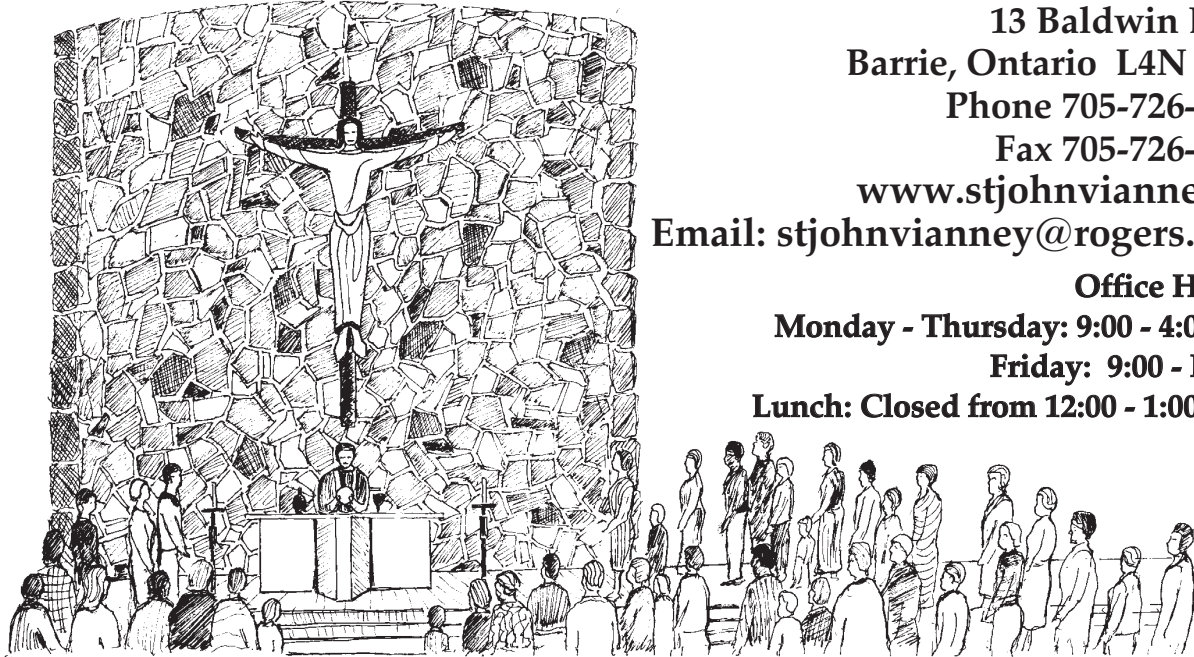


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

As Christians we are responsible and are made accountable for the welfare of those under our care, be it children, parents, elders, or even friends. People holding any office of responsibility have the need to be accountable for the work they do, be it a doctor, a lawyer, an officer or a Pastor. In each occupation, there is a responsibility and full accountability is required of the individuals. As Christians we are not individuals but members of the Body of Christ that is the Church. The readings of today tell us of God's command of spiritual responsibility and accountability that each one of us have towards our neighbors. It speaks of our responsibility of correcting our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in error.

The Gospel of today presents to us matters pertaining to the relationship between the members of the Church. Jesus stipulates a process for dealing with a community member who sins against another person. He lays down the guidelines for fraternal correction in the Christian community.

The first stage is for the two people concerned to solve the issue among themselves. If it works out at that level, that is the ideal situation. Then we have the second step in the mode of reconciliation. If the offender refuses to listen to his "brother", then others should be brought in as confirming witnesses. This involves confronting the community member with one or two additional persons. This is a more serious step and again it is hoped that the matter will be resolved by it. If neither of the first two steps works and if he refuses to listen to these, then he has the duty to report to the Church. The approach to the church is to go beyond all legalism. The personal relationship can be rectified in an atmosphere of Christian prayer, Christian love and Christian fellowship. It is understood that while meeting in the community it is not the judgment but fraternal love that brings the transformation.

If the offender still refuses to listen or to change, he is to be treated as a gentile or a tax collector. That was generally interpreted and the first impression was that the person is to be shunned totally by the community as a hopeless and incorrigible person. This however sounds very strange coming from the teaching of Jesus who never set limits to human forgiveness. He was always known as a kind, gentle and forgiving person and accepted good and bad. He was always merciful and did not permit the stoning of woman caught in adultery. The Prodigal Son was received with open arms. He accepted Matthew and Zacchaeus and went to dine

with them. He reached out to sinners and forgave them and he said it is the sick persons who need the doctor and not the healthy.

