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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 Drive905-793-8900St John Henry Newman, 698 Balmoral Drive905-792-2268Georges Vanier, 28 Finchgate Boulevard905-792-2251Holy Name of Mary, 115 Glenvale Boulevard905-791-5007St. Thomas Aquinas, 25 Corporation Drive905-791-1195

## WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:

New Parishioners are asked to register. Cards are available at the back of the church.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

9 a.m. – 🕆 Wilcom Pereira requested by the Gonsalves Family

Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 9 a.m. –

Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. –

Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. –

Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – ♥ Luigi Zanata req by the Zanata, Rossi & Miles Families Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. –

Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. –

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. –



Offertory March 14<sup>th</sup>: \$2,335 Building Fund: \$1,632

The Church depends on your generous offerings to continue the work of God. If you are able, please consider continuing your Sunday offering by: • mailing it to our parish office • dropping your



envelope in our secured, outdoor mailbox or in the donation box inside the church **O** 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.

We were recently forced to do some repairs in the parish hall because of burst pipes due to some 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

# WELCOME BACK TO ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH!

Our capacity is 100 people including priest, and volunteer ministers. First come, first served.

#### **Mass Schedule:**

- •Daily Masses at 9 am; No evening masses
- •Weekend masses: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 9 am; 10:30 am; 12 pm

Confession: Saturdays at 4:30 pm

Way of the Cross: Friday, March 26th at 7 pm, no Mass. The priest will remain at the altar & will not go around the church.

Please remember to follow the now familiar routine: Sanitize your hands, wear a mask, sit on indicated pews, for communion make a single line in the middle of the aisle, follow the instructions of the ushers, spray your seat before you leave, entrance at main doors, exit at two side doors. Thank you!

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.

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "*lay down their lives for their friends*". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

VIRTUAL COME & SEE WEEKEND – for men 17+ years. Via Zoom hosted by the Office of Vocations. March 26 (7-9 pm) / March 27 (10 am-5 pm). The weekend offers a way for men to discern a possible call to the priesthood. Register: www.vocationstoronto.ca Questions: vocations@archtoronto.org



## Effective Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> OFFICE HOURS

Open Mondays 9 am-1 pm & 2-4:30 pm No visitors on Wednesdays JRCH but phone calls and emails will be returned

from 9 am-4:30 pm

For any inquiries and concerns through the week, please email: *stjohnfisherparish@gmail.com* or leave a message at 905-793-6610.



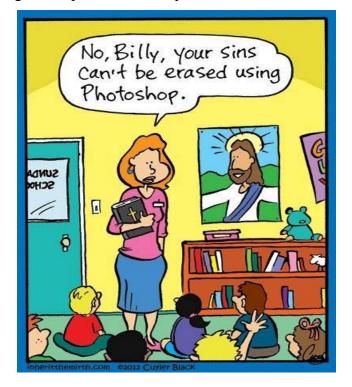
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#### Reflection from the Archdiocese of Toronto Office of Formation for Discipleship HEART SPEAKS TO HEART

As we approach Holy Week, the readings begin to point towards Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. His sacrifice was a sacrifice of love done to reconcile us with God. It is through His sacrifice that we now live in the new covenant between God and humanity. In the first reading, God tells the prophet Jeremiah, "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Through Jesus, a new covenant is formed. One that is not ruled by strict adherence to laws and regulations, but rather one that is based on living in the love of God. The Lord says that He will write the covenant on our hearts. For the Lord to insist on writing it on our hearts, He implies that this covenant will be extremely personal and intimate.

As stewards, we are called into a deep relationship and friendship with God. St John Henry Newman's motto was "*Cor ad cor loquitur*", or "*Heart speaks unto heart*." He fully understood the depths and importance of what it means to be in an intimate relationship with God. Do we likewise try to foster a personal relationship with Christ? Jesus' life, death and resurrection forever changed the way we go to God in prayer. Let us strive to go to Him and bear our heart to Him, that we may be able to grow deeper in relationship with Christ.



### CWL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG WOMEN Deadline for submissions: August 31<sup>st</sup>

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to the University of Toronto St Michael's College. The value of this non-renewable scholarship is \$3,000. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of the Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St Michael's College is her first college of choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, or Sciences.

You can find all the details and application here: https://www.cwltoronto.ca/siteimages/ref%20docs/6b\_2021 %20St.%20Mikes%20Scholarship%20%20Competition.pdf



#### MARY DOBELL PRO-LIFE AWARENESS ESSAY & POETRY CONTEST

This contest is promoted by the Toronto Archdiocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada to support and encourage an awareness and positive attitude toward a broad range of pro-life issues. These address all facets and stages of life development from conception, through childhood, adolescence, adulthood, and senior years, to the new life stage after death.

St John Fisher CWL invites students in our parish in grades 7-12 to participate in this contest. Due to the pandemic, all entries must be submitted online and there will be no advancement to the higher levels of the CWL. Small prizes will be awarded by our Council.

Find all the rules/judging criteria on the church CWL page: *https://stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org/catholic-womens-league-(cwl)/prolife-essay-poetry-contest* 

To submit your essay or poem or if you have any questions, email: *stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com*. Deadline is to enter is April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Confession is the soul's bath. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again! *St Padre Pio* 

Why don't we sing Alleluia during Lent? Alleluia is a Hebrew word that means *Praise Yahweh*. It is a joyful word, and as we sing, we join the heavenly worship of the choir of angels. *Alleluia* reminds us that as we participate in mass, we also participate in God's kingdom established on earth. During Lent, on the other hand, we focus on the kingdom coming, not the kingdom come. For this reason, we don't sing the *Alleluia*, but instead acknowledge our sins and repent so that we may one day worship God in heaven as the angels do. *Archdiocese of Toronto*  Liturgical Publications 3171 LENWORTH DR. #12 MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2G6 905-624-4422



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