

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

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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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:

New Parishioners are asked to register. Cards are available at the back of the church.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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 18th

9 a.m. – For souls in Purgatory for the D'Souza, Carvalho, Menezes, Cardoz, & Correia Families requested by the Santos Family & Margaret D'Souza

Tuesday, January 19th

9 a.m. – For the souls of Leena Julie, Victor, Gretta, and Mr & Mrs Sequiera requested by the Santos Family

Wednesday, January 20th

9 a.m. – For the good health of Theresa, Bijou, Jessy, Leni, Flavy, Irene, Lucy, Helen, Chamila, Harriott requested by the Santos Family

Thursday, January 21st

9 a.m. – Thanksgiving Mass to the Canadian Government for my Canadian PR requested by Margaret D'Souza

Friday, January 22nd

9 a.m. – For the souls of Mr & Mrs Fernandes, Mr & Mrs Castellino, Kher & the good health of Alba, Henry, Probir, Terry requested by the Santos Family

Saturday, January 23rd

5:30 p.m. – Daniel Cabral Andrade requested by Janelle Bulatao

Sunday, January 24th

9 a.m. – For the soul of Andrew Lacasandile requested by the Lacasandile & Cosentino Families

10:30 a.m. – Adolf Harwart requested by the Harwart Family

12 p.m. – 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary for James & Jennifer Andrade requested by the family

The Church depends on your generous offerings to continue the work of God. If you are able, please consider continuing your Sunday offering by:

- 1 mailing it to our parish office
- 2 dropping your envelope in our secured, outdoor mail box or in the donation box inside the church
- 3 giving online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website (Donate Now).

*I am deeply grateful and appreciative for your donations.
I continue to remember all of you in my daily private masses.
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.

Please start using your **2021 ENVELOPES** now. Please destroy envelopes from previous years. If you would like to start using envelopes and don't yet have them, please contact the church office. Thank you.



**Due to the lockdown,
2021 calendars will not be available.**



CONFESSIONS are available every Saturday at 4:30 pm. Please wear a mask.



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

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.



31ST ANNUAL ORDINANDI DINNER (VIRTUAL)

► Sponsored by the Serra Foundation of Canada & the 6 Serra Clubs in our Archdiocese

► **Tuesday, March 2nd 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.



A good vocation prayer to say every day from the time we are young until we are in our golden years is found in today's first Scripture reading: "*Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.*" Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

ABIDE IN MY LOVE...YOU SHALL BEAR MUCH FRUIT.

(John 15:1-17)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18-25

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, the Sisters of Life and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full, visible unity willed by Jesus for the Church.

Our host this year is the Salvation Army. The homilist is David Wells (General Superintendent of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada). This year there is a special focus on contemplative life, as the religious women of the Monastic Community of Grandchamp, Switzerland, wrote this year's prayers and study material.

Sunday, January 24th at 4 p.m.

Virtual event livestreamed from The Salvation Army's Agincourt Community Church. Here is the link for the service:
<https://m.facebook.com/agincourtcommunitychurch>

As announced on November 28, 2020, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed **Fr Ivan Camilleri as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto**. Bishop-elect Camilleri was ordained to the priesthood on May 12, 2007 and was most recently the Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs for the Archdiocese. His Episcopal Ordination will take place on the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, on **Monday, January 25th at 2 pm** at St Michael's Cathedral Basilica. You can watch the event at: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dearly Beloved People of God:

Today is the start of our Liturgical season called Ordinary Time. How can we bring fervor to ordinary time? As many of you know, our liturgical year revolves around the life of Jesus. So we began our year with Advent, then we moved into Christmas, Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus. The next big focus on Jesus will be at Lent and Easter and Pentecost.

But right now, we're in the in-between time, known as Ordinary Time. The color is green. But Ordinary Time doesn't mean unimportant. It doesn't mean dullness and boredom. It means discovering God in the everyday-ness of life.