Therefore when Jesus says that they must be treated like gentiles and sinners, it really means to treat them as Jesus did, namely, with love and affection, and at the same time showing special concern towards them. To Jesus it means continuing friendship. He indicates that they too have a heart which can be touched. This special concern and forgiveness will lead to a change in heart and the person will surely be reconciled to God. In other words such persons must be treated with love and kindness. They can still be won over as Jesus has done with regard to sinners and gentiles.

Today in the church Jesus places on us the painful obligation of fraternal love in the watchful love we show towards others. To approach this painful duty of fraternal correction, it entails many qualities: courage, compassion, patience, gentleness, humility, sincerity, reverence, a desire to preserve the other's good name, prudence, delicacy, tact, mutual dialogue, true listening and mercy. We are there not merely to criticize but to help positively to build bridges and rectify the wrong. Let us reflect on how we will account to God for the actions of those around us, be it our parents, our brothers or sisters, our children, our relatives, our neighbors, our co-workers, our peers, all of those whose life we touch.

One summer evening after a festal hour of singing and dancing the whole tribe sat around the chieftain. He began to speak to them: "If you have quarreled with a brother and you have decided to kill him," as he spoke he looked directly at the one of the group, "first sit down, fill your pipe and smoke it. When you have finished smoking you will realize that death is too severe a punishment for your enemy for the fault he has committed, and you decide to give a good whipping instead. Then you fill your pipe a second time and smoke it to the bottom. By then you feel that the lashes will be too much and instead some simple words of reproof would be sufficient. Then when the third time you have filled your pipe and smoked it to the finish, you will be better convinced that the better thing to do is going to that brother and embraces him.

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*Let all that you do
Be done in Love*

1 Corinthians

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday
September 9th 5:00 pm † **Gino Zanchetta**
Requested by: Paul & Lorelei Baker

5:00 pm † **Helen Wagner**
Requested by: Stefanie Francavilla

5:00 pm In thanksgiving for the continued recovery of **Jebreil Syed**
Requested by: Family

Sunday
September 10th 8:00 am For the special intentions of **Silvestel Han**
Requested by: Cecilia Han

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

9:30 am For the special intentions of **Frank & Joan Mellon** on their 65th Anniversary

11:30 am † **Darci Lynn Beers**
Requested by: The Wells Family

11:30 am † **Katherine Dominato & † Lisa Ann Williams**
Requested by: Mario Dominato

Tuesday
September 12th 8:30 am † **Ethel Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

Friday
September 15th 8:30 am † **Jason Devitt**
Requested by: His parents



Tickets on sale now in the parish hall!

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC & MONUMENT CONSECRATION

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17th

Most Rev. Bishop Kirkpatrick will be our guest of honor and main celebrant at our annual church picnic which will take place on Sunday September 17th at 11:30 am. Immediately following the Mass, the grand opening of our new pathway and consecration of the newly erected Monument dedicated to the *Sanctity of Life* will take place followed by lunch featuring chicken wings courtesy of **South Barrie Wild Wing** in the parish hall. Please join us on this important occasion and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship with your church family! **Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share with others! (You can drop off your food donations in the parish hall kitchen any time after the 8:00 am Mass on September 17th)** Tickets are \$5.00 each.



Confirmation

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Parents, mark your calendar for the opportunity to welcome your child to the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Registration will take place on the following dates and times:

GR. 2 FIRST COMMUNION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 AT 6:00 PM AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH OR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24 AT 12:30 PM AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH OR

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26 AT 6:30 pm AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

If your child attends one of the six feeder schools associated with St. John Vianney Church and is in Grade 2 a registration package will be distributed to children through their class when they return to school. (Please bring with you a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and \$75 to reserve a family space)

CONFIRMATION

Registration for the program will be at the church:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 6:00 PM OR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, AT 12:30 PM OR

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, AT 7:00 PM

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

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have you or someone you know ever considered becoming a Catholic? If so, the RCIA process is for you. This process begins each fall and runs with weekly meetings up to and including the Easter season. 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.



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Ted Huston, Denise Foster, Gisela Witt, Jerry Gulka, Trudy Schoutsen, Marg Nixon, Baby Clare Dary, Sherry Wyman, Jebreil Syed, Maria DeMelo, Joanne Ransome, Richard

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