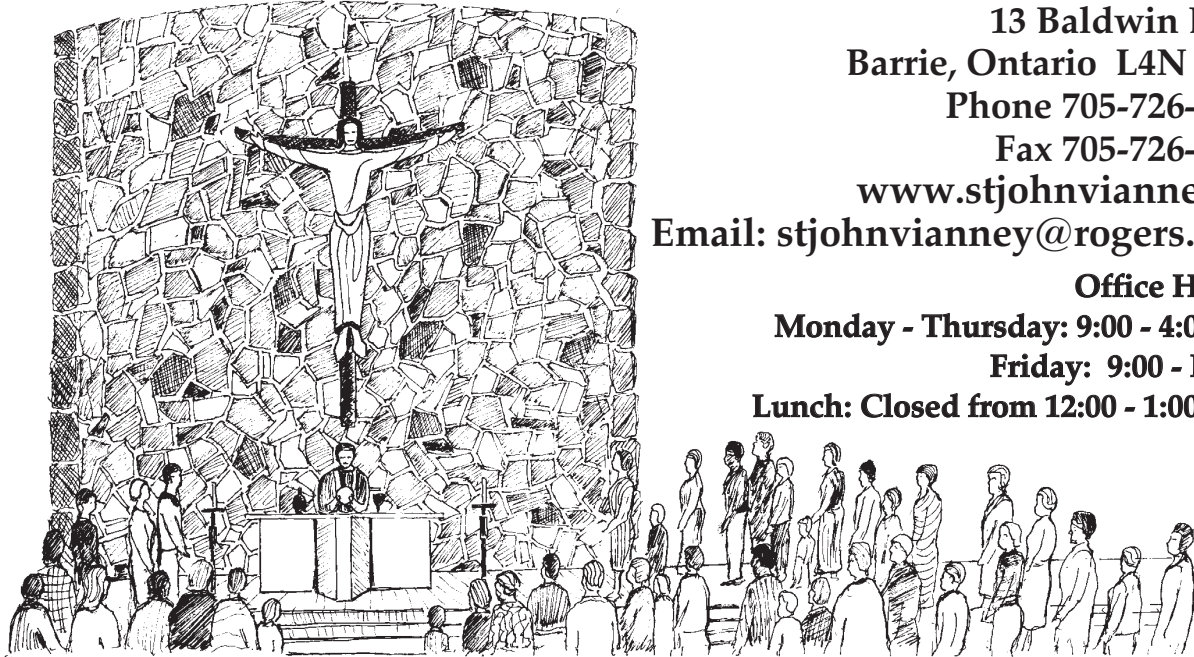


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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00 pm

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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.

Parish Information

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A Tale of Two Brothers

Many parents will give a knowing nod when they hear today's Gospel. They've asked a son or daughter to give a hand, say in washing the dishes. One child may have reflected the reaction of the second of the sons in today's Gospel. He was full of good intentions and readily agreed to do what was asked of him. But he was all talk and no action. He did nothing.

Then we can recognize the other brother. He was a surly chap, who at first refused to work in his father's vineyard. But then he had a change of heart and obeyed his father. We have to admit that neither son was ideal. But at least the first son did eventually do what was asked of him, while the second didn't. With the Pharisees and elders we would agree that the first son's response was preferable to the second's.

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the example of the problem parents have with uncooperative children to illustrate the problem God has with us, his children.

Jesus directs this parable at the Pharisees and elders who had just challenged his authority to teach in temple. They'd already refused to decide whether or not John's baptism was of heavenly or human origin. If they had conceded that John was a divinely inspired prophet they would have had to believe in Christ, whose mission John had endorsed. But if they denied that John acted with divine authority they would have antagonized the crowd, which believed in John.

Lacking the courage and honesty to decide for or against John, they would not have believed Jesus if he had told them that he spoke and acted with divine authority. Jesus realized that there's no point in taking seriously someone who is not open to the truth.

