

St. John Fisher Parish



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PARISH HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 noon & 5:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m.

First Fridays: 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY DEVOTION: Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Benediction: 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER GROUP:

Thursday's 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall-Upper room

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF INITIATION (BAPTISM):

By appointment only. Baptismal instruction required. Contact the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Archdiocese policy requires making arrangements one year prior to the date of marriage. Preparatory course is required.

COMMUNION SERVICE:

For the sick. Contact the Rectory.

PARISH SCHOOLS:

St. John Fisher, 330 Balmoral Drive	905-793-8900
Cardinal Newman, 698 Balmoral Drive	905-792-2268
Georges Vanier, 28 Finchgate Boulevard	905-792-2251
Holy Name of Mary, 115 Glenvale Boulevard	905-791-5007
St. Thomas Aquinas, 25 Corporation Drive	905-791-1195

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:

New Parishioners are asked to register. Cards are available at the back of the church.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 15th

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving requested by the Santos Family

Tuesday, April 16th

9 a.m. – Maria Silveria requested by the Silveria Family

7 p.m. – In Thanksgiving requested by Vincent Martins

Wednesday, April 17th

9 a.m. – Eduarda & John Botelho requested by the Botelho Family

Thursday, April 18th

7 p.m. –

Friday, April 19th

3 p.m. – Service

Saturday, April 20th

8 p.m. – Daniel Rozario requested by the Rozario Family

Sunday, April 21st

9 a.m. – Leo & Agnes Walsh requested by Mary Courneyea

10:30 a.m. – Ron Leavitt requested by Margaret Ann & Family

12 p.m. – In Thanksgiving requested by the Carvey Family

5:30 p.m. – *no mass*

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday is called *Palm Sunday*, the beginning of the Holy Week. The story starts with Jesus entering the Holy City. Now we watch the crowds who were part of the story of Jesus' passion. The first part was the jubilant crowd who praised Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. The second part was the tumultuous crowd who joined the religious leaders three times in demanding Jesus' crucifixion. The third part would be the mourning crowd of women who lamented his fate as he walked the Way of the Cross.

During the entrance rite, Jesus has reached his destination – *Jerusalem, my destiny*, according to the church hymn. Just as he entered the city of Jerusalem, he is here with us today in the New Jerusalem, the church. We celebrate his presence with us and we wave our palms and praise him as king!

In the moment before that, Jesus offers his friends his own body and blood, soon to be given up for them, in the bread and wine in which they are partaking.

How quickly things can change! What began as a time of praise and joyful celebration this morning has now become a time of unimaginable suffering and death. If we wonder with which crowd we might be identified, we have to look at our own lives. We shout *Praise the Lord*, when everything is coming our way. And seemingly moments later, we crucify Jesus with our complaints when the *going gets tough*.

Today, and every time we gather to celebrate Mass, we join our suffering with Jesus. We bring our own crosses to the cross. And in doing so, we are confident that just as resurrection comes in Jesus, resurrection will come for us. During this Holy Week, we get a glimpse of our own lives as well.

God bless, *The Pastor*

Holy Thursday (April 18th) Volunteers Needed

The Pope has changed the rules for washing of the feet on Holy Thursday. Pope Francis has decreed that from now on, the people chosen for the washing of the feet in the liturgy of Holy Thursday may be selected from all the People of God, and not only men and boys.



Holy Thursday

Pope Francis wrote, "After careful consideration, I have decided to make a change to the Roman Missal. I therefore decree that the section according to which those persons chosen for the Washing of the Feet must be men or boys, so that from now on the Pastors of the Church may choose the participants in the rite from among all the members of the People of God. I also recommend that an adequate explanation of the rite itself be provided to those who are chosen."

If you are 13 years or older and would like to volunteer for the symbolic Washing of the Feet, and are able to attend a *mandatory* practice on Wednesday, April 17th at 7 p.m. please call the church office and leave your name and number. We need 6 males and 6 females. Thank you!



Non-Perishable Food on Holy Thursday

The Institution of the Eucharist

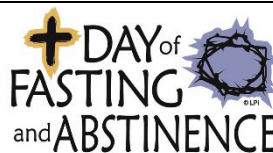
At the beginning of the liturgy of the Eucharist, the gifts which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar. The *offertory* is an important moment in Eucharistic devotion because we are being invited to offer to God our "sacrifices" with the emphasis very much on the personal contributions of our lives and work.

We always remember the poor in every Eucharistic celebration. Before or on **Holy Thursday** we are invited to bring *some non-perishable food to the church as symbol of our care for the poor*. A symbolic basket of food will be offered during the offertory procession.



Last Week's Collection: \$5,432.30

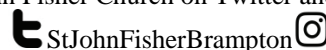
Thank you for your generosity!



Good Friday (April 19th) is a day of *Fasting & Abstinence*. According to the teaching of the Catholic Church: the **law of abstinence** forbids the use of meat; the **law of fasting** allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening.

