

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 8th**
 9 a.m. – John Coucelos requested by Laudelina Coucelos
- Tuesday, April 9th**
 9 a.m. – Rosa Silveria requested by the Silveria Family
 7 p.m. – Souls in Purgatory requested by the Miles Family
- Wednesday, April 10th**
 9 a.m. –
- Thursday, April 11th**
 9 a.m. – Stella Glyn-Williams requested by the Family
- Friday, April 12th**
 9 a.m. –
 No 7 p.m. Mass or Stations. Parish Day of Confession at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 13th**
 5:30 p.m. – Joe Henvey requested by Kathleen Henvey
- Sunday, April 14th**
 9 a.m. – Fedlis Charles requested by the Mitchell/Smith Families
 10:30 a.m. – David Miles requested by Elizabeth, Barry, Debbie & Maureen Watton
 12 p.m. – In Thanksgiving requested by Disa Oberg
 5:30 p.m. –

 FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:


This Sunday is the **5th Sunday of Lent**, a week before the Holy Week. The Gospel tells the story of the woman accused of adultery. The woman was dragged into the middle of a circle to call on Jesus to act as a judge. She was exposed in public, accused by the requisite number of witnesses and the crowd had already reached its verdict. The crowd was waiting for Jesus to make his own judgement.

Instead of condemnation, Jesus invites the morally perfect to cast the first stone. Jesus aimed at getting the crowd to come to their senses. Realizing their own imperfection, no one threw a rock, instead they all walked away. St. Augustine comments that at the end of this story, only two were left: misery and mercy. All Jesus needed to offer the woman was mercy: *“Neither do I condemn you... Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”*

The Gospel emphasizes the radical mystery of God’s mercy at the core of Jesus’ teaching. Jesus’ welcome of sinners and his message of unconditional love was part of the scandal of this Gospel. Eating with tax collectors and prostitutes made him an outcast of the religious establishment of that time.

There is truth to this statement: **The name of Jesus is mercy.** As we approach the end of Lent we are given an encouraging note for all of us who still have fear of repentance. No matter how many times or how hard we fall, Jesus says to us the words that close today’s Gospel reading: *Neither do I condemn you.*

God bless, *The Pastor*

 **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



Don’t forget to **Abstain** from meat on Fridays throughout the year, and especially on the Fridays of Lent. *If you are between 14 and 59 you should be following this law.*

All Fridays within the Season of Lent, there will be NO Morning Mass. At 7 pm there will be the WAY OF THE CROSS followed by Mass.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Canon #1457 According to the Church’s command, *“after having attained the age of discretion each of the faithful is found by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year... Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion without having first received sacramental absolution... Children must go to the sacrament of Confession before receiving Holy Communion for the first time.”*

To comply with this sacred obligation, the parish has designated **Friday, April 12th at 7 pm**, as our Day of Confession. Three (3) priests will be available. For this special Friday, we are having Mass at 9 a.m. only and no mass in the evening. The Way of the Cross can be celebrated privately at home, individually or as a family or group. This is to give way to the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.**



Last Week’s Collection: \$4,107.20
Sharelife Collection: \$5,830
Thank you for your generosity!

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



Thank you for your generosity! Our first **ShareLife** collection raised **\$5,830** – that's 25% of our overall goal for 2019 of \$23,100. Our next collection dates are **May 5 and June 2**. Please help us reach our goal!

Easter Paska Sale & Market

St. Elias Ukrainian Catholic Church
10193 Heritage Road, Brampton L7A 0A1
(North of Bovaird, 1 light west of Mississauga Rd)
Saturday April 20th from 12 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Fresh, homemade, hand decorated Easter breads (paska), Ukrainian hand-painted Easter Eggs, variety of vendors, Deli table, Perogies, Lunch Café, Church tours

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).



**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.

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*



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



Knights of Columbus (Council 10402) are having an Executive meeting Tuesday, April 9th at 8 p.m. in the church hall. All members are welcome.



CWL Book & Bake Sale

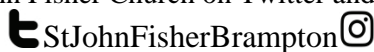
The CWL is hosting a Book & Bake Sale this weekend on **Sunday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Please stop by after mass. Thank you to everyone for your donations of books and baking and for shopping at our Sale.



THANK YOU to the CWL for donating \$1,000 to the Church – proceeds from the Pasta Dinner of February 23rd.



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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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