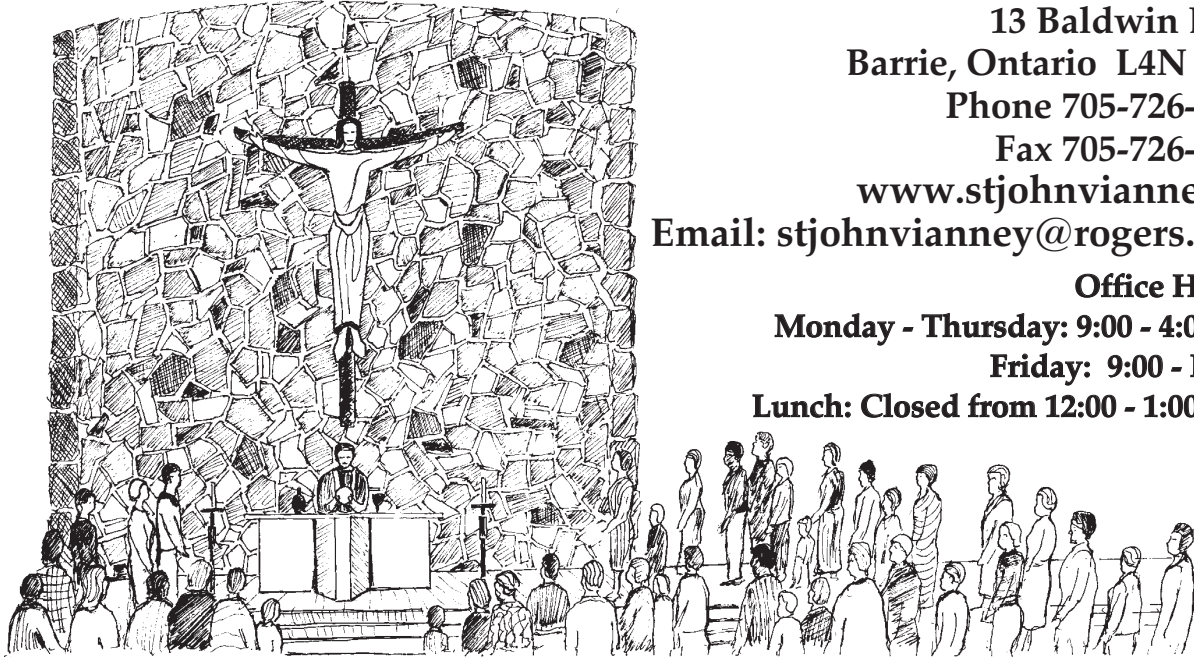


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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm

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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. 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.

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The Primacy of Love

The lesson that is visible from today's Gospel to every Christian is that the solid foundation of our Christian religion is love of God and neighbor. Jesus himself says that there is no other commandment greater than these. All other commandments are expansions of these two and indications of how we are to put these commandments into daily practice. The law tells us we cannot harm the life or name of another. This is because every person belongs to God. It is God who gave life and the same God has given us the command to love and respect all persons. To interfere with a person's life is interfering with God's rights and disobeying his command.

We also have the command to love God who is infinite and perfect. In reality God does not need our love and he is invisible in every human sense. But we can love our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God. While the infinite God has no needs that we can supply, he has claim on our service, on our respect and on our gratitude. It is God who gave us our existence and every gift we possess. All that we have and possess us owe to his love and generosity. Hence it is necessary for us to love him, honor his name and respect his presence. In this way we as human persons can show our love to him.

Jesus is a model for us in the practice of the virtue of love. His love is ideal, divine and all embracing. During his life time he showed how to love others and showed his love towards his disciples, his followers, and even his enemies. From the cross his prayer of forgiveness to the enemies was the deepest expression of his love. In today's world the word love is often misunderstood and misused.

Love is many beautiful things and in today's culture it can lose its full meaning. It is not only what makes the world go round; it is what makes the ride worthwhile. But love is also demanding. To love means to go beyond ourselves, truly to face another person, to rise above our own need, to stretch out to someone, to see the faces of those who desperately need

our love, to risk discomfort, to give our time and energy and indeed to give ourselves to others. Love involves total giving and sacrificing oneself. There is no question of sharing only a part or to love when the person feels good. It is true that love has to do with feelings, but it has far more to do with commitment, challenge and letting go. Whole hearted loving does not stop at any time and it cannot be done with. It has to do with being there for the other. Further, without being loved it is impossible to love.

