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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 6th

9 a.m. – John Coucelos requested by Laudelina Coucelos

Tuesday, May 7th

9 a.m. – Francisco Narciso requested by the Silveria Family

7 p.m. –

Wednesday, May 8th

9 a.m. – Deceased members of the Leandro Vaz Family requested by the Fernandes Family

Thursday, May 9th

9 a.m. – Joan Hastie requested by Carole Pitcher

Friday, May 10th

9 a.m. – Phyllis Clogstown requested by Shiro Wijayaratanam

Saturday, May 11th

5:30 p.m. – Celestina De Freitas requested by the Family

Sunday, May 12th

9 a.m. – Maurice Walsh requested by Mary Courneyea

10:30 a.m. – David Miles requested by the Miles Family

12 p.m. – Special Intention for Allyson Danielle Marco

5:30 p.m. – Eduarda & John Botelho requested by the Botelho Family



Dear Parishioners:

Today is the 3rd *Sunday of Easter*. Today's Gospel according to John is full of symbolism. The last meal Jesus shared with his disciples was not that supper, but this breakfast he prepared for them on the shore. On the shore, Peter met Jesus who awaited them with bread and fish, the same food they had once shared with a multitude near that very lake when they first travelled with him.

If the food was meant to jog their memory, much more so the charcoal fire where Peter encountered Jesus. The only other time this Gospel mentions a charcoal fire, Peter was warming himself by it while he denied knowing Jesus.

This present scene is a time of peace, reconciliation and transformation. For Jesus there is no time for mentioning Peter's failings, nor was Peter given a chance to apologize or to make excuses. For Jesus, past is past and what matters most is the present. Three times Jesus asked Peter, "*Do you love me?*" The first time, Jesus specifically asked if Peter loved him *more than these*, meaning the primacy Jesus had given him. At this point, Peter would not claim priority. He simply answered, "*You know that I love you.*"

This was Peter's confession: Standing humbled before Jesus, knowing that Jesus was fully aware of who he was and everything he had done. Peter acknowledged this weakness and claimed his source of strength. He needed to say no more than "*Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.*"

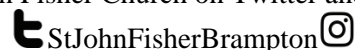
Jesus made no mention of the past. Jesus looked to the future and gave his forgiveness and grace by entrusting Peter with his mission. "*Feed and tend my sheep.*"

Let us forget whatever negative happened in the past. Our task now is to join our efforts together to build the kingdom of God in our community.

Fr. Regulo Imperial, *The Pastor*

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

Follow St John Fisher Church on Twitter and Instagram at:



Last Week's Collection: \$4,534.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Congratulations to **Hilarion Mitchell** on being installed as the CWL Toronto Diocesan President on Friday, May 3rd. Hilarion has served on the CWL of St John Fisher for many years. (and still does) May God bless Hilarion in all her efforts!



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.

CWL General Meeting - Tuesday, May 7th at 8 p.m. in the Church Hall, after Mass and devotions. Women aged 18 and over, please join us!

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

Customized Statue of St. John Fisher

We are still graciously accepting donations towards our customized statue 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 or by making a personal donation specifically for the statue.* God will bless you for your generosity! Thank you for your support! Fr. Regs



**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 welcomes women facing unplanned pregnancies, regardless of age, race, religion, marital status or financial situation. All services are free, non-judgmental and confidential. 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
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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!*



 **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.

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 "Our ShareLife campaign encourages us to live the Gospel in all we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For 43 years, countless individuals have experienced the compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our annual archdiocesan appeal!" — *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

Today is our second collection for **Sharelife**.

Please help us reach our goal of \$23,100!

Our final collection is **June 2nd**.



Ordination to the Holy Priesthood

Saturday, May 11th @ 10 a.m.

at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

Please pray for our transitional deacons as they are ordained to the priesthood: Fr. Renan Roberto Costa, Fr. Eduardo de Oliveira Paixão, Fr. Mauricio Gilo Sanjines Calatayud, and Fr. João Gilberto Veras Ferreira. *This grace-filled event is open to the public.*

Thank you to Disa Oberg and her team of volunteers for helping us celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** on April 28th. Thanks to the decorators, lectors, music ministers, and parishioners who brought refreshments.



DID YOU KNOW? There is a **Divine Mercy Devotion** on the first Friday of every month at 6:45 p.m. before the 7 p.m. Mass. The **Devotion** is also recited on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. (right after the 9 a.m. Mass).

First Communion Dates

Congratulations to students from St John Fisher School who will celebrate their First Communion next Saturday, May 11th @ the 5:30 p.m. mass
Sat May 25 @ 5:30 p.m. – Cardinal Newman School
Sun May 26 @ 12 p.m. – Georges Vanier School



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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