

St. John Fisher Parish



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PASTOR: Fr. Regulo Imperial

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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

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.

THIRD 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 25th

9 a.m. – For the good health of Dias, Medeira, Rodrigues, Santos, Camy Families & for the Souls in Purgatory requested by the Santos Family

Tuesday, January 26th

9 a.m. – For the souls of Banu, Andre, Rose, Stephen, Raphael, Bertha & for good health requested by the Santos Family

Wednesday, January 27th

9 a.m. – Welch Alvan requested by Owen & Mary Reghelini

Thursday, January 28th

9 a.m. – Welch Alvan requested by Reg & Shirley Digby

Friday, January 29th

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

Saturday, January 30th

5:30 p.m. – Maria Vu Thi Yen requested by Phi Lam

Sunday, January 31st

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving for business success requested by Cassandra DeLeon

10:30 a.m. – Bill Uddenberg requested by Connie Uddenberg

12 p.m. – Savina Zanatta requested by the Rossi & Miles Families

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.



OFFICE HOURS DURING THE LOCKDOWN

Effective January 12th, the office will be closed to in-person appointments. Phone calls and emails will be taken from 9 am - 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.

Going to church is essential for spiritual & mental well-being.

Holy Communion will now be available on Sundays from 10 - 11:30 am.
(beginning Sunday, January 24th)



▶ Only 9 people are allowed in the church at any time (plus the Celebrant). ▶ The small group in attendance will be asked to stand, appropriately distanced, in front of the sanctuary. ▶ No one may sit or kneel so that cleaning of pews is not required in between these services. ▶ Please follow the instructions from the ushers. They will regulate attendance by allowing for the departure of one group and the entrance of the next one. ▶ Distribution of Communion will start as soon as 9 people are ready for the next service. Each service is about 8 minutes. ▶ First-come, first-served.

PLEASE BE PATIENT Please bring your patience with you! If the session you hope to attend is full, we kindly ask you to wait in your cars for the next available service. *Please use this time to pray and meditate on this year's challenges.*

Cardinal Collins continues to dispense the faithful from their Sunday obligation. If you are symptomatic, have a compromised immune system or have a greater risk of infection, please stay home.

Saturday Confessions are cancelled until further notice.

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.



29th World Day of the Sick - February 11th

on the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

Pope Benedict's message this year is entitled "You have but one teacher and you are all brothers" (Mt 23:8).

It encourages a trust-based relationship with the sick and the nurturing of integral human healing. "A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

Lift Jesus Higher Rally Theme: Consuming Fire

Saturday, February 27th – 9 am-5:30 pm

Live stream event. Registration opens soon. ljhr.ca



A teacher was drilling her high school students in vocabulary. What do you call a marriage having many wives? POLYGAMY, replied one student. How about a marriage having two wives? BIGAMY, answered another. How about a marriage having only one wife? MONOTONY, blurted an innocent lad. He meant, of course, "MONOGAMY".

FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear People of God:

On this **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Jesus called four people: Simon, Andrew, James and John. He said to them: *“Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”* Jesus isn’t calling these four men to be priests. He’s calling them to be Christians: other Christs. (The priesthood, as we know it, wouldn’t come into existence for at least another 150 years or more.) Every man and woman in Mark’s community was expected to put themselves in the place of Simon, Andrew, James and John. Each had heard and responded to the invitation from the risen Jesus, *“Come after me.”*

You know what? Their response was amazing. *“And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.”* (Mark 1:17) Consider the word *immediately*. St Paul also expresses urgency in his message. *“Brothers and sisters, the time is running out...the present form of this world is passing away.”*

Once the four disciples heard the call, their response is instant and total. No delay because of prior commitments; no excuse because of family ties.

Jesus’ call for discipleship is for everybody - those of you who are married, priests and religious, elderly, sick, single or widow, rich or poor, young students, professionals. **All** are called by Jesus for an important task. There is no plan of action except to follow Jesus. No dogmas to memorize, no philosophical tenets to profess. This is an urgent call because the kingdom of God is at hand.

The only prerequisite is **repentance**. They only need to repent. The outward sign that they’ve repented, or totally changed their value system, is when they put people, instead of fish, at the center of their lives. The four disciples had ushered in a new way of looking at reality. *“Give us the mind of Jesus.”* The first four disciples had to accept Jesus’ priorities.

We can stay in our professions. We can be bankers, business people, police officers, doctors, nurses, teachers, lawyers, entrepreneurs. While we stay in our line of trade we must think on a much higher level and move from being self-centered to being God/people centered. We must move from being self-seeking to seeking the glory of God and the benefit of humankind.

We cannot say YES and at the same time keep our personal priorities unchanged. We cannot say YES to Jesus and at the same time put God at the edge of our life. We have to re-examine our YES to follow Jesus.

I do believe that Covid 19 will pass away in God’s time. Yet this will only come true if we, the followers of Jesus, **repent**. This is an opportunity to put God back into our daily routine. Immediate transformation is necessary. Let us change our mindset and put on the mind of Jesus: that we are not in control; that we are not invulnerable; that we need one another and we must help each other; that our technology alone cannot eradicate disease completely; that our money and power is useless in the midst of a pandemic; that there is Someone up there who rules everything on earth and above the earth. **And that Someone is GOD.**

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Fr Regulo Imperial, The Pastor



The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples’ response which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or deaconate? 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

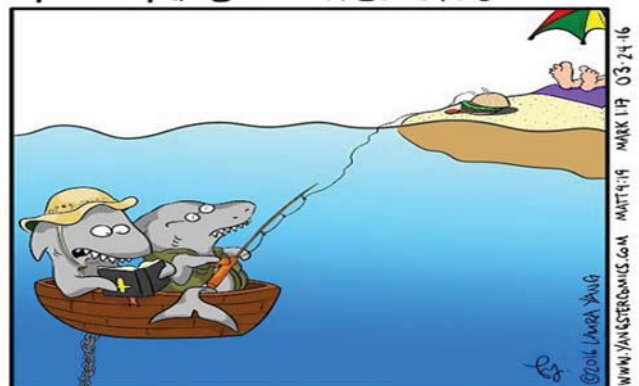
VIRTUAL VOCATIONS FAIR & MASS - on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - **Tuesday, February 2nd – 11 am – 5 pm**
Reflections, Testimonies, Virtual Visits, Walking Pilgrimage, Mass and Holy Hour celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Collins
 Registration: <https://2021virtualvocationsfair.eventbrite.ca>
 Questions? Contact lenita.lopes@newmantoronto.com
 All are welcome!

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.



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