

St. John Fisher Parish



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PASTOR: Fr. Regulo Imperial

IN RESIDENCE: Fr. Rudy Imperial

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 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 8th

9 a.m. – Fr Beniamio Bordignon requested by Savina Zanatta

Tuesday, March 9th

9 a.m. –

Wednesday, March 10th

9 a.m. –

Thursday, March 11th

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

Friday, March 12th

9 a.m. –

Saturday, March 13th

5:30 p.m. –

Sunday, March 14th

9 a.m. – Daniel Cabral Andrade requested by the Andrade Family

10:30 a.m. –

12 p.m. –

Offertory: Feb 14th: \$1,696 / Building Fund: \$1,467

Feb 21st: \$2,785

Feb 28th: \$3,636



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:

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).



YOUR FINANCIAL HELP IS URGENTLY REQUIRED

Dear Parishioners: I know it seems like I am always asking for money and in some ways, I am. Our church is getting older and requires a lot of maintenance. As you know, we are currently upgrading our Fire Prevention Measures and still need a bit more money to pay off the \$26,766.31 price tag.

This week, we were forced to do some repairs in the parish hall because of burst pipes due to the recent severe cold weather. This was an unexpected expense.

I know that now is not the right time to ask because many of you are facing your own financial struggles brought on by the pandemic, but I must ask so that our precious church is not neglected and further in debt.

For those of you who have a little money to spare, please consider donating any extra amount, no matter how small. The young boy who offered Jesus his five barley loaves and two small fish didn't think his offering was too small.

GOD CAN MAKE SMALL GIFTS DO GREAT THINGS.

I am grateful for whatever you can offer to get us over our latest financial hurdle.

Humbly yours, 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.

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


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).



Jesus cleaned out the temple of moneychangers.

He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult, and wonder.

Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be calling you to one, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy,

Vocations Director, ArchToronto

416-968-0997 /

vocations@archtoronto.org /

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Dear Friends/People of God:

The purpose of Lent is to give us ample time to do some make-over or cleansing or a transformation to make us into better Christians. For some it may be an extreme make-over, a general cleaning, or maybe a complete change of lifestyle. For others it might be just a minor transformation or some dusting. The bottom line is we all need to change. We need to do some cleaning in our life and in our community.

Hear the words of Jesus in today's gospel: *"Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"* These are words of an angry man, while knocking over tables and chasing the money changers away. Jesus didn't always act this way. In fact, there is no other scene in the gospels like it.

In the Book of Exodus anger was also God's response to a stiff-necked people. God had brought his people out of Egypt, delivering them from slavery. He had given them food and drink for their journey to a land flowing with milk and honey. The prophet Hosea offered us this touching image: *"When Israel was a child, I loved him, out of Egypt I called my son."* (11:1-4) Their response? Anger, resentment, complaining.

Jesus became angry like His Father because of the hardheadedness of these Jewish religious leaders to change. He must be dead serious about this whole business of *cleansing*. *"This is the temple"* - a beautiful temple is not enough. Jesus made a link between the temple and the Body of Christ. *"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."* The Church is the temple, not a building. It is an assembly, a body not of stone, but of human flesh. He is serious about the business of cleaning his church (the assembly) and members of his church (individuals). His disciples remembered that it was written, *"Zeal for your house will consume me."* (Ps 69:7)

I believe that Lent is the appropriate season for *cleansing*, especially about our personal disposition with regards to worship, service, and liturgy. As a matter of fact, the words we hear at the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday has something to do with cleaning: *"Repent and believe in the Gospel."*

Today it is our duty to put the Sunday Eucharist in its proper perspective. Our Sunday observance reminds us of our baptism when we have given our life to God through Jesus. Our Sunday observance testifies that God is at the center of life and that all times and all seasons are in God's hands. It is a proof of our covenant and love for God in the Eucharist. Sunday observance is no longer an obligation or a command, it is a response to Jesus' gift of friendship with us. I want to be here physically just to fulfill my Sunday obligation. I-will-sit-or-stand-whenever-I-want-and- don't-bother-me kind of attitude is worth changing.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Jesus may be asking us what we need to clean or replace in our contemporary communal liturgies.

One of the tools the church offers us is fasting. While fasting from food can be good practice as an act of discipline, I challenge you to consider another view of fasting. Consider fasting from what comes out of your mouth. According to Fr. William Bausch, there are three kinds of fasting:

❶ Fasting from foul language. The air around us is full of it, not just from the Howard Sterns and Jerry Springers of the media. The f-word is commonplace in movies, song lyrics, novels, and magazine articles and in everyday conversation. Foul language has even become part of our children's vocabulary. Let us watch our language.

❷ Fasting from being judgmental. Please don't be judgmental about people, and their motives, social standing, defects, clothes, skin colour, jobs, and mistakes. Just see everyone as God's children.


❸ Fasting from saying yes to everything society says is ok. Let the word *no* fall more often from our mouth. Jesus said *no* to turning stones into bread for he did not come to serve himself. On the other hand, he said *yes* to giving bread to five thousand in the desert. So, like Jesus, let's learn to say *no* for Lent. Say *no* to drugs. Say *no* to premarital sex. Say *no* to infidelity. Say *no* to cheating. Say *no* to lies. Say *no* to over-consumption. But say *yes* to truth. Say *yes* to sharing and to charitable deeds. Say *yes* to prayer time. Say *yes* to your family's need for your presence and time. Say *yes* to Jesus.

Lent is a journey from what we are to what we can become. Lent is about transformation from being ugly to becoming beautiful; from being good to becoming better. There is a chance. There is hope. After these forty days are over, I hope this is the result: your husband or wife will be amazed because of the change that happened in you; your parents will be amazed of the big change that happened in their children; and parishioners will be amazed at their priests because we've all changed a lot for the better. Truly, zeal for God's house, God's church, must consume us!

Please take the opportunity given to us by the lockdown. It could be that one of the objectives of this pandemic is for us to be transformed and purified to come out of this pandemic a better person, a better citizen, and a better Christian.

Fr Regulo Imperial, the Pastor

BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY, Founder of Knights of Columbus Known as *"Apostle of Christian family"* and *"Priest of the Beatitudes,"* Fr. Michael McGivney lived during turbulent times of discrimination and division, which were particularly difficult for Catholic families. Today, his legacy lives on thanks to the work of the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest community of lay Catholic men, which he founded in 1882. This Lent, immerse yourself and your close ones in the virtues of prayer, holiness and charity through the life and legacy of this new Blessed in the Church – and learn about his historical and active links to the Canadian Church. Watch two new documentaries about his life and legacy here: <http://bit.ly/McGivneyDocs>.



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