

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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, March 1st

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

Tuesday, March 2nd

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving for abundant blessings received

Wednesday, March 3rd

9 a.m. – Holy Souls in Purgatory & Lost Souls who have no one to pray for them; those who have died without receiving the last sacrament

Thursday, March 4th

9 a.m. – Souls of Paul Gracy, Mili, Marceline, Alphonsus & Carmen

Friday, March 5th

9 a.m. – Souls of Joseph, Zelia, Cantan, Ermelinda, Libeit, Ahaier, Joao, Philo, Carmeline, Maria Anpela & Hazel

Saturday, March 6th

5:30 p.m. – In Thanksgiving Cesar Co

Sunday, March 7th

9 a.m. – Eatra De La Cruz

10:30 a.m. – Anthony & Valarian Miranda req by the Miranda Family

12 p.m. – Souls of Thomas, Luis, Seraphine, Philomena, Lawrence, Ermelinda, Richie, Mai & Rosie

IN MEMORIAM: Longtime parishioner, Grace Barbara Clark passed away on February 9th at the age of 92. Her obituary is available on the Andrews Community Funeral Centre website. May she rest in peace.

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 mailbox or in the donation box inside the church
- 3 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

FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES UPDATE

Construction has begun by MERCER Fire Protection to do the following:

- 1 Fire Panel and Devices Replacement
- 2 Fire Safety Plan
- 3 Fire Alarm System Annual Inspection
- 4 Emergency Lighting Annual Inspection
- 5 Fire Extinguishers Annual Inspection.

The Total for all of this is: \$26,766.31 (including HST).

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

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



Communion is food for our soul.

and therefore, essential for our faith and well-being.

► First-come, first-served. If the session you hope to attend is full, we kindly ask you to wait in your cars for the next available service.

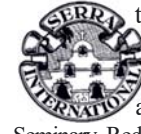
Please use this time to pray and meditate on this year's challenges.

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.

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.



Dynamic Women of Faith - Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, March 6th – Cost \$40

Keynote Speaker: Dr Carrie Gress – Exposing the Anti-Mary and Rebuilding Civilization, One Woman at a Time
Register at www.dynamicwomenfaith.com. Questions? 416-907-1042

ST AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY OF TORONTO - WORKSHOPS

► *The Holy Spirit & the Abandonment of the Saints* – Saturday, March 13th – Online – 9:30 am to 1 pm

Presenter: Fr Charles Anang

Cost \$25. Register @ www.staugustines.on.ca/about/events.

ST JOSEPH, A RIGHTEOUS MAN – Zoom webinar

presented by Women of the Word Toronto. Fr Pierre Farrugia & Michael Dopp will speak about this powerful saint from their own perspectives – as a consecrated man and as a husband and father. Saturday, March 13th – 9:30 am – 12 pm – Free - Register @ https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2K3an8-mSYecFDQatAVpqA

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER has been happening in Canada for almost 100 years. The 2021 service was written by the WDP committee of Vanuatu inspired by the Biblical theme “*Build on a Strong Foundation*” (Matthew 7:24-27). The World Day of Prayer 2021 service video, prepared by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, can be accessed for free from Feb 15 – Sept 30 by going to: wicc.org. Donations are welcome. Donations received for services support the World Day of Prayer movement and provides generous grants that support social justice projects in Canada and the world.

Speak out for the vulnerable. Bill C-7 expands Medical Assistance in Dying to those whose death is not in the foreseeable future. Last week's senate amendments would expand it further, posing a threat to people with dementia and mental health issues. Bill C-7 endangers the vulnerable. Please pray and ask your MP to vote against the amendments. Email your MP at canadiansforconscience.ca.

**Reflection from the Archdiocese of Toronto
Office of Formation for Discipleship**

CONQUERING ALL THROUGH THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Following Christ is hard. This is a simple reality that anyone who has sought to be a disciple has quickly learned. In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel can lead to many trials. Even as stewards we can often face many difficulties and sufferings from striving to offer all our gifts to God. These sufferings could come from setbacks or failures in ministry or mocking and persecutions from our peers.

All these things can cause us to lose hope and tempt us to stop fighting for Christ. This is where St. Paul's beautiful letter to the Romans can help bring us tremendous consolation. St. Paul boldly proclaims, *"If God is for us, who is against us?"* He encourages us to place all our hope in God despite the challenges we face. He goes on to say *"Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."*

This is the lifeline that we must firmly hold onto if we wish to keep our head above water in the midst of an ocean of suffering. To know that we will always remain in the love of Christ is to know that Christ will bring us through any problem we face. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: *"I love you Jesus. Help me to be more aware of your love for me."*



If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister, or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and 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

YES, LORD! A LENTEN LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR KIDS

Tune in to Salt & Light Television or visit their YouTube channel for a brand new, kid-friendly approach to the Sunday Mass readings and homily during Lent. Fridays @ 9:30 am, Saturdays @ 4 pm, Sundays @ 7 am & 2:30 pm.

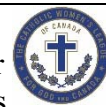
Do you want to fast this Lent? *In the words of Pope Francis:*



Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness, fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words, be silent and listen.

EASTER CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER:



The Catholic Women's League of St John Fisher invites all parishioners to buy Easter Chocolates from Purdy's Chocolatier. We earn 25% of all sales (before tax) and **all** proceeds will go directly to our church. Please visit this link to order:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1317381-84099>.

You can order & pay directly through the Purdy's website. Or you can email stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com: We will email you a copy of the catalog (PDF) & you can



order through the CWL. All orders must be prepaid and are subject to 13% tax. Orders will be available for pick up from Saturday, March 27th (Palm Sunday).

GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE – virtual bereavement support group sessions – Tuesday evenings – March 2-30 – 7-8:30 pm on Zoom. Grieving with Great Hope is a Catholic faith-based program that offers a prayerful, practical, and personal approach for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Sessions facilitated by Sr Gabriel Mary Riddle, CPS, Pastoral Assistant at St Peter's Parish, Toronto and assisted by seminarians from St Augustine's Seminary of Toronto. Sponsored by the Office of Formation for Discipleship, Archdiocese of Toronto. No cost to attend but online registration required. <http://bit.ly/BS-RegisterMar2021>

A bartender notices that every evening, without fail, one of his patrons orders three beers. After several weeks of noticing this pattern, the bartender asks the man why he always orders three beers. The man says, *"I have two brothers who have moved away to different countries. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond."* Several weeks later, noticing that the man only ordered two beers, the bartender said, *"PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF ONE OF YOUR BROTHERS. YOU KNOW, THE TWO BEERS AND ALL..."* The man replied, *"You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."*



It is March 5, the third Friday of Lent, and the faithful parishioner stumbles through pouring rain, past hamburger huts and steak houses into the monastery at Mount Angel and requests shelter. He's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had. After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He's met by two Brothers. *"Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."* *"I'M VERY PLEASED TO MEET YOU. I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL DINNER. THE FISH AND CHIPS WERE THE BEST I'VE EVER TASTED. OUT OF CURIOSITY, WHO COOKED WHAT?"* Brother Michael replies, *"Well, I'm the fish friar."* The man turns to the other Brother and says, *"THEN YOU MUST BE..."* *"Yes, I'm the chip monk."*

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