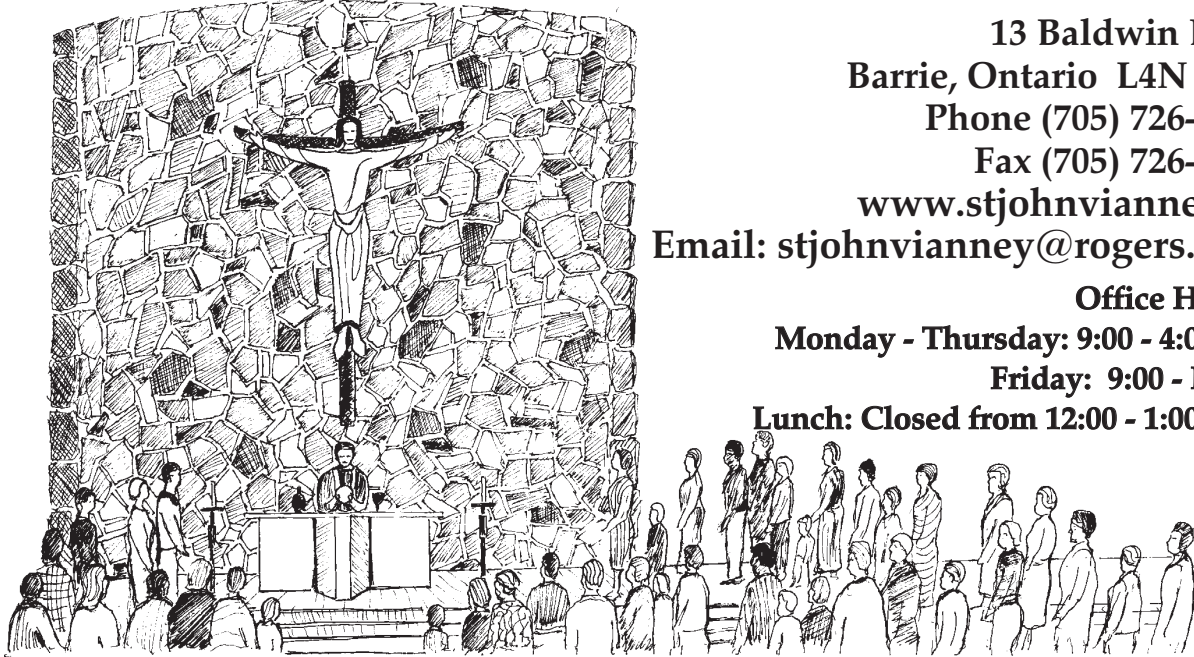


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As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in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

Mass Times - Press 9

Baptismal Information - Press 7

St. Vincent de Paul - Press 8

Emergency due to death or serious illness - Press 6

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

Fr. Jose Koluthara, C.M.I., Associate Pastor - 106

Karen Price, Parish Secretary - 101

Bernadette Francavilla, Youth Minister - 104

Marilyn Reesor, Music Director - 121

Mass for the Intensions Week

Saturday September 12 th	5:00 pm ✠ Esther Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior
Tuesday September 15 th	8:30 am ✠ Jason Devitt Requested by: Parents
Wednesday September 16 th	7:00 pm ✠ Joan Thompson Offered by: The Parish
Thursday September 17 th	8:30 am For the Special Intentions of the McCorkell Family Requested by: Helen McCorkell

The Joy Of Suffering

If we were given the chance to design and create our own god, many of us would wind up with something that would look like a superhero, a fairy godmother, or a combination of the two. The god we'd create would be supremely powerful, fix all our problems right away, and wipe out our enemies. Very few of us, I think, would conceive of a god who suffers and dies.

That's why we can't be too critical of Peter's reaction when Jesus said that he would suffer and die. Peter couldn't believe that. Peter had just correctly identified Jesus as the Christ. He expected a powerful Christ who would lead his people to victory. And to be sure, Peter had witnessed Jesus do some amazingly powerful deeds. So who can blame him when he couldn't believe what Jesus was saying!

Peter had to learn the truth of who the Christ really is. He still had to come to understand the true nature of the God revealed in Jesus. An all-powerful God; But one who accepts weakness. One who embraces humility. One who chooses to suffer and die. Peter would have known the Bible stories in which many people had been killed in God's name. But back then, people were still coming to appreciate who God really is. Those stories reflect an unfolding, developing understanding of the nature of God. People then thought: God will kill my enemies.

But in Jesus, God is killed *by* his enemies. Peter didn't grasp this yet. As Jesus explained, he had to learn to think as God thinks, not as human beings do. But that's a lesson we need to learn too.

