

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 20th

9 a.m. – Good health for Christine Lipartiti requested by the Rozario Family

Tuesday, January 21st

9 a.m. – Reposed Soul of Anthony Rozario requested by the Rozario Family

Wednesday, January 22nd

9 a.m. – Reposed Soul of Rajesh requested by the Rozario Family

Thursday, January 23rd

9 a.m. – Reposed Souls of Amru & Chandra Svjan requested by the Rozario Family

Friday, January 24th

9 a.m. – Maikel Michriky requested Maikel Michriky

Saturday, January 25th

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

Sunday, January 26th

9 a.m. – Donald Jackson requested by the CWL

10:30 a.m. – Bill Uddenberg requested by Connie Uddenberg & Family

12 p.m. – Jacqueline Munavish requested by Ralph Bond

5:30 p.m. – Souls in Purgatory & In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers



With the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we have entered into the liturgical time that we call *ordinary*. On this *Second Sunday*, the Gospel presents to us the scene of the meeting between Jesus and John the Baptist at the Jordan River. The narrator is the eye witness, John the Evangelist, who, before he was a disciple of Jesus was a disciple of the Baptist, together with his brother James, with Simon and Andrew. All are from Galilee; all are fisherman. So, John the Baptist sees Jesus, who steps forward from the crowd and, inspired from above, sees in Jesus the one sent by God. For this reason he points him out with these words: “Behold the lamb of God, he who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29).

The word that is translated with “take away” literally means “to relieve,” “to take upon oneself.” Jesus has come into the world with a precise mission: to free it from the slavery of sin, taking humanity’s faults upon himself. In what way? By loving. There is no other way to defeat evil and sin than with the love that moves one to give the gift of his life for others. In the testimony of John the Baptist, Jesus is given the traits of the Servant of the Lord, who “has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows” (Isaiah 53:4), to the point of dying on the cross. He is the true Passover lamb, who immerses himself in the river of our sin, to purify us.

The Baptist sees before him a man who gets in line with sinners to be baptized even though he does not need to. He is the man who God sent into the world as the sacrificial lamb. The word “lamb” appears several times in the New Testament and always in reference to Jesus. This image of the lamb might surprise us: an animal that is certainly not characterized by its strength and hardness takes upon himself such an oppressive weight. The enormous mass of evil is removed and taken away by a weak and fragile creature, who is a symbol of obedience, docility and defenseless love, who goes to the point of sacrificing himself. The lamb is not an oppressor but is docile; he is not aggressive but peaceful; he does not show his claws or teeth in the face of an attack, but endures it and is submissive. And this is how Jesus is! This is how Jesus is! He is like a lamb.

What does it mean for the Church, for us, today to be disciples of Jesus the Lamb of God? It means putting innocence in the place of malice, love in the place of force, humility in the place of pride, service in the place of prestige. It is good work! We Christians must do this: put innocence in the place of malice, love in the place of force, humility in the place of pride, service in the place of prestige. Being disciples of the Lamb means that we must not live like a “city under siege,” but like a city on a hill, open, welcoming, solidary. It means not having an attitude of closedness, but proposing the Gospel to everyone, testifying with our life that following Jesus makes us more free and more joyful.

— Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, January 19, 2014



Last week’s collection: \$3,492.50

Building Fund: \$3,003.55

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Knights of Columbus (Council 10402) is having a General Meeting

Tuesday, January 21st at 8 p.m. in the church hall.

All men 18 years and older are welcome.

Don’t forget to begin using your **2020 ENVELOPES** now and please throw out all envelopes from previous years. There are still some boxes of envelopes at the main entrance of the church that need to be picked up. Do they belong to you? If you would like to start using envelopes and don’t yet have them, please contact the church office. Thank you.

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

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St John Fisher Catholic Women's League
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE JANUARY 2020
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Dear CWL Members and Women of St John Fisher Parish:

Greetings! It's a new year, decade and the 100th anniversary of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. We are excited about this milestone as we embark on our 2020 Membership Drive.

We thank our current and past members and those considering membership for the first time. Membership provides women with the opportunity to live out their baptismal call while forming friendships with other women and parish ministries within and beyond our parish community.

As a member, you set your level of involvement as you share and gain new talents, deepen your faith and form lifelong friendships. Some of the activities in which you may choose to become involved include attending spiritual retreats, conventions, social outings, advocate for others in need and much more. You will use your leadership skills or provide support behind the scenes. Whatever your talents, whatever time you have available, there is a place for you. You will be inspired!

Open Invitation: Current and former members and women considering membership (age 16+)

Membership Fee: Only \$25 annually

Meeting Times: First Tuesday of each month beginning with a celebration of Mass at 7 pm followed by the General Meeting (including presentations, guest speakers and fellowship).

Interested? Need more information? Contact:

- ▶ Mirella Kaman: 905-866-6885 / mirellakaman07@gmail.com
- ▶ Melissa Miranda: 905-781-7009 / mgmiranda117@gmail.com
- ▶ We'll be at the back of the church this weekend & Jan 25/26 & Feb 1/2

Make continued or new membership one of your 2020 goals. Come explore! You will experience our St John Fisher Parish community much differently. You will learn about yourself!

Yours in Faith, Love and Service,

Mirella Kaman, President, St John Fisher CWL

Toronto – www.cwl.toronto.ca Provincial – www.cwl.on.ca National – www.cwl.ca



St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, ArchToronto
 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Sunday, February 2nd at 3 pm at St Paul's Basilica, Toronto

All are welcome to come to this special Mass to celebrate with and pray for these (more than 900) consecrated men and women who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



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.



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

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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