Today's gospel presents to us the first encounter of the two disciples of John the Baptist with Jesus, who was getting popular and was walking by. John the Baptist then bears witness about Jesus to two of his disciples: *"If you want to know who Jesus is, go ask him."* As they approach Jesus, John identifies him as the Lamb of God. John said: *"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."*

Look at the first encounter of Jesus with his disciples. It was so personal that the evangelist even remembers the hour when it happened - *it was about four o'clock in the afternoon.* That is how faith is passed on; it will be a personal experience in everyone. John stares at Jesus as he comes and goes. Jesus talks to the two disciples who are following him. Jesus asks them what they are looking for; the disciples want to know where he is staying. Jesus is not in a hurry and responds, *"come and see"* and they saw where he lived. They stayed with him the rest of the day.

There is also a personal touch in the first encounter of Samuel who grew up to become a prophet of the Lord, as described in the first reading. Samuel thought it was Eli who was calling him while he slept. Eli understood that the Lord was calling the youth, and instructed him accordingly. Samuel responds with recognition and openness in a very personal way: *"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."*

God is constantly calling his people to do things for himself and the Church. In our case, most of the time God's call came through a friend or other people. Sometimes many of you were surprised when you suddenly became involved in church ministry or in helping people. To make Jesus known we have to know Him ourselves. In order to know Him we have to learn to stay with Him in spirit, to love and learn from Him, in a gradual manner. This is sometimes tedious and hurting. But he is not in a hurry for the encounter. We are allowed to know him slowly, more and more, day after day.

But once we come to know Jesus we cannot keep silent about him, like the characters of today's readings. Eli introduced the boy, Samuel, to the Lord and taught him how to talk to the Lord. John the Baptist's testimony led his two disciples to follow Jesus, as did Andrew's witnessing led his brother Simon to Jesus. This brings us to an important point: we should share our faith with others.

Time Magazine had an article about the fastest-growing Christian Church in a suburb of Chicago (the Willow Creek

Community Church in South Barrington). Every week, about 12,000 people go there to worship. Imagine... 12,000 people per week! The interesting fact is that of those worshippers, 5-6,000 of them are former Catholics. Upon learning of this, Cardinal Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago, visited the Pastor (Bill Hybles) to find out how this happened. *"What's the secret of your success? How come you're drawing so many people, not to mention a good many Catholics?"*

The pastor answered: *"I decided to go from door to door and did research. I asked people, 'Why don't you attend church?'"*

In order of frequency, the pastor received these responses:

1. They're always asking for money.
2. I don't like the music.
3. I can't relate to the message.
4. It doesn't meet my needs.
5. The services are predictable and boring.
6. They make me feel guilty.

The pastor knew that he had to respond to these realities.

❶ *Because most people are highly insulated from any kind of Christianity in society, it is important that someone who is a believer builds a relationship with them.* This is very true in Canada. People are insulated from Christianity; no reference of God, much less to Christianity's version of things, is permitted or allowed. The media/press are devoid totally of the spiritual and of Christianity. Since the mass media are paganized and secular, the only way to reach these people is for someone who is a believer to establish a relationship with them. See how this relates to the gospel? People will become believers because of Mary & Mike, Joe & Kathy and Gary & Alice who are worshipping here already. There is no other way. *Do you build a relationship with others in your workplace or among friends, so that what you have you can share?*

❷ The pastor says that such believers must give actual verbal witness to those people. We cannot keep silent about Jesus, how He came into our life and affected us personally. *Do you do that? Are you afraid of intruding?*

❸ Those who have given verbal witness then should invite the others to a Sunday service. *Have you ever invited anybody to worship with you?*

❹ The next step is to invite them to a more in-depth service like a renewal group, bible study or some religious education event, for example.

In conclusion, today's Gospel invites us to take a long, hard look at our reluctance to share our faith with others. Let's invite others and say: *"Come and see!"*

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