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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:

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| 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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 13th

9 a.m. – Bill Murphy requested by Fred & MaryJo Clutchey

Tuesday, January 14th

9 a.m. – Ronald & Honora Dias – Birthday/Anniversary

Wednesday, January 15th

9 a.m. – Sylvester & Rita D'Souza requested by the Antao Family

Thursday, January 16th

9 a.m. – Holy Souls in Purgatory requested by Michael, Rekha & Kenny Rozario

Friday, January 17th

9 a.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory requested by the Rozario Family

Saturday, January 18th

5:30 p.m. – Infant Jesus of Prague requested by the Prayer Group

Sunday, January 19th

9 a.m. – Ron Langen requested by Joe, Cathy, Kurtis & Bernadette Langen

10:30 a.m. – Mark Llanos requested by the Morgan Family

12 p.m. – Bernard Rego requested by the Charismatic Prayer Group

5:30 p.m. – Bernard Rego requested by Colleen Pereira



Today the Church celebrates the **SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus

descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.


In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism.

- ▶ At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul.
- ▶ At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God.
- ▶ At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us.
- ▶ At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

— Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas (*CatholicCulture.org*)

Please begin using your **2020 ENVELOPES** now. Please throw out all envelopes from previous years. If you haven't picked up your envelopes yet, they are available for pick-up at the main entrance, in alphabetical order. Please complete the outside of the envelope for the first 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.

 As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca



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Initial Offering: \$1,358
January 4/5: \$4,408.05

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Knights of Columbus (Council 10402) are having an Executive Meeting Tuesday, January 14th at 8 p.m. in the church hall. All members are welcome.



MARRIAGE SUNDAY @ St John Fisher

Sunday, February 9th

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend before Family Day as Marriage Sunday Weekend. St John Fisher will be having a **Celebration of Marriage Mass** on Sunday, February 9th at the 12 pm Mass. Couples within our Parish family are welcome to attend this special mass *to renew their vows and receive a special blessing*. A light reception will be held in the hall following the event for participants and their families. If you plan to be a part of this wonderful celebration please let us know how many guests will be attending for the reception. You can email our Catholic Women's League at: StJohnFisherCWL@outlook.com or leave a message at 905-793-0156 with Shirley Christo, CWL Christian Family Life Committee Chair.




His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORD OF GOD
 Tuesday, January 14th – 7 to 9 pm
 Blessed Trinity Parish Hall, 3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto
 Pope Francis will inaugurate “Word of God Sunday” on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time 2020. This will be a time to focus on and celebrate the Scriptures. Cardinal Collins will speak about the importance of the Bible in the life and ministry of the believer.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020
 “They showed us unusual kindness” (cf. Acts 28:2)
 Ecumenical Prayer Service led by Christian Church Leaders
 His Eminence Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto will be sharing the Word of God with other leaders
Sunday, January 26th @ 7 pm - Refreshments to follow
 Yorkminster Park Baptist Church 1585 Yonge St, Toronto, M4T 1Z9
 info@yorkminsterpark.com 416-922-1167
 For further information, please contact:
 The Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs Office at
 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or ext. 527 or ecumenical@archtoronto.org


INFORMATION SESSION TO SUPPORT THE TRANSITION OF CHILDREN WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES INTO SCHOOL 2020
 Hosted by The Special Education and Learning Services Department for families of children with differing abilities who are transitioning into the DPCDSB in September 2020.
 The Catholic Education Centre, 40 Matheson Blvd West, Room 301
 Wednesday, January 29th from 7 – 8:30 pm
 Snow date Thursday, January 30th from 7-8:30 pm
 Families are asked to contact their local school or visit www.dpcdsb.org for additional info and for a list of required registration documents.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit
 Saturday February 1st to Sunday February 9th – 9 am to 9 pm
 This Vatican approved exhibit was designed and created by Venerable Carlo Acutis and features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allows you to “virtually visit” the places where the miracles took place. The exhibit’s purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.
 St Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 4260 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga

The Church will celebrate the **WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE** on Sunday, February 2nd. In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have more than 900 consecrated men and women living and serving among us. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these sisters, virgins, brothers and priests, and to pray for God’s blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation. All are welcome to come to a special Mass on Sunday, February 2nd at 3 p.m. at St. Paul’s Basilica, Toronto to celebrate with and pray for these consecrated men and women who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese.




11th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
 Saturday, March 28 – 8:30 am to 4 pm
 Le Tre Port Banquet Hall
 1075 Queensway E, Miss, L4Y 4C1
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



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 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.

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 25th: Intro & the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
 ▶ February 1st: Prayer & the Seven Sacraments
 ▶ 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



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