

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

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.



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, December 9th

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

Tuesday, December 10th

9 a.m. – Jerry Neves Silveira requested by Elvira, Maria Laudelina

7 p.m. – Julie Rossi requested by the Miles Family

Wednesday, December 11th

9 a.m. – Rillera Family requested by Silvana Miles

Thursday, December 12th

9 a.m. – Lorne Hurren requested by Fred & MaryJo Clutchey

Friday, December 13th

9 a.m. – Soledad Roma requested by Socorro Dinglasan

Saturday, December 14th

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

Sunday, December 15th

9 a.m. – Sylvester Peter D’Souza requested by Julie D’Souza

10:30 a.m. – Walter Parkin requested by his wife

12 p.m. – Mark Llanos requested by Margaret Ann Leavitt & Family

5:30 p.m. – Eileen, Earl, Margaret, Jim requested by
Maureen, Evelyn, Dorothy, George



Dear Parishioners:

The countdown to Christmas is moving on. Today is the **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**. The time is drawing short. Unfortunately, the reminder is too often put in terms of how many shopping days are left until Christmas.

Today’s reading is giving us a different point of view. In the Gospel, John the Baptist announces that Jesus will soon come with “*His winnowing fan in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barns, the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.*”

The logical continuation for those who hear the warning of John is: “*Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make straight his paths.*” To change our ways is not easy. Christmases come and go. We march through Advent like we always have. We light candles, pray Advent prayers and we may even have an Advent calendar. We try to make our children aware of the significance of this special season.

Jesus the Messiah came to initiate a new way of living. How can we initiate a good life in a present situation where bad things seem to persist? There is hope! There is time. If only we contribute in our very own small ways by sharing our love and kindness to people around us.

On the practical side, I propose and suggest that we make the Jesus crib warmer this Christmas through love and concerns with people. I will put an empty crib at the back of the church and beside it, a pile of hay. The numbers of kind words, deeds and actions we give others throughout the week will equal the amount of straws that you put in Jesus’ crib. I hope that when Christmas comes the crib will be filled with straws that will keep Jesus warm on his bed.


HAPPY ADVENT!

God bless, *The Pastor*



Last Week’s Collection: \$3,118.55

Thank you for your generosity!

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 31st. 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.

Thank you to the CWL

for their generous contributions to our Church!
Proceeds from the Christmas Bazaar held on November 9th:
\$1,085.37 - proceeds of the 50/50 draw
\$1,000 - donation of profits



Knights of Columbus (Council 10402) are having an Executive Meeting

Tuesday, December 10th at 8 p.m. in the church hall.
All members are welcome.

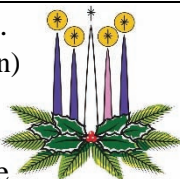
NEWS FOR OUR VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

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

The Best Gift for Jesus this Christmas is...

ADVENT RECONCILIATION (aka Confession)
Tuesday, December 17th @ 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.



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 24th
6 pm – 8 pm – 11:30 pm

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th
9 am – 10:30 am – 12 pm – No 5:30 pm Mass

New Year's Eve – Tuesday, December 31st
8 pm Exposition & Holy Hour – 9 pm Mass

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

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.



Last weekend to buy your tickets for

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 14th

9 am to 12 pm

\$7 Adults

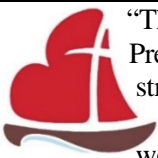
\$5 children ages 3-10

Children under 3 are free.

Tickets are now on sale after all masses



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.



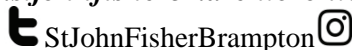
“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest,

deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the

Lord”? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997

email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org



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Families of Grade 2 Students:

First Communion ▶ 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 4th at 7 pm in the Church Hall.

▶ **First Communion Dates:**

St John Fisher School: May 9th @ 5:30 pm

St John Henry Newman School: May 23rd @ 5:30 pm

Georges Vanier School: May 24th @ 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.

Families of Grade 7 Students:

▶ **Mandatory Meeting** for Parents and Teens: Tuesday, December 10th at 7 pm in the Church Hall.

▶ **Confirmation Mass**, celebrated by our Pastor:

Thursday, June 11th at 7 pm

Confirmation



Lay Spiritual Formation at St Augustine's Seminary
Advent Retreat: Reflections on the Blessed Trinity

Saturday, December 14th from 9:30 am to 3 pm

Presenter: Fr Charles Anang - \$50 (includes lunch)

www.staugustines.on.ca

Highlights from Handel's Messiah

Mississauga Symphony Orchestra & Festival Chamber Choir
Saturday, December 14th @ 8 pm – Tickets start at \$40

Living Arts Centre - Hammerson Hall - 905-306-6000 or

www.mississaugasymphony.ca - Special ticket price for parishioners - only \$25 by using promo code TOBIN when you order from the Box Office

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents' house the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers. The younger one began praying at the top of his lungs: I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE... I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO... His older brother leaned over, nudged him and said, *Why are you shouting? God isn't deaf.* To which the little brother replied, NO, BUT GRANDMA IS!

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