

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  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, April 29th

9 a.m. – Jose & Maria Nareiso requested by the Silveria Family

Tuesday, April 30th

9 a.m. – Pacifica Limbo requested by Linda

7 p.m. – Fr Alexis Fernando & Sr Maggie Fernando requested by Joseph & Helen Ashok

Wednesday, May 1st

9 a.m. – Eduard & Annetta Brunton requested by the Family

Thursday, May 2nd

9 a.m. – Dominico Tran & All Souls

Friday, May 3rd

9 a.m. – Manuel Mendes requested by the Silveria Family

7 p.m. – Hannah Abraham requested by the Fernandes Family

Saturday, May 4th

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

Sunday, May 5th

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

10:30 a.m. – Della Greenaway requested by Maureen Watson

12 p.m. – Irma Garcia & Carl A. Oberg requested by Disa Oberg

5:30 p.m. – Eduard & Annetta Brunton requested by the Family

 FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Today is the 2nd *Sunday of Easter*. John the Evangelist starts his story this way: “*on the evening of the first day of the week...*” John here is operating in a new time zone. According to the Jewish reckoning, a day began with sunset, a concept that goes back to Genesis 1, which counted the days saying, “*Evening came and morning followed, the first day...*” When John calls the evening of the day of Christ’s resurrection the *first day* he is speaking about the first day of the new creation, a symbolic day that will never end.

The news of the resurrection spread among the disciples. Jesus made himself present in the midst of the disciples who were hiding in the upper room. Now, on this first day of the new creation, just as the Creator had blown the breath of life into Adam, Jesus breathed his own Spirit over them and asked them to receive it. Those who received Jesus’ Spirit and peace received the power to carry on his mission of forgiveness. Forgiveness brings people into union with God and one another. This is the reason why St. Pope John Paul II designated this Sunday as *Divine Mercy Sunday*.

John could have ended his Gospel with this appearance of Jesus. But that could have made it appear that the Gospel closed with the women and men who were present in that room. John was writing for all Christians and wanted to include us in the story. Thus, he introduced us to Thomas, the twin brother of everyone who was absent on the first night. For those of us who do not believe because they have not seen and touched the risen Jesus, this word of Jesus is for us: “*Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.*”

Happy Easter! Fr. Regulo Imperial, *The Pastor*



Don't forget ! Sunday April 28th is

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!



Palm Sunday Collection: \$5,669.10

Palm Sunday Building Fund: \$ 5,476.05

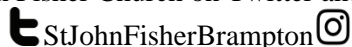
Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land: \$2,902.80

Regular Collection (April 21): \$5,472.25

Easter Collection: \$4,261.50

Thank you for your generosity!

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Our **WEBSITE** is up and being updated with Bulletins and Parish Events. We will add some pictures soon! Please visit: www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org

Customized Statue of St. John Fisher

Thank you to these parishioners who have answered our request for donations:
Withe Glodoviza & Group: \$500 - Carlos & Amanda Abug: \$100 - Shella Barcena: \$100 Patricia Baker: \$50. We are still graciously accepting donations towards our customized statue of Our Patron Saint. The total cost (including HST) is \$32,504. 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



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 Our next **Sharelife** collection is on **May 5th**.
 Please help us reach our goal of \$23,100!

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!



**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.



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.

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.

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



St John Fisher Spring Dinner & Dance

Sat, May 11th in the Church Hall
 Thank you to the Knight of Columbus and the CWL for hosting this fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the Church Hall renovations. *Tickets are almost sold out.* If you would like to buy a ticket, please call: Mirella Kaman: 905 866 6885 or Owen Goosney: 905 792 6576



We are looking for Volunteer Tradespeople

to help us repair a few things around the church and in the church hall. Do you have a special skill and a few hours every once in a while to help us improve our Parish? Please call or email the office and let us know how we can reach you and how you can help. Right now, we really need a welder to repair some chair stands. *Thank you for considering our request!*



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:** Your 10 hours of school, community or parish service need to be submitted by **April 30th**, on paper. You can drop them in the mailbox or directly to the office (M-W-F 9 am – 4 pm). Please make sure your name is written on the sheet.
 ▶ 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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