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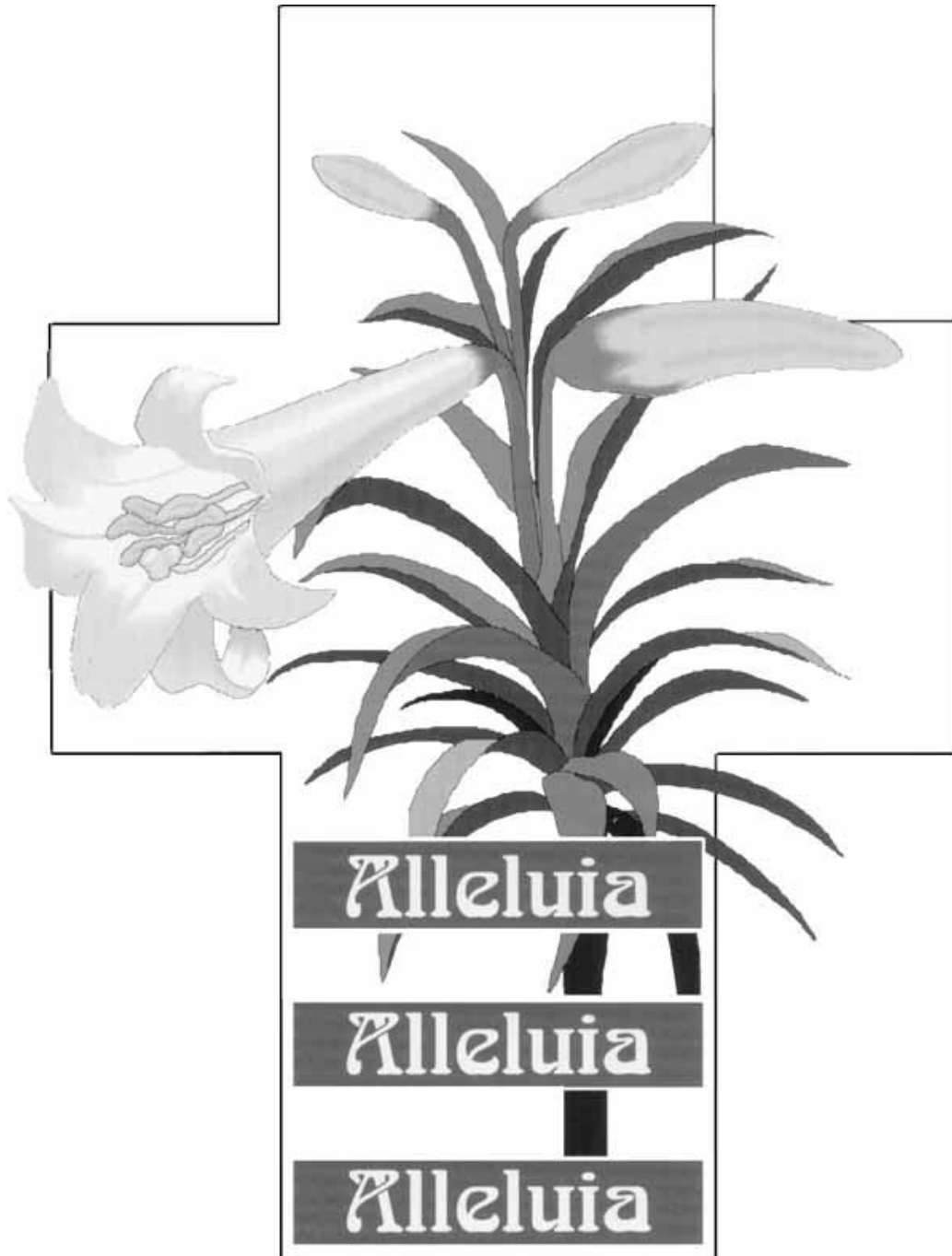
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Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, April 22nd

9 a.m. – Manuel Mendes requested by Laudelina Coucelos

Tuesday, April 23rd

9 a.m. – John Coucelos requested by the Silveria Family

7 p.m. – Amalraj & Emaldon Fernando requested by Joseph & Helen Ashok

Wednesday, April 24th

9 a.m. – Ethel de Rozario requested by the Family

Thursday, April 25th

9 a.m. – Sylvia Maria Oliveira requested by Bill & Phyllis Murphy

Friday, April 26th

9 a.m. – Jose & Marina Mendes requested by the Silveria Family

Saturday, April 27th

5:30 p.m. – Deceased members of the Sawaya & Moukarzel Families

Sunday, April 28th

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

10:30 a.m. – Patrick Paton requested by Louisa & Children

12 p.m. – Souls in Purgatory requested by Disa Oberg

5:30 p.m. – Lednelia Aguilar requested by Susan Aureus & Family



EASTER MESSAGE 2019

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” (Luke 24:5)

Jesus is Risen! “What has the resurrection to say to the world?” and “What has the resurrection to say to us believers?”

