

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, March 16th

9 a.m. – Dion Balbesino requested by Angie Balbesino

Tuesday, March 17th

9 a.m. – Rita MacDonald requested by Joe MacDonald & Family

7 p.m. – David Miles requested by the Miles Family

Wednesday, March 18th

9 a.m. – Deceased Members of the Sawaya & Moukarzel Families

Thursday, March 19th

9 a.m. – Thanksgiving for Leandro Fernandes

Friday, March 20th

9 a.m. – No Mass

7 p.m. – Michelle Marinelli requested by the Family

Saturday, March 21st

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

Sunday, March 22nd

9 a.m. – Daniel Cabral Andrade requested by Janelle Bulatao

10:30 a.m. – Leo & Agnes Walsh requested by Mary & Gord Anderson

12 p.m. – Helen Halir requested by the CWL

5:30 p.m. – P. Jose requested by Phil Zacharies



Dear Parishioners:

As we enter into the *3rd Sunday of Lent* today's readings focus on water. We have this story in the Gospel in which Jesus first approaches this woman on the level of human need. He asks her for water.

Water is life. We have to have water to live. A person can live up to three weeks without food but only three days without water. A woman encounters Jesus at Jacob's Well while drawing water for her household. Their thirst brings them together. They both need water. Jesus' thirst is physical. The woman, too, thirsts. She longs to have the burdensome work of hauling water completed for another day.

During the time of Jesus, women and men that were not related did not talk or have any association with one another in public. Add to this that Jews and Samaritans had been bitter enemies for centuries.

But yet, the two sit, talk and listen to one another. Through their mutual acceptance of the other, the walls, boundaries, hostilities and hatreds which had long separated Samaritans and Jews, melt away and disappear.

We say that water is very necessary to live - so is communication vital for a good relationship. Prayer, almsgiving and abstinence can help us improve our relationship with God, our neighbour and ourselves - in that order. The key to the effectiveness of these is openness of heart to listen with love, understanding and forgiveness.

God bless, *the Pastor*



Last Week's Collection: \$4,339.00
Building Fund: \$3,226.30

Thank you for your generosity!



Knights of Columbus (Council 10402) are having a General Meeting Tuesday, March 17th at 8 p.m. in the church hall. Men 18+ are welcome.



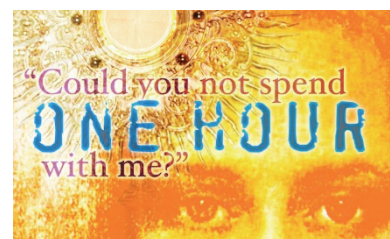
THE RULES FOR FASTING & ABSTINENCE

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.



Did you know? Our parish has **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 7 pm. The Blessed Sacrament must never be left alone. More committed prayer partners


are needed. We need people who are able to commit for at least 1 hour at the same time, every Tuesday, or be available as a back-up on Tuesdays. Please contact Chapel Coordinator Josie McCarthy @ 905-791-8770 for more info. *Come spend some time with Jesus!*




The CWL wants your unwanted books for our **Book & Bake Sale**


coming up on *Sunday, April 26th*. If you have books that you no longer need, please save them for our sale. You can drop them off in the Church Hall on *Saturday, April 25th* from 4-5 p.m.




 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 3 parish elementary schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month (for 3 hours) at each school. The program runs from October to May. Training & screening will be provided. Members of the Rosary Apostolate will be available to answer your questions after every mass the weekend of March 21/22. Please contact Audrey deRozario @ 905-458-4438 if you can't wait! www.rosaryapostolate.com

Contact Your Member of Parliament!


 **New Euthanasia Legislation Introduced in Canada**
Archdiocese of Toronto Legislation that would expand access to euthanasia in our country has been introduced by the federal government. Among the alarming changes are amendments to expand euthanasia to those without a terminal illness, including those with disabilities. Only 30 per cent of Canadians have access to quality palliative care which would significantly reduce the number of people wanting to end their lives. Every life has value - visit www.helptheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament. The process takes less than 5 minutes. More information can also be found at: www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia. We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.


 **LIVING THE GOSPEL BY HELPING YOUNG MOTHERS**
 Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At this ShareLife-funded agency she was able to focus on school work with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen graduated and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility." **March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

 "But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca


Women's Lenten Retreat - March 20-22
 Theme: *In the Spirit of Quietude* - Preached by Fr Peter Nowak OMI
 Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Rd, Mississauga
 To register or for more information call 905-278-5229


Cardinal Collins has asked all parishes to refrain from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. A simple bow, nod or "peace be with you" to your neighbour is appropriate. Please continue to practice healthy hygiene – wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly, remain home if you are sick, sneeze/cough into your sleeve and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
Let us continue to care for ourselves and one another as we pray for all those impacted worldwide by COVID-19.

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, MAY 23RD
 Get your cowboy boots ready for our Country Western Spring Dinner & Dance. Tickets (\$35) will be on sale in April. Hosted by the K of C & CWL 


 **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 Classroom rules & expectations, Intro, Adam & Eve - Complete
- 2 Reconciliation & the 10 Commandments - Complete
- 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 Social Justice - Complete
- 4 March 14th - Complete
- 5 March 28th: Confirmation Liturgy
- 6 April 4th: Called for Missioning

▶ **Confirmation Mass,** 
 celebrated by our Pastor: Thursday, June 11th at 7 pm

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