Who must follow these precepts? *All people who have completed their 14 years are bound by the law of abstinence; anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 59 are obliged to fast and abstain. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by these laws are educated in an authentic sense of penance.*


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And check out our website at: www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org



Our next **ShareLife** collection is on **May 5th**. Please help us reach our goal of \$23,100! Our final collection will be on **June 2nd**.


TRIDUUM SCHEDULE
 Holy Thursday
 April 18 @ 7 p.m.
 Washing of feet,
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Please bring non-perishable food for charity.


Good Friday – April 19 @ 3 p.m.
 Reading of the Passion of Our Lord, Collection for the Holy Land,
 Adoration of the Cross, Communion. *Public adoration of the cross will take place after the service.*

Stations of the Cross – April 19 @ 7 p.m.


Easter Vigil / Holy Saturday – April 20 @ 8 p.m.
 Blessing of Fire, Exultet, Reading of the History of Salvation, Glory to God, Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, End of Triduum.


Easter Sunday – April 21
 9 & 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m. – There is no 5:30 p.m. mass


Customized Statue of St. John Fisher
 We are still graciously accepting donations towards our customized statue of Our Patron Saint. Once the work is complete, this statue will be the most accurate depiction of St. John Fisher available in the market today (since no representation currently exists). I have commissioned Monticelli Religious Supply to work with the artists in Italy to create a 1.5 m tall fiberglass statue. Cost: \$32,504 (including HST). It should be ready before June 22nd, St John Fisher's Feast day. ***Please help our Parish fund this worthwhile project by increasing your offering for the Monthly Building fund or by making a personal donation specifically for the statue.*** God will bless you for your generosity! Thank you for your support! Fr. Regs




Save the Date! Saturday, June 22nd
St. John Fisher's Feast Day
 10 a.m. – Mass and Blessing of St. John Fisher's new statue
 11 a.m. – International Food Festival and Cultural Entertainment
 Please plan to join our Parish Family for this event. Everything is FREE! FREE! FREE! If you are able to provide some ethnic food, please sign-up on the sheets on the table at the main church entrance.


St John Fisher Spring Dinner & Dance

 The Knight of Columbus and the CWL are hosting a Dinner & Dance fundraiser in the church hall on Sat, May 11th.
 All proceeds will go to the Church Hall renovations.
 Tickets are \$35. You must be 19 years or older to attend.
 Tickets will be on sale after all masses or you can call:
 Mirella Kaman: 905 866 6885 or Owen Goosney: 905 792 6576





 **Knights of Columbus** (Council 10402) are having a General Meeting Tuesday, April 16th at 8 p.m. in the church hall. All members are welcome.

 **CWL Book & Bake Sale**
 THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our sale last weekend: bakers, those who donated books, the many volunteers and to the supportive shoppers! Our event was a success. We raised \$1,300 for the church!


2000 Hail Mary Vigil – Join the Rosary Devotion Group on May 4th beginning at 8:30 a.m. as they offer 2000 Hail Mary Prayers. You are welcome to stay for the entire day until mass at 5:30 p.m. Can't stay all day? Join them for an hour or two. Mother Mary will be happy you came!




 **Rosary Devotion - St. John Fisher Parish** has a Rosary Devotion every 1st Saturday of the month after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. All are welcome.


 The **Rosary Apostolate** is seeking volunteers who have great devotion to the Mother of God and who are willing to visit our elementary schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month for a total of 8 days in the year. Training & screening will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Audrey deRozario @ 905-458-4438.

Divine Mercy Devotion
 Join us on the first Friday of every month for the Divine Mercy Devotion at 6:45 p.m. before the 7 p.m. Mass. The Devotion is also recited on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. (right after the 9 a.m. Mass).



First Communion Dates
 Sat May 11 @ 5:30 p.m. – St John Fisher School
 Sat May 25 @ 5:30 p.m. – Cardinal Newman School
 Sun May 26 @ 12 p.m. – Georges Vanier School



 **Confirmation Corner**
Confession for Confirmandi: Sat, June 1 @ 11 a.m.
Confirmation: Thursday, June 13 @ 7 p.m.
 Mandatory practice for the Confirmation Ceremony: @ 10:30 a.m.
 ▶ **Volunteer Service Hours:** 10 hours of school, community or parish service are required of candidates. Candidates should keep track, on paper, as they need to be submitted. Please submit them to the office (M-W-F 9 am – 5 pm) by April 30th.
 ▶ During the Confirmation Mass, celebrated by our Pastor, a collection will be take at **Offertory**.
 ▶ **Videos and photographs** are not permitted during any part of the Mass as it distracts from the solemnity of the Mass. You will be permitted to take photos in the parish hall before the Mass or inside the church after the ceremony is over. It can be **either** a group photo **or** individual photos.
 ▶ Weekly attendance at Sunday mass at St John Fisher is expected. This Bulletin and Announcements at Mass are our **primary source of communication** with candidates.

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