

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, February 10th

9 a.m. – Raul Lima requested by Laudelina, Elvira & Maria

Tuesday, February 11th

9 a.m. – Imilio Neves requested by Laudelina, Elvira & Maria
7 p.m. –

Wednesday, February 12th

9 a.m. – All Souls requested by the Fernandes Family

Thursday, February 13th

9 a.m. – Fiona O'Reilly requested by Bill & Phyllis Murphy

Friday, February 14th

9 a.m. – Savina Zanatta requested by Miles & Rossi Families

Saturday, February 15th

5:30 p.m. – Angelina Pinlac requested by the Family

Sunday, February 16th

9 a.m. – Jamie Fernandez requested by Pearl Ferrao & Amy Fernandez
10:30 a.m. – Maura Shaw requested by the CWL
12 p.m. – Tracey Hutchison requested by Dan & Ruth Bracken
5:30 p.m. – Maura Shaw requested by Barbara-Anne Krampert



Dear Parishioners:

I'm happy to be back to start fresh and spirit-filled.

Today we celebrate the **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Jesus addressed the statement about salt and light to you, meaning those disciples to whom he had previously just stated *"blessed are those persecuted."*

Salt gave flavour to food. And that's what Jesus emphasized. We are to become people who bring a whole new taste to the world we live in. We are to bring "the flavour of God" to all that we do and say. That new taste, the new "God flavour" become contagious. It spreads. It multiplies.

The second pair of images, the light and shining city on the hilltop, is even more powerful when understood in a biblical context. Light was a common symbol for God's word: *"Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path"* (Ps 119:105); and even for God: *"The Lord is my light and my salvation"* (Ps 27:1). The city on the hilltop was Jerusalem, the dwelling place of God (Micah 4:1-3). With these images, Jesus teaches that the persecuted and blessed disciples are an extension of God's very presence in the world, a presence that can never be hidden or snuffed out.

One catechist often told students he would not tolerate GRAs – "Generic Religion Answers": serve others, do good, give to the poor, share things, help those in need, be kind, love people. Students asked, *"What's wrong with them? Aren't those the right answers?"* "That's the problem," he said. "We say the right answers and think we're done. The right answers mean *nothing* unless *we do them.*"

ARE YOU THE SALT AND LIGHT OF THE EARTH?

Fr Regulo Imperial, *the Pastor*



Last week's collection: \$4,864.75

Thank you for your generosity!



Your **2019 TAX RECEIPTS** have been mailed out this week. Thank you for your support.



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

Tuesday, February 11th at 8 p.m. in the church hall. All members are welcome.



MARRIAGE SUNDAY @ St John Fisher

We celebrate marriage this Sunday at the 12 pm Mass with vow renewals and a special blessing.

Congratulations to all couples within our Parish family celebrating with us this weekend.

Thank you to the CWL for organizing the reception.



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

Saturday, March 7th – 9 am – 5:30 pm

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

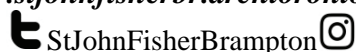
Tickets: \$25 adults, youth \$15

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

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



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11th Annual  **DYNAMIC** Saturday, March 28
women OF FAITH 8:30 am to 4 pm
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 Register at <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/> Questions? 416-907-1042



St John Fisher
22nd Annual
**PASTA
DINNER**
hosted by the CWL

Saturday, February 22nd @ 6:30 pm
in the church hall


*Come out and have a fun evening
of fine food, entertainment, door
prizes & more.*

Get your tickets early!





Adults \$10 Seniors/Students \$8
Children 6-12 \$5
(5 & under are free)
Tickets are on sale at the back of
the church after all masses.


CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The Catholic Women's League Membership Drive continues this weekend! Members are asked to pick up their blue membership envelope after Mass at the back of the church. Please return envelopes with membership fees (\$25). Not a member yet and interested in joining the CWL? Please speak to a CWL Member at the back of the church.



CWL MARY MATTHEWS SPEECH CONTEST
Thank you students from St John Henry Newman & Georges Vanier Schools for participating in the Speech Contest. We will publish the winner next week.





"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, ArchToronto
416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca



The 28th WORLD DAY OF THE SICK will be celebrated, as it is every year, on February 11th, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Holy See has released the Holy Father's Message which is entitled: *Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest* (Mt 11:28).


In his Message, Pope Francis writes:
On this XXVIII World Day of the Sick, Jesus repeats these words to the sick, the oppressed, and the poor. For they realize that they depend entirely on God and, beneath the burden of their trials, stand in need of his healing. Jesus does not make demands of those who endure situations of frailty, suffering and weakness, but offers his mercy and his comforting presence. He looks upon a wounded humanity with eyes that gaze into the heart of each person. That gaze is not one of indifference; rather, it embraces people in their entirety, each person in his or her health condition, discarding no one, but rather inviting everyone to share in his life and to experience his tender love.



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 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.**

- ▶ January 25th: Complete
- ▶ February 1st: Complete
- ▶ March 7th: Social Justice
- ▶ March 14th: Social Justice II
- ▶ March 28th: Confirmation Liturgy
- ▶ April 4th: Called for Missioning
- ▶ **Confirmation Mass**, celebrated by our Pastor: Thursday, June 11th at 7 pm



FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST: Contest closes Feb 17th Read Acts 28:1-2 (... They showed us unusual kindness) and submit a 500-word essay that answers this question: *Welcoming strangers, whether they are from other cultures or beliefs, immigrants or refugees, is both to love Christ and to love as God loves. Hospitality should be a hallmark of every Christian. How can Catholics and Christians of all denominations collaborate to be examples of Christ's love and extend the same kindness to people in need that St. Paul encountered in Malta?* www.catholicregister.org/writingaward

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