

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, January 27th

9 a.m. – Richard Swadzba requested by Mary & Family

Tuesday, January 28th

9 a.m. – Lapaz Lomboy requested by John John Lomboy

Wednesday, January 29th

9 a.m. – Edna Alexander requested by the Alexander Family

Thursday, January 30th

9 a.m. – Special Intention for Fr Matthew McCarthy & Emily Ramos requested by the Family

Friday, January 31st

9 a.m. – Maikel Michriky requested Maikel Michriky

Saturday, February 1st

5:30 p.m. – Maria Vu Thi Yeh requested by Phi Lam

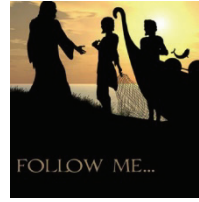
Sunday, February 2nd

9 a.m. – Theresamma Amirthanathan requested by Eruthayathas & Family

10:30 a.m. – Marc Llanos requested by the CWL

12 p.m. – Vernon Gale requested by Loretta & Family

5:30 p.m. – The George Family requested by Susan Stephen & Family



The prophet Isaiah announced a future of liberation and great joy for all of Galilee, through the image of light that dispels the darkness in which the people walk. The Gospel, quoting verbatim the same passage of the prophet Isaiah, presents Jesus as the Light thus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy. He is the light that was promised to dispel the darkness of sin and to free man from the obscurity in which he is enclosed.

The light becomes an efficacious means to express God's involvement in human history. God manifests Himself as 'The Light' that disperses the darkness. The light illuminates, encircles, defines things, emphasizes the colours and gives depth to space. The light heartens and comforts: to be in an enlightened place helps us to accept reality for what it is and makes one feel happier, more certain and protected.

God's initiative with regard to men permits them to have a renewed relationship with reality. In God's light everything assumes a new significance, its authentic and definitive meaning. A light which illuminates gives strength and permits the disclosure of the universe and man. This is why, after saying, 'on those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone' (Is 9:1), the text adds, 'you have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing' (Is 9:2).

A joy and happiness that became real in Jesus' presence. He is the promised light that has come into our midst, His physical presence that expresses the definitive arrival of the Light. The light that shines brightly marks God's initiative performing His first merciful and free step towards a wounded humanity.

This dynamic is expressed through Jesus call of the first Apostles. He chooses them with an unequivocal call, 'Follow Me'. Faced with God's sudden interruption in their lives He invited them to abandon the nets and trust themselves totally to the Lord for a new 'catch', a new definitive horizon. At the Last Supper, the end of His earthly life, Jesus reminds His disciples 'you did not choose me, no, I chose you' (Jn 15:16).

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to remember that our personal vocation is founded on God's original and absolutely free choice. His invitation towards us, therefore, is an invitation to make a final decision to let Him conquer or re-conquer us to mark a turning point in our lives.

Let us ask the Lord, for us and the whole Church, for the gift of a true conversion of our hearts enabling us to receive Christ as the only Light to follow. Christ is the only one that really dispels the darkness within and around us. -From the Congregation for the Clergy



Last week's collection: \$3,899.45

Thank you for your generosity!

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.



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.



"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, ArchToronto

416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org

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CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The Catholic Women's League Membership Drive is underway! Members are asked to pick up their blue membership envelope after Mass at the back of the church. Please return envelopes with membership fees on February 1/2 and February 8/9. Not a member yet and interested in joining the CWL? Please speak to a CWL Member at the back of the church.



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.

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.

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



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

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 7 am – cost \$10
For tickets & bus reservation, please contact: Reg or Shirley – 905-793-0422



FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST: 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?* ▶ Contestants must be 14-18 years of age, & currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school or equivalent program. Essay must be between 450 to 500 words in length. Contest closing date eb. 17th. For contest details visit www.catholicregister.org/writingaward. For additional information about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity visit: www.weekofprayer.ca



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 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: 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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