

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
Cardinal Newman, 698 Balmoral Drive	905-792-2268
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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, May 13th

9 a.m. – Norberto Pereira requested by the Silverio Family

Tuesday, May 14th

9 a.m. – Nick Zabrodnik requested by Kim & Ed

7 p.m. – Jacqueline Pedro requested by the Martins Family

Wednesday, May 15th

9 a.m. – Special Intention for Karlene Gasper req by Joyce Garnier & Family

Thursday, May 16th

9 a.m. – Special Intention for Sylvia requested by Joyce Garnier & Family

Friday, May 17th

9 a.m. – Special Intention for Reylina requested by the Chanda Family

Saturday, May 18th

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

Sunday, May 19th

9 a.m. – Phero Lan Le Ngoc Lan requested by the Le & Lam Family

10:30 a.m. – Winston Craig requested by Yolande & Family

12 p.m. – Special Intention for Derek & Barbara Simmons req by the Family

5:30 p.m. – Nicolas & Asuncion Canizares requested by the Uy Family



Last Week's Collection: \$4,804.25

Sharelife Collection: \$5,686.50

Thank you for your generosity!

The Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Wine & Cheese Social**.



Join them on Wednesday May 15th @ 7 pm for an evening of friendly camaraderie and informative spiritual self-wellness hosted by

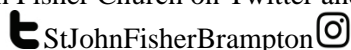
Sister Francis of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood. She is a delightful speaker and will share her views on *God's Sense of Humour*. **TICKETS ARE REQUIRED** and will be on sale at the back of the Church after all Masses, this weekend and next. You must be 19 years and older. \$15 per person. For more information, please contact Judy Van Zant at 416-894-5249.



The **Vietnamese Community** will celebrate prayers and mass every Saturday beginning at 6:45 p.m. Welcome to St John Fisher Church!

Our **WEBSITE** is up and being updated with Bulletins and Parish Events. We will add some pictures soon! Please visit: www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Today is the **4th Sunday of Easter**. This specific Sunday always celebrates Christ as the **Good Shepherd**. Jesus is talking about his flock. We may assume that the flock of Jesus is bigger than any one nation or group. Human beings seem to have an innate tendency to separate into groups and to favour their group over everyone else. Then, they assume that God is on their side, so he/she must be against those other groups too.

Today's first and second readings reflect on what it means to belong to Christ's flock, to be his own. Jesus says, *"My sheep hear my voice."* That is another description of the personal relationship with Christ that Paul proclaimed to the people of Antioch of Pisidia.

Jesus continues: *"...I know them and they follow me."* This type of knowing is incarnate rather than intellectual. The Good Shepherd invites us to know him by walking his path. Belonging to a faith community or parish community is a very big help and a sure guide to know and walk with Jesus.

Fear and hatred cannot be the principles on which Christians live and act. The mission of the Church is to proclaim God's love for all people and to foster reconciliation and healing in our world. There is no such thing as *we* and *them* - we are all children of God who benefits from the care of the Shepherd.

Finally, he explains that he and the Father are one. Jesus explains that to know him is to know the Father, and to belong to Christ is to belong to the Father. We are always invited to hear his voice, to know him through following, and to receive eternal life. The Gospel reminds us: *"To those who did accept him he gave the power to become children of God."* (John 1:12)

As we celebrate this 4th Sunday of Easter, we are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

Fr. Regulo Imperial, *The Pastor*

SHEPHERD'S VOICE A Jofful 'toon by Mike Waters



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. - JOHN 10:27

Customized Statue of St. John Fisher

We have received \$1,400 in personal donations towards our Statue! Thank you! We are still graciously accepting donations to help us pay for this original image of Our Patron Saint. The total cost (including HST) is \$32,504. It should be ready before June 22nd, St John Fisher's Feast day. *Please help our Parish fund this worthwhile project by increasing your offering for the Monthly Building Fund (this week May 11/12) or by making a personal donation specifically for the statue.* God will bless you for your generosity! Thank you for your support! Fr. Regs
P.S. Please check our website for pictures of the clay model – it's close to completion!



