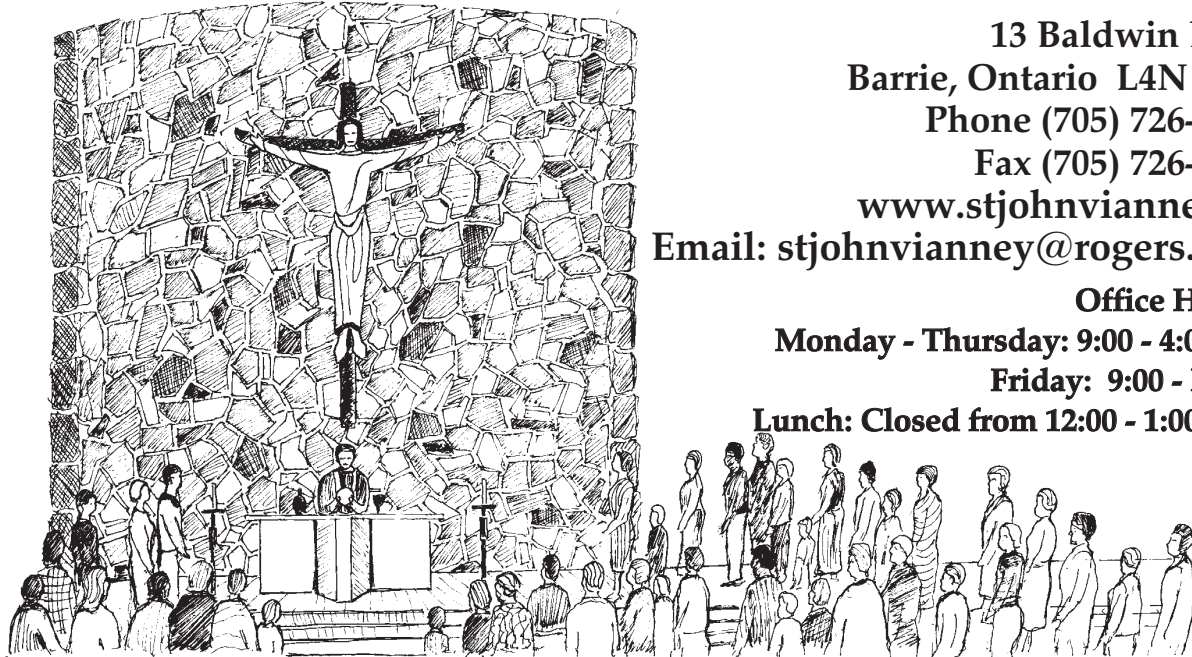


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in his mission of justice and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God.

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Celebration of the Eucharist

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Saturday at 5:00 p.m. (Life Teen Mass)

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Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

On a solemn feast like this many things occur that might be taught.

Here are three areas for reflection: the *reality* of the Eucharist, the *requirement* of the Eucharist, and the *reverence* for the Eucharist.

The Reality of the Eucharist – On this solemn feast we are called above all to faith in the fact that the Eucharist, the Holy Communion of which we partake, is in fact a reception of the very Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, whole and entire, in His glorified state. We do not partake of a symbol. The Eucharist is not a metaphor; it is truly the Lord. Neither is it a “piece” of His flesh; it is Christ, whole and entire.

The Requirement of the Eucharist – Here is what Jesus says: *Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.* Remember in the Book of Exodus that the people in the desert were without food and feared for their lives. So God gave them bread from Heaven called “manna” that they collected each morning. Without eating that bread from Heaven they would never have made it to the Promised Land; they would have died in the desert. It is the same with us. Without receiving Jesus, our Living Manna from Heaven, in Holy Communion we will not make it to our Promised Land of Heaven! I guess it’s not just a ritual after all; it is essential for our survival.

The Reverence for the Eucharist – One of the mistaken notions about the Eucharist is confusing this sacred meal with the table fellowship Jesus had with sinners. But Holy Mass is not one of those sorts of meals. The Last Supper, wherein the essential reality of the Mass was first set forth, was held in the context of the Passover. This was a sacred meal shared within the family. And thus Jesus celebrated that Last Supper with the twelve Apostles. The confusion by many today about the difference between the sacred meal of the Eucharist and common table fellowship leads many to misconstrue the Eucharist; it also helps to explain the Church’s stance.

