

# St. John Fisher Parish



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**PASTOR:** Fr. Regulo Imperial

**IN RESIDENCE:** Fr. Rudy Imperial

**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

**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

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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.

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

While we are unable to celebrate public masses, Fr Regulo Imperial will offer his daily, private masses for the following intentions:

#### Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. – Maria Hoang & Joseph Nguyen requested by Maria Nguyen

#### Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. – Maryanne Lobo D'Mello requested by the staff of St John Fisher School

#### Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving for Lee Zammit requested by Silvia Zammit & Family

#### Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. – Luis De La Cruz requested by the De La Cruz Family

#### Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

5:30 p.m. – Deceased members of the Llanos Family requested by the Morgan Family

#### Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. – Godfrey Sequiera requested by Alfred Miranda & Family

10:30 a.m. – Jacob Halznen requested by the Harward Family

12 p.m. – Welch Aivan requested by Owen & Mary Reghelini



Today the Church celebrates the *Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord*.

This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan, God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin. — Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

The Church depends on your generous offerings to continue the work of God. If you are able, please consider continuing your Sunday offering by: ❶ mailing it to our parish office ❷ dropping your envelope in our mail box ❸ giving online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website (Donate Now). Thank you very much! Fr Regs

Our church is **OPEN** for private prayer each day from 9:30 am – 12 pm. Attendance inside the church is limited to 10 people, including priest or staff/volunteer to monitor capacity restrictions.

**2021 ENVELOPES** have been dropped off to you if you didn't have a chance to pick them up. If you would like to start using envelopes and don't yet have them, please contact the church office. Thank you.



Jesus' identity is revealed as "The Son of God" through His baptism in the Jordan. Our identity as "children of God" is revealed through our baptism.

Our lives then, must constantly witness Jesus as Lord. If you think that God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) / [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**OFFICE HOURS DURING THE LOCKDOWN**  
Mondays 9 am – 1 pm by appointment ONLY  
Phone calls will be taken from 1 - 4:30 pm  
Everyone is strongly encouraged to email [stjohnfisherparish@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnfisherparish@gmail.com) or leave a message at 905-793-6610.  
We will get back to you as soon as we can.  
Thank you for your patience and prayers with this schedule.

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY OF TORONTO - WORKSHOPS**  
► *The Songs of the Angels in the Book of Revelation* – Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Online – 9:30 am to 1 pm  
Presenter: Msgr A. Robert Nusca  
Cost is \$25 for each date. Link for the virtual presentation will be sent upon registration. Register @ [www.staugustines.on.ca/about/events](http://www.staugustines.on.ca/about/events)

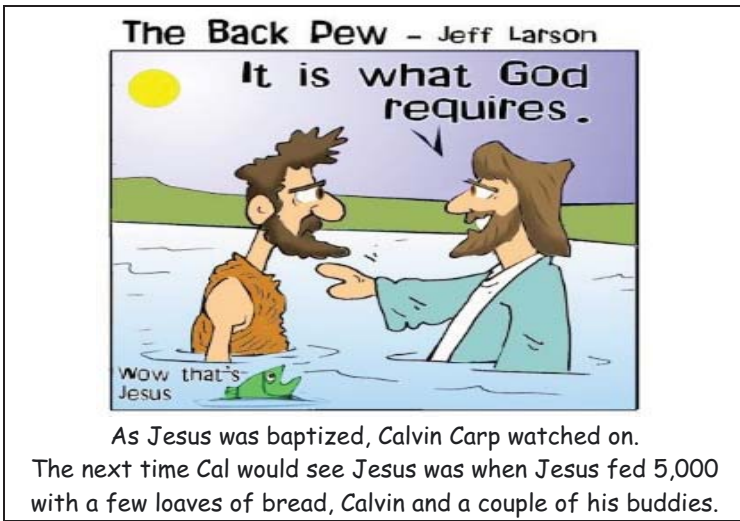
*Reflection from the Archdiocese of Toronto  
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**LIVING OUT OUR BAPTISMAL MISSION**

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. On this feast day we are invited to reflect on the meaning and importance of our own baptism as well. St Gregory of Nazianzus beautifully expresses that “*Baptism is God’s most beautiful and magnificent gift*”. But why is baptism so important?

The Catechism states that “*Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission*” (CCC 1213). Baptism gives us our identity as beloved children of God as well as anoints us for mission.

This baptismal mission can be readily lived out through our commitment to stewardship. As stewards, we are called to gratefully recognize that our time and talents are gifts from God and then strive to generously offer them back to Christ within our parish community. One concrete resolution we can adopt this New Year is to look into the various ministries at the parish and see which one allows us to best offer our gifts. If we currently do not take part in any parish groups, let us remember that it is never too late to start. Let us recommit to our baptismal call of stewardship and joyfully serve Christ and His Church.



**LIVESTREAMED AND TELEVISED MASSES**

Cardinal Collins has urged parishioners to view livestreamed and televised Masses. I suggest that all families should decide on the designated time, on Saturday evening or Sunday, when you will celebrate virtual Mass together. Make this event a special family celebration. This is a sacred event. *Fr Regs*

**DON’T FORGET TO:** ▶ dress up for church

- ▶ set chairs in front of the television or computer &
- ▶ participate in all the responses throughout the mass.

During communion please say the *Act of Spiritual Communion* together. Spiritual communion is a way to be united with Christ when we cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. It can be done at home especially during communion time in a television setting. Please say this together.

**ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI’S ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**GRADE 9 REGISTRATION – HOLY NAME OF MARY**

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School is now accepting Grade 9 registrations for the 2021/2022 school year. Please visit their website for details on how to register and get started.  
<https://www3.dpccsb.org/HNMRY/students/registration-new-students/registration-new-students>

**FRIARS’ STUDENT WRITING CONTEST:**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 was prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp. The theme “*Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*” expresses Grandchamp’s vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. “*Abiding in Christ*” is an inner attitude that takes root over time and it demands space to grow. As Christians, how can we express our personal relationship to Christ in a modern and socially oriented Church during challenging times, which can bring unity of the Christian family and all humanity? Give examples. Read John 15:1-17, consult resources and submit a 500-word essay that answers the question. ▶ 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 February 15<sup>th</sup>. For contest details visit [www.catholicregister.org/writingaward](http://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward). For additional information about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity visit: [www.weekofprayer.ca](http://www.weekofprayer.ca)



**31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ORDINANDI DINNER (VIRTUAL)**

- ▶ Sponsored by the Serra Foundation of Canada & the 6 Serra Clubs in our Archdiocese
- ▶ **Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7-8 pm**
- ▶ All are invited to join in celebrating new priestly vocations and seminaries. ▶ Free to view on the Archdiocese of Toronto YouTube channel. ▶ Donations are welcome and will help cover the costs and support St Augustine’s Seminary, Redemptoris Mater Seminary, the Office of Vocations & Serra House.





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