

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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 24th

9 a.m. – Deceased Members of the Ryan & Bracken Families requested by Dan & Ruth Bracken

Tuesday, February 25th

9 a.m. – Maura Shaw requested by Phyllis Murphy
7 p.m. –

Wednesday, February 26th

9 a.m. – Helen Halir requested by the Rozario Family
7 p.m. – Helen Halir requested by the Garnich Family

Thursday, February 27th

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving for the healthy birth of Julian Rizzo requested by the Family

Friday, February 28th

9 a.m. – No Mass
7 p.m. –

Saturday, February 29th

5:30 p.m. – Helena Borde requested by the Prayer Group

Sunday, March 1st

9 a.m. – Dad, Jamie, Cliff, Rodney, Alfie, Warren & Susan requested by Pearl Ferrao

10:30 a.m. – Shirley Digby requested by the Prayer Group

12 p.m. – Primo Delfin requested by Wilson Fan

5:30 p.m. – Laura Anderson requested by Ellen & Tony Ross



Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the *7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*. We live in a culture where there is so much rhetoric about protecting oneself and ones' property, about guns and gated communities. How do we reconcile this with Jesus' call to turn the other cheek and love one's enemy?

The central commandment of Jesus is – to love God and to love our neighbour. Furthermore, the teaching of Jesus makes it clear that our neighbour must include everyone, even those who hurt us and sin against us.


This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the start of our Lenten season. If Lent is supposed to draw us deeper into God's life, then it must draw us into deeper loving. God said through Moses: "*Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.*" It sounds like an impossible demand. How can we be like God? First thing to consider is these words from Genesis: "*God created humankind in the divine image.*" We must have some potential! We can be like God.

Yet, the measure of God's holiness or perfection seems to be the way God sends sun and rain to everybody. That must be what Jesus meant when he said: "*Love your enemies that you may be children of your heavenly Father.*" The bottom line is that we are all brothers and sisters of one Father in heaven.

This is a tough challenge but not impossible. Let us start in a very concrete way. Start with your family. No matter what a husband or wife or children has done wrong, always be ready to forgive and understand, because we are family. We have to start somewhere. Then maybe we will be ready to love our enemies and build friendship and trust, especially with those we see as *other*.

JESUS OFFERS US A GREAT CHALLENGE.

Fr Regulo Imperial, *the Pastor*

 The **Rosary Apostolate** in the Schools is seeking volunteers who have great devotion to the Mother of God and who are willing to visit our parish elementary schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month (for 3 hours). The program runs from October to May. Training & screening will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Audrey deRozario @ 905-458-4438. www.rosaryapostolate.com



February 26th – Masses @ 9 am and 7 pm

We are obliged to observe *Fasting and Abstinence*. According to the teaching of the Catholic Church: ▶ The **law of Abstinence** forbids the use of meat and prohibits the eating of meat on Fridays throughout the year. ▶ The **law of Fasting** allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. ▶ *Abstinence and Fasting* are to be observed on *Ash Wednesday* and on the *Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ*.

Who are obliged to observe these precepts?

▶ Anyone aged 14 and above are bound by the law of *Abstinence*. ▶ Anyone aged between 18 and 59 are obliged to *Fast and Abstain*. ▶ Nevertheless, Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the laws of *Fasting and Abstinence* are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

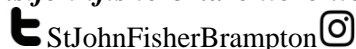
All Fridays within the Season of Lent, there will be NO Morning Mass. In the evening at 7 pm there will be the WAY OF THE CROSS followed by Mass.



Last Week's Collection: \$4,321.80

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**The best way to get even is to forgive
as you have been forgiven.**

Father Ron Rolheiser Weekend Retreat - March 6-8

Theme: *Spirituality and the Seasons of Our Lives*

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

To register or for more information call 905-278-5229

Lift Jesus Higher Rally Theme: *Jesus, Light of the World*

Saturday, March 7th – 9 am – 5:30 pm

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Tickets: \$25 adults, youth \$15

Bus from St John Fisher, leaving at 6:45 am – cost \$10

For tickets & bus reservation, please contact: Reg or Shirley – 905-793-0422



One-Day Retreat – St Francis Centre, Caledon

Jesus' Teachings on "Worry & Fear"

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:6-7

Saturday, March 14th Cost: \$40 (includes lunch)

Registration @ 8:30 am. The day ends with Mass at 4 pm

To reserve: call the St Francis Centre at 519-941-1747

or go online: stfranciscentre.net

11th Annual  **DYNAMIC** Saturday, March 28
women OF 8:30 am to 4 pm
FAITH Le Tre Port Banquet Hall
 1075 Queensway E, Miss, L4Y 4C1

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Speakers & Topics: ▶ *Kimberly Hahn* - Scott Hahn's wife will give 2 Talks: The Joys & Sorrows of Mary; Women of Wisdom-Sharing Heart to Heart ▶ *Colleen Carroll Campbell* - Award winning author, EWTN, former presidential speech writer will speak on: The Heart of Perfection ▶ *Dorothy Pilarski* - Founder of Dynamic Women Faith: One Mother's Heart ▶ Closing Mass celebrated by *Fr. Edward Curtis*, Rector St. Michael's Cathedral

2nd Event: **CALLING ALL GIRLS** - Mother Daughter Event

Friday, March 27 - 7 to 10 pm

***Colleen Carroll Campbell will be doing a book signing

Speakers & Topics: ▶ *Adeodata Czink* - What Makes a Lady a Lady?

▶ *Dr. Sandra Sagrati* - Get Uncomfortable: Less Stress & Anxiety

▶ *Dorothy Pilarski* - The Power of Prayer

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FIRST COMMUNION UPDATES:

▶ In order to receive First Holy Communion, candidates must complete ALL 5 sessions. By not doing so, we presume that the candidate and family is not fully ready for the reception of the Sacrament. Consider if celebrating this Sacrament in the future is a better option. **Please attend the Sunday 12 pm Mass as a family.**

Classes are right after mass from 1-2:15 pm. Please take your children to the hall promptly. Thank you!

① ~~Feb 9th~~ or 23rd: Classroom rules & expectations, Introduction, Adam & Eve

② Mar 1st or 8th: Reconciliation: the 10 Commandments, what happens during reconciliation

③ Mar 29th or Apr 5th: Prayers: the significance of prayer & praying, the meaning of different prayers

④ Apr 19th or 26th: First Communion: understanding the importance of the Eucharist, what happens during the mass & receiving the Eucharist

⑤ May 3rd or 10th: Review

▶ **First Reconciliation:**

Saturday, March 28th @ 11 am

▶ **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



CONFIRMATION CORNER

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.**

① Intro & the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Complete

② Prayer & the Seven Sacraments - Complete

③ March 7th: Social Justice

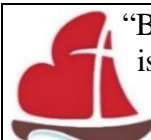
④ March 14th: Social Justice II

⑤ March 28th: Confirmation Liturgy

⑥ April 4th: Called for Missioning

▶ **Confirmation Mass,**

celebrated by our Pastor: Thursday, June 11th at 7 pm



"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a, priest, deacon, brother or sister,

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