

# St. John Fisher Parish



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**PASTOR:** Fr. Regulo Imperial

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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
St John Henry 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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – Special Intentions for Maikel & Iskandara Michriky

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

7 p.m. – Special Intention & In Thanksgiving requested by the Menezes Family

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – George Rebello requested by Wife & Children

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – Mark Llanos requested by Gib & Eileen Castella

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – Joanna D'Mello requested by Rosemary D'Mello

**Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

5:30 p.m. – Joe Henvey requested by Kathleen Henvey

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9 a.m. – Ron Langen requested by Linda Wyllie

10:30 a.m. – Anne Dominic requested by Teresa Sellaiah

12 p.m. – John Luckett requested by Barbara Luckett

5:30 p.m. – Sameera Wadie Al Quas requested by Firas Faraj Alla Kudsy & Family



Dear Parishioners:

On this **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**, we have arrived to *Gaudete Sunday*. We are reminded that the joy of Christmas is not far away. We are still waiting for the world we long to see. Like our ancestors, we yearn for peace and justice, healing and restoration.

It wouldn't be a surprise, though, if there are not so many people who are having a difficult time finding joy in our world these days. With continuing corruption and disruption in governments around the world; with increasing effects of climate change bringing death and destruction across the globe; with wars and killing etc., it may be hard to feel any real joy.

We are told in the Gospel the signs of Jesus' presence are all around us if we look to see them. We are to ask ourselves where the source of Christian joy is to be found. It is not in pleasant circumstances or fortunate events, but in the love of God for us that transcends human limitations and sin. Our faith calls us to be people of hope, not because the world offers us solid grounds for hope but because God's love and power will certainly be victorious in the end.

**SHOUT ALOUD AND SING FOR JOY;  
GREAT IN YOUR MIDST IS THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL.**


Happy Advent! *The Pastor*



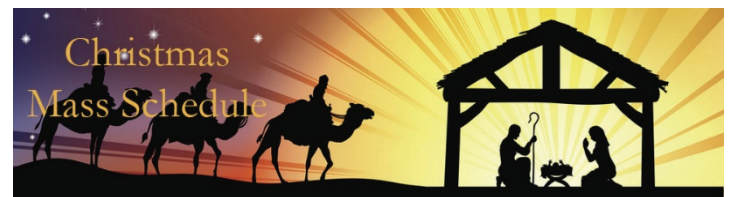
**Last Week's Collection: \$4,843.25**

**Building Fund: \$3,242.55**

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**2020 ENVELOPES** are ready for pick-up at the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please take your box only. Please do not use these new envelopes until after we say Happy New Year on December 31<sup>st</sup>. When you begin using them, please complete the  outside of the envelope for 3 weeks so we can verify the information. If you would like to start using envelopes and don't yet have them, please contact the church office. Thank you.

**ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY:** If you would like your family to participate in the *Advent Wreath Ceremony* held at the beginning of all weekend masses, please complete the Sign-up Sheet at the back of the church.



**Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
6 pm – 8 pm – 11:30 pm

**Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
9 am – 10:30 am – 12 pm – No 5:30 pm Mass

**New Year's Eve – Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
8 pm Exposition & Holy Hour – 9 pm Mass

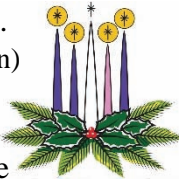
**New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
10:30 am – 12 pm - No 5:30 pm Mass

The Best Gift for Jesus this Christmas is...

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION** (aka Confession)

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

There will be no evening Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed. Penitents are invited to say the penance after confession in the Chapel.



**MAKE JESUS' CRIB WARM THIS COMING CHRISTMAS!**

You will see an empty crib laid at the back of the church to be used as Jesus' bed at Christmas.

Fill it up with straws of hay.

For every good word, deed and action you do during the week, place that number of straws into Jesus' crib.

In this way, we prepare ourselves and Jesus' bed for Christmas.



**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH  
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Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 3 pm

St Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch Ave., Pickering)

As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2020, they are invited to join in this special celebration. A reception will follow Mass. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online or by phone.

Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or by calling (416) 934-3400 x523



“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact

Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto  
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**All inquiries are kept confidential.**

We are looking for 3 new volunteers to form our **PARISH SCREENING COMMITTEE?** This committee was mandated by the Archdiocese of Toronto to ensure that all volunteers who assist in our parishes are eligible to perform their functions. It is a formalized process of screening that puts first the safety and well-being of our vulnerable people and volunteers. A member of the Screening Committee is a person who handles the interviews and/or documentation required to perform this background check. If you are interested in volunteering please call or email the church office.



**Families of Grade 2 Students:**

▶ Registration forms for First Communion are now available at the back of the church. Please complete and drop them off at the back of the church or in the Rectory Mailbox. Remember to include a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.

▶ **Families** of the First Communion Candidates must attend the Sunday Eucharist regularly. Parents should be registered members of St John Fisher Parish. If you are not registered yet, please do so by completing the yellow cards at the main entrance of the church and dropping them off in the Rectory mailbox.

▶ **Mandatory Meeting** for Parents: Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Church Hall.

▶ **First Communion Dates:**  
St John Fisher School: May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm  
St John Henry Newman School: May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30 pm  
Georges Vanier School: May 24<sup>th</sup> @ 12 pm

*Please note:* According to the Archdiocese of Toronto, the **Sacraments of First Communion & Confirmation** must take place in the Parish where the family attends weekend masses on a regular basis. Sacraments are NOT a school-based event.

**Confirmation Update:** In order to be Confirmed, Candidates must complete ALL 6 sessions. By not doing so, we presume that the candidate is not fully ready for the reception of the Sacrament. Consider if celebrating this Sacrament in the future is a better option.

**All sessions are on Saturdays from 4-5:15 pm and then the class will attend the 5:30 pm mass together.**

- ▶ January 25<sup>th</sup>: Intro & the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ February 1<sup>st</sup>: Prayer & the Seven Sacraments
- ▶ March 7<sup>th</sup>: Social Justice
- ▶ March 14<sup>th</sup>: Social Justice II
- ▶ March 28<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Liturgy
- ▶ April 4<sup>th</sup>: Called for Missioning



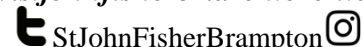
*We apologize for the error in the handout you received this past Tuesday at the meeting. The dates above are correct so please add them to your Family Calendar.*

▶ **Confirmation Mass**, celebrated by our Pastor: Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

**NEWS FOR OUR VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY**

- ▶ Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - NO Vietnamese mass
- ▶ Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7 pm - Vietnamese mass

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