

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

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.

FOURTH 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, February 1st

9 a.m. – For the souls of Carmen & Merito Urgel

Tuesday, February 2nd

9 a.m. – Theresamma Amirthanathan requested by the Eruthayathas Family

Wednesday, February 3rd

9 a.m. – Hugh Pitcher requested by Carole & Family

Thursday, February 4th

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

Friday, February 5th

9 a.m. – David Miles requested by Silvana Miles & Julie Rossi

Saturday, February 6th

5:30 p.m. – Giselle Lianos requested by Jeannette & Bill Morgan

Sunday, February 7th

9 a.m. – For the deceased members of the Seebaran Singh Family

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

12 p.m. – Hugh Pitcher requested by Carole & 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: ❶ mailing it to our parish office ❷ dropping your envelope in our secured, outdoor mail box or in the donation box inside the church ❸ giving online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website (Donate Now).

I thank you very much for your generosity. I continue to remember you in my private daily mass for your safety and protection from this pandemic. I am with you in asking God to bring us back to our normal life and normal Mass celebration.

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.

Communion is food for our soul

and therefore essential for our faith and well-being.

Holy Communion available Sundays from 10 - 11:30 am.

► 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 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.*



PLEASE BE PATIENT

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.

FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES UPDATE

On behalf of our Church, I signed a contract with MERCER Fire Protection to do the following: ❶ Fire Panel and Devices Replacement ❷ Fire Safety Plan ❸ Fire Alarm System Annual Inspection ❹ Emergency Lighting Annual Inspection ❺ Fire Extinguishers Annual Inspection. The Total for all of this is: \$26,766.31 (including HST). Construction will begin this week (February 1st).

*I am grateful to report that parishioners have donated \$20,000 towards this project. We do still need a bit more. Thank you for considering a sacrificial gift to get us to the final amount. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!** Fr Regs*

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.



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."



FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear People of God:

In today's Gospel the people observed that Jesus taught with authority, in a way that was strikingly different from the scribes and the Pharisees. He seemed to differ from others in a number of ways. There is something in Jesus' teaching that drew them as nothing had before. One of the most obvious things about it was that it was not borrowed from others. He taught with the *authority* of one who speaks from first-hand experience. There was no "I think" or "thus says the Lord" or "this scholar says" or "You will find in this book" kind of thing. Jesus says: "I say to you", and thus puts himself in the place of God. There was complete authority. His teaching is of God.

Those who heard Jesus understood that he was unlike those teachers whose words had lost their potency. They preached one thing but lived otherwise, and their mixed message fell on disinterested, disillusioned ears.

Jesus' gestures, his talk, his gaze flowed from his being. He was not a trained orator. He spoke from the heart. He spoke the truth with conviction. He was a man of his word. His words were backed by his actions. He lived his words. He is the Word of God.

- He does not just talk about compassion; he is compassionate.
- He does not just talk about forgiveness; he forgives.
- He does not just preach about love; he loves.

Jesus was so imbued with the truth and goodness of God that even the demons took notice. "I know who you are, the Holy One of God," says the demon.

So today we ask ourselves: Do I really believe that Jesus speaks the truth? Do I choose only the truth that I want and leave the rest aside? It reminds me of a cartoon Church sign:

The Lite Church: Home of the 7 ½ per cent tithe, 5 minute sermons, 30 minute worship services. We have only 8 Commandments – your choice. We use just 3 spiritual laws. Everything you've always wanted in a church – and less!

What if the truth of Jesus is considered politically incorrect by secular standards? Which truth do you believe will guide you? Jesus' word of truth or the secular standards of correctness? Do I believe that all politically correct words, actions and behaviour are all truth according to Jesus' standard of truth?

Why do we go to church regularly? The answer is that here in church, as an assembly, we get refocused about the truth of Jesus. We get empowered, renewed, nourished, and fed by the word of Jesus and his body and blood in order to be the Body of Christ when we leave here. Here we are vitally reminded of who we are and what we are: a People of God and a member of the Catholic Church.

Many people do not like to belong to any church institution. And here is the popular slogan so commonly embraced today: "I am spiritual but not religious. I have no

need of organized religion. I'm a player and move on a different plane."

What a deception! It sounds so *free*. In this spiritual world there is no one to challenge you. *If it feels good, do it*. In this spiritual world you don't have to sit with those *others*. You can hang around with your own like-minded group. When you are religious and belong to a church you will be challenged by the presence of others who are different from us and with whom we are forced to rub shoulders, whether we like them or not.

In this spiritual world you are not beholden to anyone but yourself. In this spiritual world no one is going to point an accusing finger because who can judge the self? In this spiritual world everyone's opinion or truth is as good as another's so all is flattened out. Judgements and social actions are both unnecessary and arrogant. In this spiritual world no one is ever wrong - they're just in a different place - and, of course, consequently, no one is ever right either. In this spiritual world truth is what I believe it to be, morals are what I determine. In this spiritual world it is Me and God and I don't have to deal with that smelly person off the street who came in and knelt beside me and struck his breast and cried, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Religion for these *spiritual* players is too much work. After all, religion is pot-luck suppers and disciplines and truth and dogmas and pews full of those other people. The "I-am-spiritual-but-not-religious" person belongs to a *Me Generation* without being accountable except to him- or herself.

We are religious people. We belong to a Church. We are the Body of Christ. We are here to celebrate the Eucharist and the Word of Christ, the source of our truth. We are sent out with the words, "Go forth, the Mass is ended" to bring God and his truth to home, neighbourhood, school, and workplace so that others might also see what we see, and believe that truth that comes of Jesus - who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

If believers in Jesus do not speak with the authority of Jesus to decry sin, injustice and inhumanity, who will? If your voice and mine will not insist on the truth when so many lies and truths abound, whose will? Today, the courage of Jesus, who dared to call evil by its name in Capernaum, invites each of us to do likewise in Brampton and Peel region and every other place where the challenge waits for us.

Fr Regulo Imperial, The Pastor

Prayers and best wishes to **Bishop Ivan Camilleri** who celebrated his Episcopal Ordination on January 25th. May God bless him in his ministry as Auxiliary Bishop for the Western Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally Theme: *Consuming Fire*
 Saturday, February 27th – 1-3:30 pm & 7-9:45 pm
 No registration needed. Free Live stream event from
 Ann Arbor, Michigan. See the schedule at ljhr.ca



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