But we might ask: "Why bother? Why did Jesus die on a cross? He is God, after all! He didn't need to do it!" But then again, maybe he did, in order to show us how much he loves us. But couldn't he simply have *told* us how much he loves us? Wouldn't hearing "I love you" from God be enough? Not really, because talk is cheap. When we're told, "I love you," we need to be shown that those words are true; it needs to be demonstrated for us. The whole point of today's second reading is that faith needs to be reflected through works. In a similar way, true love needs to be shown by deeds.

In addition, if God merely said to us, "I love you," we might not realize the kind of love he's talking about, and we probably wouldn't appreciate how deep that love is. How do you and I show another person that we love them? By giving-giving of our time, our resources, our very selves. And what's the most precious thing we could give? Our lives. That's what God did for us in Jesus. That's why Jesus insisted that he had to die.

But why does Jesus insist that we have to carry a cross too? It's fine for God to do that to show us how much he loves us. We get it! Thanks! But why should we have to undergo the same thing? Well, it's one thing for us to *hear* that God loves us. It's another thing to *see* that love demonstrated for us. But it's quite another thing altogether for us to *experience* the depth of that love our selves. We need to experience God's love in order for it to be made real for us. Otherwise, it's just a concept or an article of faith.

The best way for us to experience God's love, as shown on a cross, is by carrying a cross ourselves. Suffering can teach us things in a way that nothing else can. When we suffer like Jesus suffered, we can come to say, "Now I understand. Now I know how much God loves me." You've heard the old saying, "You can't judge a person until you've walked a mile in his or her shoes?" Well, we can't fathom the magnitude of God's love for us until we've carried a cross in Jesus' footsteps.

Should we carry a cross, a part of us will die. But we lose our life in order to gain it. We carry that cross to live, and to love. So we'll know how much we're loved *by* Jesus. So we'll learn to love *like* Jesus.

Our Parish Picnic is Next Sunday!



Our annual parish picnic will take place on Sunday September 20th from 12:30 – 5 pm on the church grounds and

adjacent park. Lunch will include barbequed hamburgers, hotdogs, and a beverage and will be served from 12:45 – 2:00 pm. Tickets are on sale after all Masses in the parish hall for \$5.00 each.

Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share with others. **Don't miss out; there will be our first ever DUNK TANK with the opportunity to dunk your Pastor. There will be children's games, face painting, music, and a family baseball game plus loads of fun and fellowship and hopefully plenty of sunshine!** *All proceeds will be donated to the David Busby Outreach Centre.*

FAMILY HERITAGE FESTIVAL



St. John Vianney Parish is a dynamic and thriving community which is enriched by

the vast cultural diversity amongst our many families. United as one body, we are comprised of peoples from countries throughout the world who have converged and come together in our Christian home. We would like to celebrate and learn more about the cultural traditions of our families and are planning to host a **Family Heritage Festival** on the afternoon of **Sunday, October 18th**, beginning with a culturally diverse Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by celebrations which will conclude at 5:00 p.m. This festival will feature multi-cultural displays, food samples, music and dance which will appeal to every age group, and we would like to have as many countries represented as possible. Please consider sharing your ancestral heritage with others with a display of art, clothing and food, or set the day aside to attend and discover the unique heritage of your friends and neighbors of St. John Vianney Church. For more information and registration as a participant please, contact the church office.

Joan Marie Thompson (82) passed away peacefully at her home in Barrie on Saturday, August 22nd, 2015. Joan, the beloved wife of Gary Thompson was well loved and known in our parish community as our past Parish Secretary and served as president of our Catholic Women's League. There will be a Mass offered for Joan on September 16th, at 7pm, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

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 **Next Thursday, September 17th** 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 2015 please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with the Pastor.

Come join the bible study

"Galatians: Set Free to Live" is the eight-part Bible study by Jeff Cavins and Gayle Somers. It speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us, explaining how we can unite ourselves to Christ's redeeming sacrifice. Reignite your love for God as you learn about the deep love God has for you. **Come join the bible study group at St. John Vianney Church in the Luke Room beginning Sept. 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM and continuing every Monday.**

"PROJECT HOPE"

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "Project Hope," a special emergency appeal. This 100-day campaign aims to raise \$3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible. The effort will also require 100 volunteer committees to assist with settlement services. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: www.archtoronto.org or call (416) 934-3411. You can also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to NAME OF PARISH – PROJECT HOPE – REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP. We continue to pray for all those suffering, mindful of our call to welcome the stranger in our midst. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Office for Refugees at (647) 780-0827

Please pray for the sick:

Geraldine Ocsai, Patrick Peters, Catherine Dion, Robert Porteous, Tina Rashid, Michael Foster, Dylan Wilson, Wilson Gasewicz, Baby Nathan Brent, Baby Avery Maset, & Carson Batters.



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