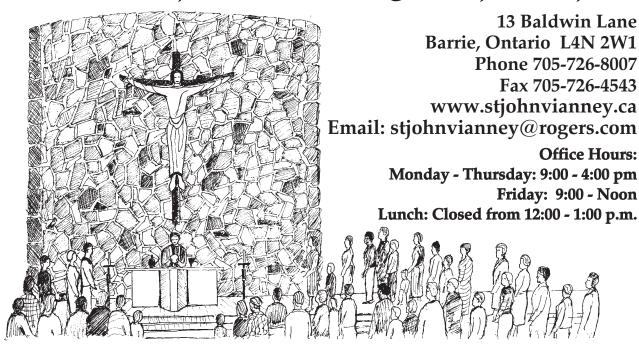
# St. John Rianney Church



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

Weekday mass times

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. (Life Teen Mass) Sunday at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

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 Bernadette Brock, Youth Minister - 104 Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

#### **SERVIAM**

There is a story about how Lucifer lost his place around God's throne. Even before God created the world and all in it, God revealed His plan to the host of angels. He showed them His Son in his human form and as a baby lying in the manger. Then God told the angels to pay homage to His Son. Many angels bowed down and worshiped, except Lucifer. He thought that as pure spirit, it would be beyond his dignity to worship a human being, and a baby at that. And he said, "Non serviam" – I will not serve. He rebelled. That's why Lucifer and his minions were banished from heaven.

"Serviam", I will serve. This motto also applies to mothers who take care of their sick children and fathers who labor in fields and offices for their families. This is what inspires good public servants who go about their tasks without much fanfare. Or why our lay leaders in various church ministries continue to serve their communities for so many years. This is what the Lord tells us in this Sunday's gospel, "He who is greatest among you shall be your servant." (Mt. 23:11)

Humility is not often mentioned today. As somebody said, "When you're as great and talented as I am, it's hard to be humble." Humility is a word that comes from "humus", the soil, the ground we walk on. One who bows or prostrates himself gets closer to the soil. When Jesus took it upon Himself to wash the feet of his apostles, he took the humble position of stooping in order to perform this task meant for servants.

I heard that there was a beautiful practice among Filipino families in the old days when shoes were scarce and most people wore slippers and sandals. At night when the children are called to go to bed, the elder child has to wash the feet of his younger brothers and sisters. It is the older child's duty to wash the feet or bathe the younger ones. This practice disappeared when kids no longer play in their bare feet.

In a world where the value is to become "king of the hill, top of the heap, and A-number one," humility doesn't seem to have a place. Humility is seen as a sign of weakness. Humility is perceived as being willing to be treated like a doormat by others. This is a wrong understanding of humility. Humility is a virtue of those who know their strengths and who realize their value and

their dignity as persons. Knowing these, a humble person is one who gives importance to the needs of others, to the point of sacrificing his own needs. A humble person is one who changes his focus, from himself to the other. In this sense, humility is related to civility and courtesy.

If this be the case, then when a boss changes his focus from his own need for importance to giving importance to his workers, he is being humble. When a community leader visits her constituents and attends to their problems, then she is being humble. When a father sets aside time to play with and listen to his children's stories, he is being humble. When a politician stops thinking of how to win the next election and instead focuses on improving the quality of life of his people, then he is being humble. When a priest or a lay leader listens to what parishioners have to say, he is being humble.

Once a lowly employee decided to show his little boy the place where he was working. While showing the boy around, he met his employer, and he nervously introduced his son. The boss smiled at the boy and said, "When you grow up, we hope you become as good as your Dad and work with us." This man built up his employee in the eyes of his son, rather than show his own authority and importance. This is true humility.



**First Communion Preparation** begins this

<u>Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at</u>

<u>6:30 pm</u> for children attending St. John Paul and St. Michael the Archangel schools. 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.



**Saturday Nov.** 11<sup>th</sup> **is Remembrance Day;** a day dedicated to honoring the courageous men and women who served and continue to serve their country. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. "They shall

not grow old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them."

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# Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm **† Hugh McCormack** Requested by: Bridie McCormack

5:00 pm † Poulose Thottappilly Requested by: Biju & Family 5:00 pm † Alexandra Galic Requested by: The Galic Family

5:00 pm † For all the Souls of the Mosceo-Bellino Family

Requested by: Mike Mosceo

Sunday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am For the special intentions of **Marjorie Oliveira** 

Requested by: Family 9:30 am † Helen Begin

Requested by: Dorothy & Jack Hill

9:30 am † Tina Rashid

Requested by: Paul Rashid &

Family

9:30 am † Christian Rynkowski

Requested by: Family

11:30 am † Helen Roseborough Requested by: Paul Gill & Lisa

Pendelton

Monday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am For the special intentions

of Violetta

Requested by: Betty & Anthony

Bernatt

8:30 am For the special intentions

of **Anthony Bernatt** 

Requested by: Betty Bernatt

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

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RCIC Information / Registration Meeting here:
Sunday, November 12, 10:30 am



The 2017-2018 SUNDAY MISSALS FOR ADULTS are available at the Welcome Committee table in the hall following Mass at a cost of \$5.00.



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You can contact me with any questions. Thank-you all for your generosity.

#### Senior Men's High School Retreat (Grades 11 & 12) on November 25, 2017

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at Our Lady of the Airways Parish, Mississauga, on Saturday, November 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This retreat will provide time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. Registration for the retreat is to be done online at: <a href="www.vocationstoronto.ca">www.vocationstoronto.ca</a> (under Programs) or <a href="http://bit.ly/2xh8uMA">http://bit.ly/2xh8uMA</a>

For more information please call the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.



Baptismal Preparation Kits (Registration Forms) are available at the Welcome Table in the

Parish Hall or on the table in the church vestibule. Baptisms take place the first Sunday of the month (unless otherwise indicated). Attendance at a baptism preparation class is mandatory before baptism takes place. Please fill in the applicable form(s) and submit them to the parish office. A meeting with the Pastor will then be scheduled prior to attending the preparation class.



Please pray for those who are sick: Bob Waring, Catherine Dion, Manfred Loeffler, Ted Huston, Denise

Foster, Jerry Gulka, Trudy Schoutsen, Sherry Wyman, Jebreil Syed, Maria DeMelo, Joanne Ransome, Richard Benoit, Lillian Pottage, & Marjorie Oliveira.

And for those who have died recently:

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