This was the background for today's parable about the two brothers. The Pharisees and elders were like the second brother. They

claimed to be willing to do God's will. They thought they, above all others, were pious and obedient. And yet their commitment was shallow and empty. They refused to heed God's prophet, John the Baptist, and would not accept Jesus himself. Since they refused to lead the way in endorsing Christ's mission they were not true workers in God's vineyard.

But tax collectors and prostitutes, whom the religious authorities wrote off as worthless sinners, did recognize John as a true pattern of righteousness. They heeded his word and repented. They were like the brother who at first refused to obey his father, but then had a change of heart, and did what was asked of him. To the indignation of the religious authorities Jesus said that these repentant sinners would enter heaven before those who thought their place there was assured.

It would be a great mistake for us to think that this parable was directed only against the Pharisees and elders. Jesus is questioning each of us. Are we like the second brother and the religious authorities? Do we claim to be devout, religious people, who are willing to obey God, while, in fact, refusing to do his will? Or are we like the first brother and the sinners -- people who at first refuse to obey God, but then repent and do his will? If so, we're in a far better state than those who are full of empty good intentions.

Neither of the brothers nor what they represent is ideal. Instead, we must be people who say, 'Yes' to God's will, mean what we say and do it.

We may well be surprised to find that those who had been dismissed as being beyond redemption are welcomed into heaven, while some we would have expected to be present are not there. We pray that we may be numbered among the repentant sinners whom Jesus welcomes into his kingdom.

"Monument Fundraising Update" To date we have raised **\$21,060** toward our **\$50,000** goal. **Thank you.**



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday 9:30 am for the special intentions
October 1st of **Marjorie Oliveira**
Requested by: Family

Sunday 9:30 am † **Erminia, Michele &**
October 1st **Maria Pannozzo**
Requested by: Pierina Pistillo

Sunday 11:30 am in praise & thanksgiving
October 1st for **Rose Nduanya**
Requested by: Chigozie Nduanya

Friday 8:30 am † **Marina Prior**
October 6th Requested by: Suzanne Prior



FIRST FRIDAY

October 6th 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 Friday there will be Eucharistic adoration following the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 a.m.

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have you or someone you know ever considered becoming a Catholic? If so, the RCIA process is for you. For those who are not baptized and for those of other Christian denominations who are already baptized, the RCIA/RCIC (children ages 7 and up) process is a wonderful response to the Lord's call to His disciples to "come and see". If you are interested in joining the RCIA/RCIC process for the fall of 2017 please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with the Pastor.

REGISTRATION



Registration for the Confirmation program will be at the church:

(Please remember to bring with you a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and \$75 to reserve a family space)

Registration Dates:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 6:00 PM OR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, AT 12:30 PM OR
THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, AT 7:00 PM

PROJECT HOPE UPDATE

Greetings from the Refugee Committee: In anticipation of the Newcomer's arrival in late October, we are appealing to the Parishioners who may be aware of available rental accommodation for a family of two. Please send an email to projecthopesjv@gmail.com or contact the parish office with any leads. Thank you and God Bless.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting your non-perishable food items this weekend. Please bring your donations to the parish hall. Thank you for your support.



SAT. NOV. 18TH 2017 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Calling all knitters, crocheters, bakers and country cooks. We need your help and generous donations for our annual C.W.L. Christmas Bazaar on Sat. Nov. 18th. We need mitts, gloves, colorful leg warmers for all ages, fingerless gloves, boot cuffs, scarves, hats, slippers and some baby items. Everything is very welcome. For wool or patterns please contact Beryl at 705-436-5142. Also remember to please save jars of your home made preserves and veggies for our country kitchen table. We will also be looking for baked goods, bread, butter tarts, pies, squares, cookies, and sugar free goods. You can contact me with any questions. . Thank-you all for your generosity.

CWL NEWS:

❖ Heritage Quilt tickets are now on sale after all Masses.



Please pray for those who are sick:
Ted Huston, Denise Foster, Gisela Witt, Jerry Gulka, Trudy Schoutsen, Baby Clare Dary, Sherry Wyman, Jebreil Syed, Maria DeMelo, Joanne Ransome, Richard Benoit, Lillian Pottage, & Marjorie Oliveira.



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