taylor

Sunday May 22nd 9:30 am † **Shawna Hill**
Requested by: Dorothy & Jack Hill

11:30 am † **Mary James**
Requested by: Adrian & Joan Sintnicolaas

Friday May 27th 8:30 am † **Bernadette Fazari**
Requested by: Fazari Family



Last Chance to Sign Up for VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION May 29th 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Please let us honor you, our many volunteers, who serve on our various Ministries to 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. Invitations will be distributed by your Ministry leader.

If you wish to contribute a favorite salad or dessert for our luncheon, that would also be most welcome. Attendees are asked to please sign up at the Welcome Table on or before May 22nd or respond to your Ministry Leader. 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



SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 19TH PARISH PICNIC!

Please join us for St. John Vianney's annual parish picnic which will take place on our new date of **Sunday June 19th**! Bring your family and friends for a great day of family time, fellowship, music and great food! The festivities will begin at 12:30 pm on the church grounds and adjacent park and will run until 5 pm. Lunch, featuring all you can eat chicken wings courtesy of **South Barrie Wild Wing** situated on Mapleview East will be served from 12:45 – 2:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale next weekend at \$5.00 each. Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share with others! (You can drop off your food donations in the parish hall kitchen anytime after the 8:00 am Mass on June 19th)



Please pray for those who are sick in our community especially: **Ray Stone, Mary Heffernan, Sherry Wyman, Herman Jacobs, Sylvia Burch, Mary Dickson, Gina Racco, Lillian Pottage, Baby Avery Maset & Carson Batters.** And for those who have died recently: † **Petrus Schaap**



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July 8th: GMK Hall in Toronto.

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XLT=Exalt the Lord



St. John Vianney Youth Ministry invite all to an evening of food, fellowship, praise and worship to exalt the name of Jesus Christ. Please join us **Saturday May 28th after the 5pm Mass** as our youth and families prepare a potluck to share as we welcome Catholic Worship Artist and Speaker, J.P. Sunseri who will lead us into a time of worship before the Blessed Sacrament. No need to register, just come with a joyful heart.



St. John Vianney C.W.L. presents OSCARS RED CARPET HIGH TEA



Saturday June 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A prize for "The best dressed Actress and best dressed Supporting Actress. You could be interviewed on the Red Carpet and have your picture taken with a celebrity in the photo booth! Shop till you drop at the OSCAR's boutique. Enjoy the "Famous SJV High Tea Fare". Get an autograph from a "Famous" person. Tickets are \$15.00 each and may be purchased in the hall after all Masses. (Tables 6 and over can be reserved if advised) For more info call Susan Mays @ 705 456 7836 or Val Egerton @ 705 727 4902

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