**Save the Date! Saturday, June 22nd
 St. John Fisher's Feast Day**

10 a.m. – Mass and Blessing of St. John Fisher's new statue
 11 a.m. – International Food Festival and Cultural Entertainment
 Please plan to join our Parish Family for this event. Everything is FREE! FREE! FREE! If you are able to provide some ethnic food, please sign-up on the sheets on the table at the main church entrance.

Birthright Brampton has been in operation for 22 years and is staffed by dedicated volunteers trained to journey with those who are facing unplanned or crisis pregnancy. Our compassionate volunteers give generously of their time and energy so that others will feel God's Love. Please help us to help mothers **CHOOSE LIFE for their unborn child!** Last year 130 babies, including 4 sets of twins were born with the assistance of Birthright Brampton. Baby bottles were distributed last weekend and should be returned the weekend of **May 25/26**. Or you may donate by cheque or cash in an envelope on this same weekend. Birthright does not receive any government funding because of their Pro-Life status and needs support from faith communities.

*It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth
 ...and the right of every child to be born.*

If you need the help of Birthright, call 1-800-550-4900 (24/7).

We are looking for Volunteer Tradespeople

to help us repair a few things around the church and in the church hall. Do you have a special skill and a few hours every once in a while to help us improve our Parish? Please call or email the office and let us know how we can reach you and how you can help. Current needs: a welder to repair some chair stands; a carpenter/woodworker to create a cross. *Thank you for considering our request!*




First Communion Dates


Sat May 25 @ 5:30 p.m. – Cardinal Newman School
 Sun May 26 @ 12 p.m. – Georges Vanier School




Thank you for your generosity! Our first **ShareLife** collection raised **\$5,830** (25% of our overall goal for 2019 of \$23,100). Last week's collection raised **\$5,686.50** (24%). Only \$11583.50 left to reach our goal! Please help us reach our goal of \$23,100!
Our final collection is June 2nd.

Magnificat: A Ministry to Catholic Women


 Invites you to join them for the 43rd Magnificat Breakfast sponsored by Mary, Cause of our Joy Toronto Chapter on Sat May 25th, 9:30 am–12:30pm at The Veneto Centre (7465 Kipling Ave. at Hwy 7).
 Tickets are \$30 each or \$300 for a table of 10.
 For information on ways to register and more information, visit: <http://www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat.html>

 **Rosary Devotion** - St. John Fisher Parish has a Rosary Devotion every 1st Saturday of the month after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. All are welcome.

 **The Rosary Apostolate** is seeking volunteers who have great devotion to the Mother of God and who are willing to visit our elementary schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month for a total of 8 days in the year. Training & screening will be provided. *If you are interested, please contact Audrey deRozario @ 905-458-4438.*

Join us for the **Divine Mercy Devotion** on the first Friday of every month at 6:45 pm before the 7 pm Mass. The **Devotion** is also recited on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am (right after the 9 am Mass).



 **Confirmation Corner**
Confession for Confirmandi: Sat, June 1 @ 11 a.m.
Confirmation: Thursday, June 13 @ 7 p.m.
Mandatory practice for the Confirmation Ceremony: @ 10:30 a.m.

NEW ▶ Confirmation Sponsor Forms are available at the entrance of the church. Please complete and submit by May 31st. You can drop them in the church mailbox or bring them to the office (M-W-F 9 am – 4:30 pm).

- ▶ **Volunteer Service Hours:** These were due by **April 30th**.
- ▶ During the Confirmation Mass, celebrated by our Pastor, a collection will be take at **Offertory**.
- ▶ **Videos and photographs** are not permitted during any part of the Mass as it distracts from the solemnity of the Mass. You will be permitted to take photos in the parish hall before the Mass or inside the church after the ceremony is over. It can be **either** a group photo **or** individual photos.
- ▶ Weekly attendance at Sunday mass at St John Fisher is expected. This Bulletin and Announcements at Mass are our **primary source of communication** with candidates.

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