

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 LENT



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 9th

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

Tuesday, March 10th

9 a.m. – Sarah Attard requested by Rose Marie & Brian Kenwell

7 p.m. – Maikel Michriky requested by Maikel Michriky

Wednesday, March 11th

9 a.m. – Wallace Pottie requested by Phyllis Murphy

Thursday, March 12th

9 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory requested by Phil Zacharies

Friday, March 13th

9 a.m. – No Mass

7 p.m. – Christine Tavares requested by the Family

Saturday, March 14th

5:30 p.m. – Kathleen Henvey requested by Julie & Tom Shaw

Sunday, March 15th

9 a.m. – Deceased Members of the Seebaran & Singh Families

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

12 p.m. – Hugh Pitcher requested by Carole Pitcher & Family

5:30 p.m. – Jim & Maura Shaw requested by Tom & Julie Shaw



Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday is the **2nd Sunday of Lent**. Jesus entered into communion with his Father. He offered himself to and was wholly received by his Father. That experience so filled him that his face took on the look of grace and his entire being glowed.

The transfiguration of Jesus confirmed to the disciples that Jesus was not just a mortal man. They saw his divinity in the dazzling light. This truth was confirmed by the voice of God which caused the disciples to fall to the ground, overcome with fear.

This is the power of prayer. This is the power of our communion with God. Today's Gospel of Transfiguration reminds us that the covenant means transformation. We are called to grow ever deeper in our relationship with God, being transformed into the image of Christ Jesus.

In Lent, we enter into a journey of conversion. Through prayer, almsgiving and fasting, we prepare our hearts to encounter the Lord. Through this frequent encounter with God using these Lenten exercises, we will be transformed into a new creation like the resurrected Jesus on Easter Sunday.

LET US CONTINUE OUR LENTEN JOURNEY WITH JOY!

God bless, *the Pastor*



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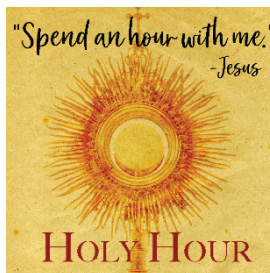
Knights of Columbus (Council 10402) are having an Executive Meeting

Tuesday, March 10th at 8 p.m. in the church hall.

All members are welcome.



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



"Spend an hour with me."
-Jesus

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 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.



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The federal government has tabled legislation to expand what they refer to as

medical assistance in dying (MAiD) but is more accurately called euthanasia/assisted suicide. More than 13,000 Canadians have been euthanized since 2016. New legislation would make assisted death available to those without life-threatening illnesses including those with disabilities and those no longer capable of making decisions for themselves. Some Canadians may even be euthanized on the same day they make the request. Visit www.helptheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament expressing deep concern. 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.



IT'S WHO WE ARE! Catholic agencies have been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized since the founding of our diocese 178 years ago – it's who we are as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto! We continue that legacy through ShareLife, which funds over 40 agencies that provide unconditional care, regardless of religious affiliation.
March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.



Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. 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

Magnificat: A Ministry to Catholic Women



Invites you to join them and Guest Speaker Sr Helena Burns, fsp for the 45th Magnificat Breakfast sponsored by Mary, Cause of our Joy Toronto Chapter on Saturday May 30th, 9:30 am–12:30pm at the newly renovated Julius Banquet Centre (2201 Finch Ave W, North York).

Tickets are \$30 each or \$300 for a table of 10.
For information on ways to register and more information, visit: <https://www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificatbreakfast>



Fast from criticism, feast on praise.
Fast from self-pity, feast on joy.
Fast from ill-temper, feast on peace.
Fast from resentment, feast on contentment.
Fast from jealousy, feast on love.
Fast from pride, feast on humility.
Fast from selfishness, feast on service.
Fast from fear, feast on faith.

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 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 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: Social Justice II
- 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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