Those who think of the Mass as the mere table fellowship Jesus had with sinners, think of the Eucharist as a “Come one, come all” sort of meal. And many also add, “Come as you are.” In their view, there are no requirements; all that

matters is that Jesus is offering. “Don’t worry,” they say, “about ‘membership’ or the need to be reconciled from sin. After all, Jesus ate with sinners and didn’t worry about that stuff.”

But again, this is not what the Last Supper was. Jesus celebrated the Mass in the context of the Passover. Such meals presupposed that the people gathered together were family. This was an intimate meal celebrated in the context of faith, however weak or strong, but a faith that was presupposed. Jesus said to them, “*You are the men who have stood by me in my trials*”.

This is one reason that the Church has always limited the Eucharist to those who are initiated, who are “members of Christ’s Body” through faith, and who keep communion with His Body, the Church through assent to her teachings, remaining members of His Body by being in a state of grace. It further explains the need to receive the Eucharist worthily by first confessing our serious sins through the Sacrament of Confession. St Paul teaches, *Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died* (1 Cor 11:28-30).

So here, too, we see that the Mass is not akin to the table fellowship that Jesus at times kept with sinners. Rather, it is a sacred meal that presupposes membership in Christ’s Body through faith and the forgiveness of all serious sins that might have severed that communion. Holy Communion is meant to strengthen a communion that already exists. And thus our “Amen” upon receiving Holy Communion is not a lie, but is consonant with the reality of existing communion.

On this Solemnity of the Body of Christ we are summoned to deepen our faith in the Lord, present in the Eucharist and acting through His Sacraments. Routine may have somewhat of a dulling effect, but it cannot be so much so that we receive the Lord of glory in any way that could be called mindless or lacking in the reverence we ought to have for Him.

As we celebrate the solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ, I would like to share a few guidelines to be more respectful and reverent in the presence of the Holy Eucharist.

Remember we have entered into the house of God for the purpose of prayer, adoration and reflection. Now is not the time to talk to our friends, but to talk to God. In order to help us get the most from this sacred space I ask you to do the following: ▪ Turn off your cellphones; ▪ Do not chew gum; ▪ Dress with dignity; ▪ For toddlers, instead of toys, try books for Catholic children or Rosaries; ▪ Provide instruction for children on appropriate times to kneel, sit, stand and face the altar, not let them amuse themselves as if Mass is playtime.

▪ No food or water during Mass: If an able-bodied adult requires a drink of water to take some medication or other reason, leave the church and drink the water outside the celebration of the Eucharist. And do not bring your cup of coffee into the church.

▪ Arrive on time: If you are late for Mass, be courteous to others and wait for an appropriate break before you walk down the aisle to find a seat. ▪ Don't leave early: Set a good example for your children by staying in the pew until the Mass has ended with the final blessing and the priest has left the altar.

▪ Participate in the Mass: Don't ask: "What is this Mass doing for me?" Instead, ask: "What can I do to participate more fully in the Mass?" Make an effort. Listen to the readings and the homily, recite the prayers of the Mass, follow along in the missalette and when the music starts, sing!

As a society in general, we are losing our sense of decorum and civility. Sadly, this is also true at Mass. We have a responsibility to reverse that, to remember the reason we attend church is to know God, love Him and serve Him, especially at Mass.



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Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Sunday May 29 th	8:00 am † Edward LeBlanc Requested by: Bernice LeBlanc
	8:00 am † Tamara Gignac Requested by: Her Parents
	8:00 am † Ann Allard Requested by: Allard Family
	9:30 am † Sebastian Ciappara Requested by: Pat & Patricia Scicluna
	11:30 am For the special intentions of John Keays (90th Birthday) Requested by: Shirley Kenny
Tuesday May 31 st	8:30 am † Camilla Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Wednesday June 1 st	7:00 pm † Peter Prior Sr. Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Thursday June 2 nd	8:30 am † Maria & Francesco Dirracolo Requested by: Gloria Kraly & Family
Friday June 3 rd	8:30 am † Marina Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior



50/50 DRAW

50/50 tickets are available in the hall for purchase. The draw will be held in the church hall on June 26th 2016 at 11:00 a.m.



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Bring your family and friends for a great day of family time, fellowship, music and great food at our annual parish picnic which will take place on **Sunday June 19th**! 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 are on sale after all Masses for \$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, Sherry Wyman, Herman Jacobs, Sylvia Burch, Mary Dickson, Gina Racco, Lillian Pottage, Avery Maset & Carson Batters.** And for those who have died recently: † Paul Guillotte

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