We sometimes fear that if we offer our all too much might be asked and something extra may be demanded of us. This makes us persons closed to the world of love. Love involves the risk of taking and giving. The truth is that we human beings are truly human beings when we give ourselves away in love. Love is central in all moral decisions. Real life examples go to family, work place, neighborhood, employer worker relationship, social involvement, school, church and citizenship.

Our heavenly Father loves each one of us and accepts us as his own children. Hence we become members of God's family. Today Jesus tells us that if we observe these two commandments faithfully, we are fulfilling the whole law and the prophets. We are serving God and showing our gratitude to him for all his goodness to us. The Christian who is following Christ in love is already active in the earthly kingdom of God, while moving safely to the eternal kingdom of peace, joy and happiness. As we offer this Eucharist today and receive the Lord in our heart, let us ask the grace that we may extend our love to all and that we may discover the presence of Jesus in our brothers and sisters.

RCIC – Rite of Christian Initiation of 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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday
Nov. 3rd

8:30 am † **Larry Bellman**
Requested by: Marg & Gord Nixon

5:00 pm † **Anna Boon**
Requested by: Dora Barker

5:00 pm † **Alexandra Galic**
Requested by: Galic Family

5:00 pm In thanksgiving for **Joseph Pace**
Requested by: Lorraine Pace

5:00 pm For the special intentions of **Liz & Dave White** (Wedding Anniversary)
Requested by: Mom & Family

Sunday
Nov. 4th

9:30 am For the special intentions of **Celestina May**
Requested by: Family

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

11:30 am † **Eileen Aistrop**
Requested by: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

11:30 am † **Carmen Filice & † Lorenzo Castellano**
Requested by: Antoniette & Ida

Monday
Nov. 5th

8:30 am † **Hugh McCormack**
Requested by: Bridie McCormack

Wednesday
Nov. 7th

7:00 pm † **Hellen Vezina**
Requested by: Larry & Mary Jane White

Christmas Bazaar

SAT. NOV. 24TH 2018

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.



HRE 4M - Experience Israel -

A Faith Pilgrimage

Fri. March 8 - 19, 2019

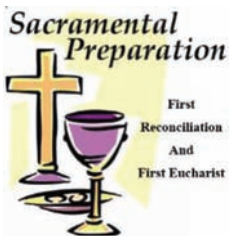
This March, join students and staff of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore and experience the Holy Land of Jesus, the birthplace of our faith!

We are having an information meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Center - Board Room, 46 Alliance Blvd., Barrie. Please contact Steph Maher at 705-726-4468 if you have any questions. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/y95kjp76> for more information.

Pastoral Letters of Reference

If you foresee that you will require a pastoral letter of reference from the Pastor for the purpose of applying for a position within the Catholic School Board or to become a Confirmation sponsor or Godparent, it is essential that you introduce yourself to the priest well in advance so that he can get to know you. A letter of reference is meant to attest that a person is a "practicing Catholic", one who regularly attends Sunday Mass with the Parish Community and is actively involved in the parish. A priest who does not have some acquaintance with a person cannot satisfy such a request. Another means to attest to your attendance at Mass is by the use of Offertory envelopes and regular contributions to the Sunday collection.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION



begins this **Tuesday, November 6th at 6:30 pm** for children attending St. Gabriel the Archangel School. Classes are being held at the church, please arrive a few minutes early to sign in. If you have not submitted a registration

package, please contact the parish office.



Coffee Fellowship

Fellowship after the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass and 9:30 am & 11:30 am Sunday Masses provides a welcoming place to meet new people, relax with friends and get to know

your priests. Hosts are volunteers from the various ministries and provide refreshments and treats.



Please pray for those who are

sick: Jake Cooper, John Bradbury, Monica Freer, Jennifer Durst, Gerri Corcoran, Mary Dickson, Shirley Richard, Francois Pelletier, Len Smyth, Barbara Nadon, Nadia Allesio, Sherry

Wyman, Graeme Sutherland, Ted Huston, Rigo Ongaro, Jean Boileau, Jo-Anne Ransome, & Marjorie Oliveira.

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