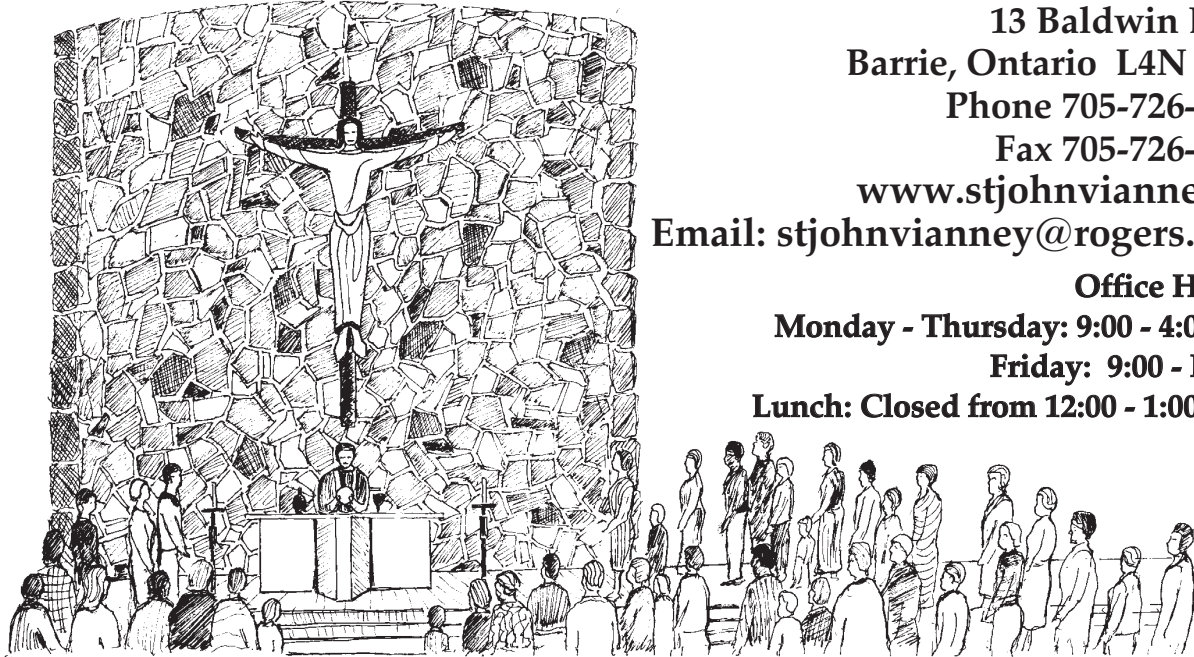


# St. John Vianney Church



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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*

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha, C.M.I., Pastor - 102

Fr. Joshy George, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 106

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

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## NOT OF THIS WORLD

History tells of some very interesting, if not very moral, monarchs. Ivan the Terrible merited his nickname by torturing enemies and friends alike for sheer pleasure. Henry VIII altered the moral code to suit himself and married six times, murdering two of his wives to clear the way for others. Montezuma, great king of the Aztecs, waged war solely to obtain thousands of captives for human sacrifice. Almost every monarch you can think of has grown rich at the expense of their subjects. One of the characters in 'Huckleberry Finn' sardonically remarks that, *'All kings are mostly rapscallions.*

The Gospels assert that Jesus was of royal blood, descended from the House of David, but do we really want to include him among all the rapscallions? What king was ever like Jesus, born in royal David's city, Bethlehem, but in a stable not a palace, with no place to lay his head, and buried in another man's tomb. His accession to the throne was his entry into Jerusalem, the royal capital, riding on a donkey rather than in a state coach. His royal robe was a spittle-covered purple rag, his crown was of thorns and his sceptere a reed. He made his royal progress weak and bleeding through the streets, to the jeers not the cheers of the populace. At Calvary he was enthroned on an executioner's gibbet.

Christ the King has nothing in common with earthly rulers, so his kingdom can be nothing like an earthly kingdom. In his realm there are no masters because everyone is a servant. Even the King came to serve and not to be served. Those who would be greatest in the Kingdom are those who make themselves the least. The reward for service is not promotion and financial gain but to be given further opportunities for service. When his subjects become rich or gain promotion, they are impoverished and demoted, the mighty being cast from their thrones and the lowly exalted. The lowest are the highest and tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom before the hypocritical Pharisees, members of the religious and political establishment, who take the best

seats in the synagogues, encourage salutations in the market places and create heavy burdens for other people to bear without lifting a finger to help them.

