

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.

FIFTH 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 8th

9 a.m. – ☩ Rozitha D'Souza requested by Shirley Digby

Tuesday, February 9th

9 a.m. – ☩ Jamie Fernandez req by Pearl Ferrao & Amy Fernandez

Wednesday, February 10th

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving requested by Reg & Shirley Digby

Thursday, February 11th

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

Friday, February 12th

9 a.m. – Reg Digby requested by the Miles Family

Saturday, February 13th

5:30 p.m. – ☩ Fiona O'Reilly requested by Phyllis Murphy

Sunday, February 14th

9 a.m. – ☩ Daniel Cabral Andrade req by the Andrade Family

10:30 a.m. –

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

*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.

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 has begun.

*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*



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."



Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life and lay ministries. 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

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.



Weekly Offertory: \$2,409

Thank you for your generosity!

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 mailbox 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.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends / Beloved People of God:

The late Cardinal Sin of Manila, Philippines once asked a group of his priests while dining: *“Do you know why Peter denied the Lord three times?”* Nobody could come up with an answer. The Cardinal himself answered: *“Because Jesus cured his mother-in-law.”*

Mothers-in-law seldom enjoy a good reputation. Because of prejudice, they are often stereotyped as selfish women who make life difficult for their son or daughter-in-law. Today's gospel, however, is a veritable homage to them.

Simon's mother-in-law, whose name is not given to us, comes across as a woman of humble character. After Jesus cures her of her fever, she responds not with a simple act of thanksgiving but with gracious and loving service she rendered to Jesus and his disciples.

The first chapter of Mark tells us short stories about the ministry of Jesus. His hectic schedule of preaching, teaching, healing and praying.

During that time, it seemed that the power of evil had the upper hand. So, the Gospel started with the salvific actions of Jesus against the evil of Satan. Yes, Satan is mighty, but Jesus is even more so. Yes, the world is filled with demonic forces, but Jesus has triumphed over all of them.

Hear the Good News of Jesus of Nazareth. The first days of Jesus were composed of the healing of Peter's mother-in-law. Then He heals the demoniac. These happenings created a great scenario: when the Sabbath ended at sunset and Jesus opened the door there was the whole town, bandaged and broken, exhausted and fed-up, waiting to be healed. People are all in need of healing.

Just like today, there are many people who are overburdened by work. There are many who must spend hours each day, year in and year out, at a job which is unfulfilling in order to put food on the table and gas in the car. On the other hand, more people are worried, at the brink of despair, about not having and finding a job. Still more people are in constant combat against their sickness and chronic disease and most of all, the pandemic. Our society and the whole world are hit on all sides with burning demands and problems.

Today's scriptures present three people, Job, Paul and Jesus, giving lessons on how to look at work and life.

Job was the richest and most religious man in the land of Uz. But one day, Job's life was turned upside down; he lost all his livestock, barns, servants and his seven sons and three daughters. As if that was not enough, he got the dreaded disease of leprosy. The book of Job does not conclude with an answer to the mystery of suffering. But at the end of the story, Job has experienced God's justice and compassion. And he reiterated his trust and belief in him with this prayer: *“God can make things better, this I know, this I believe, this I trust; this I hope now that I have put everything in your hands, my God”*. This should be our prayer as well. Can we call it a *“Pandemic”* Prayer?

Next is Paul whose work of preaching the gospel had become a compulsion. His conviction about good news and his commitment to Christ were so intense that he could not contain himself. He wanted to share salvation with everyone.

Lastly, we have Jesus. He spent himself and most of his time, ministering to the needs of others. Yet, he understood even the most important work must be continually refueled, therefore, he was in the habit of waking early to go off to a lonely place to pray.

After his prayer, his disciples found him, and they said to him: *“Everyone is searching for you.”* But why are they looking for him? Is it only because they want to be healed? Is Jesus for them only a miracle worker or a healer? Sometimes we look to Jesus as an answer to our problems and questions, only to be left disappointed because we have asked the wrong questions and sought things which have nothing to do with kingdom of God. We do not come to the Eucharist; we do not pray just to be healed from our sickness or to receive an answer to our problems. Jesus has something else to offer. Peter's mother-in-law got it right. She learns the lesson of discipleship. After she was healed of her sickness, she offered herself for the service of others.

“Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also.” Jesus is very much aware that his real mission is not to make miracles and to heal diseases. He has come to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

Today is the time to revise our parish community. Let us revise what St John Fisher should stand for, what its mission should be in light of the gospel. The mother-in-law was an example of a healed person who responded with gratitude by serving others. This is perhaps the reason why he had left his work at Capernaum. He left it uncompleted so that his disciples could offer themselves for the services of others for the purpose of building the kingdom of God in that region.

And who is responsible in this small part of the world we call St John Fisher Parish?

Fr Regulo Imperial, the Pastor

MARRIAGE SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 13/14

Cardinal Collins has designated next weekend as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese. It highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America.



“Marriage is a precious sign, for when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage, God is, as it were, ‘mirrored’ in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God's love for us.”

From Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*

Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. Let us also pray and extend loving support to those who have lost a spouse or are struggling from a broken relationship.

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