Every Easter is a fulfillment of the words of Prophen Isaiah: **“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:19)** What is that new thing? God had raised Jesus from the dead. He did it once. God can do it again and again. And God always does it in new ways.

The resurrection always speaks about newness. So, the resurrection speaks the word of life to a world that would otherwise be defeated by death or tragedy or hardship. The resurrection speaks of joy-filled message for those who will welcome it in faith.

The resurrection is an event in the life of Jesus that could not be proven by facts. Nobody sees Jesus rising from the dead. They saw an empty tomb and the folded linen. It was only through the transformed life of the early disciples and our transformed lives as well, that would give veracity to that event. It was not primarily about what happened to Jesus, but what happened to his followers and to us. Without Easter faith, without renewed life, the mystery of the resurrection will have no meaning at all.

Dear Parishioners, let's welcome once again the resurrection of Jesus in St. John Fisher parish. May this event translate itself in the revitalization of companionship in our community; in the renewed enthusiasm and joy in our liturgy; in the ardent hope that gives meaning to every trial in life and in the blossoming love among members of a family.

Yes, the resurrection is real because it shows itself in the hope-filled life we live and the joy-filled celebration of our Eucharistic Celebration.

A special thanks to our parish choirs and musicians and most especially to our Grand Choir, the Communion Ministers and Lectors; Sacristans and Altar Servers, Ushers, Church Cleaners and most especially the people who offered their time and talents by making our worship space and the Altar of Repose extremely beautiful for our solemn celebration.

Happy Easter! Fr. Regulo Imperial



Please join us on Sunday April 28th for

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Holy Hour begins @ 1:30 p.m.

Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet begins @ 3 pm

DID YOU KNOW? ▶ St. Pope John Paul II declared the 2nd Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday during the canonization ceremony of St. Faustina in 2000. ▶ The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931 and depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins.

Bring your Divine Mercy images to our celebration.

Fr Reg will bless them on this day!

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations

Cardinal Collins has designated Friday, May 3rd as the Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Our three prayer intentions on this day:

- ❶ for the right discernment of vocations still unfolding;
- ❷ for endurance in committed vocations;
- ❸ for an increase of priestly and religious vocations.

Please take a moment to pray for vocations on Friday, May 3rd.

www.vocationstoronto.ca.



Our next **ShareLife** collection is on **May 5th**.

Please help us reach our goal of \$23,100!

ShareLife Our final collection will be on **June 2nd**.

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

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



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!



Magnificat: A Ministry to Catholic Women



Invites you to join them for the 43rd Magnificat Breakfast sponsored by Mary, Cause of our Joy Toronto Chapter on Saturday May 25, 2019, 9:30 am–12:30pm at The Veneto Centre (7465 Kipling Ave., Woodbridge-Kipling Ave. at Hwy 7). **Tickets are \$30 each or \$300 for a table of 10.** For information on ways to register and more information, visit: <http://www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat.html>

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**

The Sunday school teacher was asking her six-year-olds about the meaning of Easter. *Children, do you know why we celebrate Easter?* A little girl raised her hand. **EASTER IS WHEN WE PUT ON COSTUMES AND GO TRICK-OR-TREATING. No, dear. That's Halloween. Does any one else know?** A little boy yelled, **EASTER IS THE HOLIDAY IN DECEMBER WHEN WE PUT UP A NICE TREE, EXCHANGE PRESENTS, AND CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS. No, son, that's Christmas. Anybody else?** A shy little girl in the back said, **EASTER IS WHEN JESUS DIED AND WAS BURIED IN A NEARBY CAVE CLOSED OFF BY A BIG ROCK. The teacher smiled proudly. The girl continues, EVERY YEAR THE ROCK IS MOVED AWAY SO THAT JESUS CAN COME OUT...AND, IF HE SEES HIS SHADOW, THERE WILL BE SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER!**

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



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).



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 taken 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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