# 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.



#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 29th

9 a.m. – & Wilcom Pereira requested by Leandro Fernandes, Chrys & Theresa Gonsalves & Family

Tuesday, March 30th

9 a.m. –

Wednesday, March 31st

9 a.m. – & Manuel D. Santo requested by Olivia C. Dargo

Thursday, April 1st

9 a.m. -

7 p.m. –

Friday, April 2nd

**3 p.m.** – Souls in purgatory requested by Silvana Miles

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

8 p.m. – \$\P\$ Anna Le Thi Con requested by Phi Lam

Sunday, April 4th

9 a.m. –

10:30 a.m. – Deceased members of the Seebaransingh Family 12 p.m. – Shirley & Reg Digby requested by the Miles Family

#### Offertory

March 21st: \$2,769

Thank You ShareLife: \$1,722

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 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.

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



Holy Thursday: April 1 @ 7 p.m.

- NO Washing of feet
- NO Procession of the Blessed Sacrament
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour

#### Good Friday: April 2 @ 3 p.m.

- Reading of the Passion of Our Lord
- Collection for the Holy Land
- Adoration of the Cross (NO touching/kissing of the cross)
- Public adoration of the cross will take place after the service (NO touching/kissing of the cross)

#### Stations of the Cross: April 2 @ 7 p.m.

• Priest will remain at the altar and will not go around the church

#### Easter Vigil / Holy Saturday: April 3 @ 8 p.m.

• NO Blessing of Fire

The Paschal candle is lit at the beginning of the Easter celebration

- Exultet
- Reading of the History of Salvation (3 readings)
- Glory to God, Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- End of Triduum

Easter Sunday: April 4

• 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

#### WELCOME BACK TO ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH!

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

*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.



#### Effective Monday, March 15th **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.

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / **vocations@archtoronto.org** / www.vocationstoronto.ca



Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday is called *Palm Sunday*, the beginning of the Holy Week. The story starts with Jesus entering the Holy City. Now we watch the crowds who were part of the story of Jesus' passion. The first part was the jubilant crowd who praised Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. The second part was the tumultuous crowd who joined the religious leaders three times in demanding Jesus' crucifixion. The third part was the mourning crowd of women who lamented his fate as he walked the way of the cross.

During the entrance rite, Jesus has reached his destination - *Jerusalem, My Destiny*, according to the church hymn. Just as he entered the city of Jerusalem, he is here with us today in the New Jerusalem, the church. We celebrate his presence with us, and we wave our palms and praise him as king!

How quickly things can change. What began as a time of praise and joyful celebration this morning has now become a time of unimaginable suffering and death.

If we wonder with which crowd we might be identified, we must look at our own lives. We shout *Praise the Lord* when everything is going our way. And seemingly moments later, we crucify Jesus with our complaints when the going gets tough.

During the time of pandemic, we must stick with Jesus. We continue singing praises and hosannas to Him. Today, and every time we gather to celebrate Mass, we join our suffering with Jesus. We bring our own crosses to the cross. And in doing so, we are confident that just as resurrection comes in Jesus, resurrection will come for us. We can arise again with Jesus over this pandemic, just like the resurrection of Jesus.

**KEEP SAFE AND HEALTHY!** God bless, The Pastor



#### 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 to enter is April 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### ST JOHN FISHER PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

*January 1 - December 31, 2020* 

Receipts	2020	2019
Offertory Collection	158530.85	231,341.24
Building Maintenance Fund	61,359.25	70,023.42
New Year, Easter, All Souls, Christmas	14,432.25	20,897.40
Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals	4,750.00	7,995.00
Mass Offerings/Intentions	4,670.00	8,280.00
Sundry Receipts	61,417.08	72,998.23
Hall Rental	770.00	5,200.00
Special Diocesan Collections	16,178.00	39,589.60
Total Receipts	322,107.43	456,324.89
Expenditures		
Payroll Expenses	142,928.28	155,833.35
Church Operating Expenses	18,424.10	69,363.86
Property Insurance & Utilities	21,052.93	27,766.41
Property Maintenance & Repairs	16,940.66	30,756.38
Liturgical Mass Expenses	4,779.94	8,778.71
Rectory Expenses	12,864.42	10,128.91
Archdiocesan Assessments	52,367.00	43,458.00
Disburse Diocesan Collections	16,548.00	39,219.50
Principal Loan Repayments	13,098.48	39,549.19
Interest Payments on Loans	5,148.89	7,784.56
Capital Items: Furnishings/	1,979.32	48,762.39
Equipment		
Major Repair: Property Additions/	2,700.82	2,066.25
Restorations	***	100 150 01
Total Expenses	308,832.84	483,467.51
Current Operating Fund	13,274.59	(27,142.62)

Supplemental Information:

- •Our Parish still owes \$146,408.13 from the bank as of Dec. 31, 2020.
- •We anticipate capital projects early in 2021 that will draw down these cash balances especially our New Fire Alarm System
- •As our churches are still closed and the CEWS subsidy will be considerably lower we are keeping excess funds on hand as a cushion.

Thank you for your generosity!

### CWL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG WOMEN Deadline for submissions: August 31st

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

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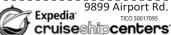
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