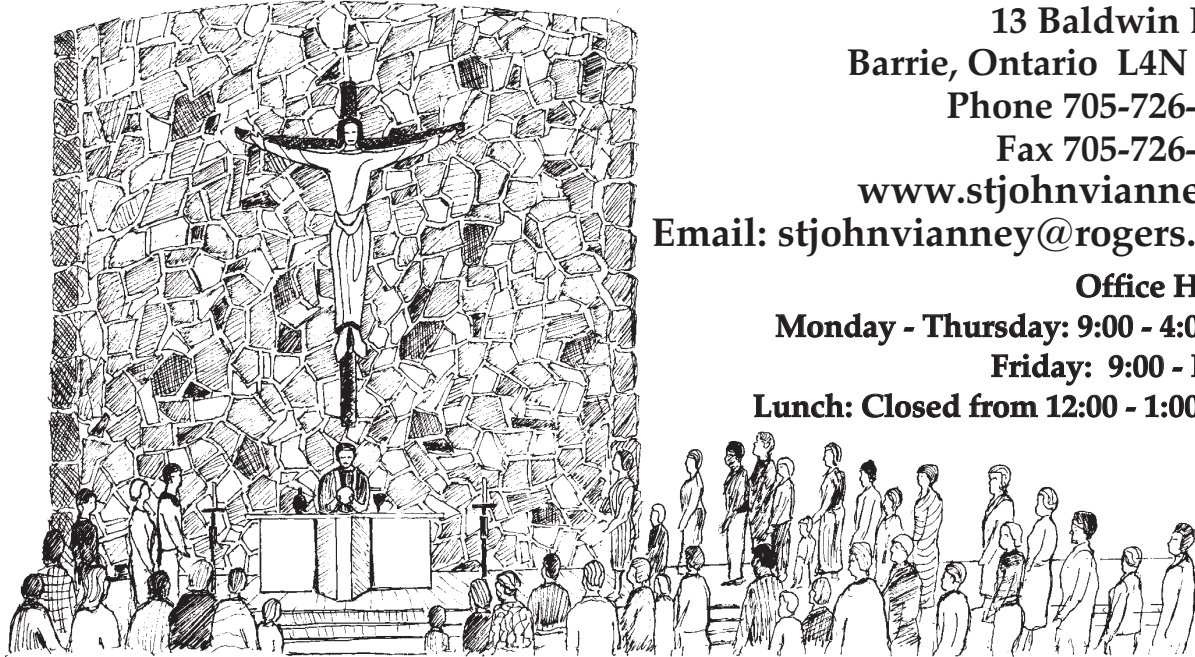


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in 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. 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

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The "end-time" - A vision of hope

In his book *Seasons of the Word*, Denis McBride has this interesting story to tell: "The leader of a certain Indian tribe was dying. For many generations his people had been encamped at the base of a large mountain. The chief summoned his three sons and said: 'I am dying; before death I must choose one of you to succeed me as the head of our tribe. I have the same task for each of you. I want you to climb our holy mountain and bring me back something beautiful. The one whose gift is the most outstanding will be the one who will succeed me.'

"The following morning the sons set out on their search, each taking a different path to the top of the holy mountain. After several days the three sons returned. The first brought his father a flower which grew near the summit of the mountain; it was extremely rare and beautiful. The second son brought his father a valuable stone, round and colourful, which had been polished by rain and sandy winds. When the third son approached his father, everyone saw that his hands were empty.

"The empty-handed son said to his father: 'I have brought back nothing to show you, father. As I stood on the top of the holy mountain, I saw that on the other side was a beautiful land filled with green pastures. In the middle of these pastures there is a crystal lake. And I have a vision of where our tribe could go for a better life. I was so overwhelmed with what I saw and by what I could see that I could not bring anything back.' And the father replied: 'You shall be our tribe's new leader, for you have brought back the most precious thing of all--the gift of a vision for a better future.'"