It is difficult for us Christians to live simultaneously in two kingdoms, that of this world and that of Christ. We are prone to amalgamate them, to make one look so much like the other that we can't tell the difference. Often it seems that the Church, and our lives within it, have been made to fit the image of a temporal earthly kingdom rather than making earthly kingdoms fit the image of Christ's eternal heavenly Kingdom. It is difficult for Christians to live in society because the structures of that society are not the same as those in the Kingdom of God.

The distinguishing feature of Christ's rule is that of justice, but not the kind of justice we're used to. We tend to think that justice is giving people what they deserve. But justice in Christ's kingdom is the opposite. There the ultimate in justice is forgiveness. If we all got what we deserved what a sorry place God's Kingdom would be. Most of us would be cast into that outer darkness Jesus talks about in today's Gospel. Throughout his life Jesus emphasized forgiveness and it is this that tempers justice.

You can recognize the people who feel at home in the Kingdom, they are the ones who are ready to forgive. They are the people who feed and give drink to the hungry and thirsty, who welcome outcasts back into society, who clothe the naked and visit the sick and imprisoned.



### **ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

**December 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 11:00 am  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Friday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> is the first Friday of the month. First Fridays have traditionally been associated with devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament. To appropriately observe First Fridays there will be Eucharistic adoration following the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am when Benediction will be given.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm † <b>Manuel &amp; Ana De Oliveira</b> Requested by: Jose De Oliveira
	5:00 pm † <b>Antonio Cabral &amp; Adelina Moniz</b> Requested by: Maria Flor
	5:00 pm † <b>Jeff Plunkett</b> Requested by: Staff of St. Gabriel the Archangel School
Sunday Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am † <b>Russell Gossen</b> Requested by: Helen & John Russell
	8:00 am For the special intentions of <b>Donna Dooley</b> Requested by: Helen & John Russell
	9:30 am † <b>Tina Rashid</b> Requested by: Paul Rashid & Family
	9:30 am For the special intentions of <b>Marjorie Oliveira</b> Requested by: Family
Monday Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am † <b>Bertha Prior</b> Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Friday Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:30 am † <b>Marina Prior</b> Requested by: Suzanne Prior



**The SSVP Angel Tree is taking on a New Look!**

This year, The Society of St Vincent de Paul is taking on a new challenge! We are endeavouring to support 30 families from the Northern Community of Pelly Bay (Kugaarik),

Nunavut. We are looking to gather specific food items to ship up North as soon as the waterways are accessible. This weekend we will be handing out Angels in the hall, as well as providing information on this new initiative. This year, the Angels will list a few needed items along with the name of the Community we wish to support. We will be collecting the gathered food items on the weekend of Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>/Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.

As Vincentians, we are called to seek those in need. We feel our Northern Neighbours will make gracious recipients of your generosity. We are very happy to let the Community of St John Vianney Parish know, that through generous programs such as Christmas Cheer and the Salvation Army, our own St Vincent de Paul families are well taken care of and their children are blessed with many gifts and fun events to enjoy.

We thank you for the support you have shown us over the past many years, and hope you are as excited as we are to extend our help to The North!

God bless, *The Members of Your St Vincent de Paul Society*



The ladies of the CWL would like to say a big thank you to Fr. Biju, Fr. Joshy, the Knights of Columbus and all our parishioners. With your assistance and generous support we have had another successful Bazaar! Since 1957 we have been participating in and serving our faith community here at St. John Vianney. We are very blessed to have such a caring, sharing community. It was our pleasure to bring smiles and joy once again to so many faces that attended our annual Bazaar. Thank you for your prayers, tears, laughter and support over the past 60 years of service to God and our country.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!**



Be sure to book **Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm** for the St John Vianney Children's Christmas Party. Lots of fun including pizza, crafts, Christmas carols, gingerbread cookie decorating and a special visit from YOU KNOW WHO! The cost is \$5.00/person. Tickets can be purchased at the Welcome Table in the hall or the office during office hours. If you are already a part of our BLAST program, your FREE ticket is available for you at the Welcome Table.

**ST. PETER'S HIGH SCHOOL SHOW CABARET** will take place on Thurs. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at St. Peter's High School. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the door or by going to St. Peter's High School office. Come relax and enjoy an evening of dancing, singing & fabulous performances.



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