The above story is very appropriate for our reflection on the end-time, the return of Jesus in power and glory at the end of the world. The evangelist Mark placed this account before Jesus was to suffer and die in Jerusalem. Thus this account may be viewed as Jesus' final "vision" for those who accept Him in faith.

At the time of the writing of this account the early Church was beset with many serious problems. From within, many were convinced

that the return of Jesus would be imminent. For this reason, some just loafed around and waited for the end-time. This outlook and way of acting caused unrest and stress in the Church. It came to the point that the apostle Paul himself had to admonish them saying that if they would not work, they should not eat. From without, Christians - from Jerusalem to Rome - were being persecuted. In either case, there resulted a weakening of hope within the Christian community.

To counter this situation of weakened hope, Mark had Jesus speak of His return in power and glory at the end-time and this for only one purpose: to gather together the scattered people of God, the "elect".

When the end will come, no one knows. Today as it has been in the past, many cult leaders have capitalized on this indefiniteness of the end-time. They claim that they, through some mysterious ways, "know" when this "time" will be. What is most disturbing is that many people believe these predictions of the cult leaders despite the words of Jesus and the lessons of history.

For did not Jesus Himself say, "Of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father?" Indeed, the only thing we can be sure about in this regard is who will be coming, namely, Jesus in all His power and glory. Thus as followers of Jesus, let us ignore those who make such predictions. In fact, let us not allow the "time" of the end of the world to distract us from our most important task as believers: to live by the words and deeds of Jesus till death. Then we can look forward to the future with the hope that we will be numbered among the "elect."

As the early Church was encouraged and given hope by Mark's account of the end-time, so must we. And because we do not know the "day or the hour", we must remain vigilant and persevere in our belief to the end. For what we are at death, that we will be at the end-time. Then when our end or the end of the world comes - whichever comes first - we will be ready for "gathering" when the Son of Man will return in power and glory.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday
Nov. 17th 5:00 pm † **Shawna Hill**
Requested by: Dorothy & Jack Hill

Sunday
Nov. 18th 9:30 am For the special intentions of
Marjorie Oliveira
Requested by: Family

9:30 am † **Joseph Hien Tran &
† Anton Anh Nguyen**
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen
Families

11:30 am † **Manuel Vasquez**
Requested by: Fernando &
Tarcela Vasquez

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We're happy to invite you to our annual Family Christmas Party! Get your tickets at the Welcome Table after Mass for \$5.00 per person.

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**RCIC – Rite of Christian Initiation for Children
7 TO 15 YEARS OLD**

What if my child, or a child I know, has 'missed' a step . . . is not baptized? Was baptized, but not as a Catholic? Didn't make First Communion? Doesn't know Confession? Should receive Confirmation? Then the RCIC Program is a chance to 'catch up.'

RCIC Information / Registration Meeting here:
Sunday, November 18, 9:30 am



ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

**December 17th 9:00 am – 10:00 am
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

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The **2018-2019 SUNDAY MISSALS FOR ADULTS** are available at the Welcome Committee table in the hall following Mass at a cost of \$5.00.

Christmas Bazaar

**SAT. NOV. 24th
9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

The CWL invites all knitters, crocheters & country cooks. We need mitts, hats, scarves, gloves, sweaters, slippers & some baby items too. Also preserves, baked goods regular & gluten free & sugar free. Religious articles of medals, pictures, books, rosaries are also needed.

Crafts are being done in the Hall Wednesday from 10 - 2 p.m. Please come out & join us. Lunch is pot luck & shared by all.

C.W.L. Annual Membership Drive

Membership dues are \$25.00 per year. A table will be in the hall before and after Masses to renew, or become a new member. Please drop by and see us for further information.



St. Peter's School is performing the light-hearted musical *Guys and Dolls Jr.*

Shows are Thursday, December 6th to Saturday, December 8th at 7pm, with an additional matinee performance at 2pm on December 8th. Tickets are \$15/adult, \$10 for students or \$45/family of 4. For tickets, please contact the school at 705-734-0168.

Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for those who are sick:

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