

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, April 12th

9 a.m. – ✠ Marlene Valente requested by Reg & Shirley Digby

Tuesday, April 13th

9 a.m. – ✠ Beniamino Bordignon requested by the Rossi & Miles Families

Wednesday, April 14th

9 a.m. –

Thursday, April 15th

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

Friday, April 16th

9 a.m. – ✠ Carmelina Vaz E Coelho requested by Nuno Coelho

Saturday, April 17th

5:30 p.m. – ✠ Daniel Rozario requested by the Rozario & Gomes Families

Sunday, April 18th

9 a.m. – ✠ Amalraj Fernando requested by Joseph & Helen Ashok

10:30 a.m. – ✠ Evelina Squillaro requested by Lila Squillaro

12 p.m. – ✠ William Hamilton requested by Kathleen Henvey & Family



Offertory

April 4th: \$4,312

Easter: \$6,305

Good Friday: \$2,505

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YOUR FINANCIAL HELP IS ALWAYS REQUIRED

The Church depends on your generous offerings to continue God's work and to cover some major maintenance issues for our older church building.

We have had to upgrade our Fire Prevention Measures and still need a bit more money to pay off the \$26,766.31 price tag. Due to severe cold weather in February, we had to repair some burst pipes in the hall.

I know that many of you are facing your own financial struggles brought on by the pandemic, but I must ask for your continued financial support 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.

Humbly yours, Fr Regs

How to donate:

- ❶ mail it to our parish office
- ❷ drop your envelope in our secured, outdoor mailbox or
- ❸ drop your envelope in the donation box inside the church
- ❹ give online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website (Donate Now)



Dear Parishioners:

Today is the 2nd **Sunday of Easter**. John the Evangelist starts his story this way: *"on the evening of the first day of the week..."* John is operating in a new time zone. According to the Jewish reckoning, a day began with sunset, a concept that goes back to Genesis 1, which counted the days saying, *"Evening came and morning followed, the first day..."* When John calls the evening of the day of Christ's resurrection the *first day*, he is speaking about the first day of the new creation, a symbolic day that will never end.

The news of the resurrection spread among the disciples. Jesus made himself present amid the disciples who were hiding in the upper room. Now, on this first day of the new creation, just as the Creator had blown the breath of life into Adam, Jesus breathed his own Spirit over them and asked them to receive it. Those who received Jesus' Spirit and peace received the power to carry on his mission of forgiveness. Forgiveness brings people into union with God and one another. This is the reason why St. Pope John Paul II designated this Sunday as **Divine Mercy Sunday**.

John could have ended his Gospel with this appearance of Jesus. But that could have made it appear that the Gospel closed with the women and men who were present in that room. John was writing for all Christians and wanted to include us in the story. Thus, he introduced us to Thomas, the twin brother of everyone who was absent on the first night. For those of us who do not believe because they have not seen and touched the risen Jesus, these words of Jesus are for us: *"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

HAPPY EASTER!

Fr. Regulo Imperial, The Pastor

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.

Have you visited our website recently? We have a new look! The Archdiocese has provided a new platform and we have been busy adding sections. Check it out!

www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org

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OFFICE HOURS Effective Monday, March 15th

Open Mondays 9 am-1 pm & 2-4:30 pm

No visitors on Wednesdays 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.

Excerpt from the Catholic Register, April 26, 2020

Pope Francis said forced isolation caused by COVID-19 posed the danger of people living the faith only for themselves and becoming detached from spiritual Community, the sacraments, and the Church.

Online Masses and spiritual communion do not represent the Church, he said. This is the Church in a difficult situation that the Lord is allowing, but the ideal of the Church is always with the people and with the sacraments – always, Pope Francis said.

Masses, prayers and faith-based initiatives have been offered online, and the faithful have been encouraged to make an act of spiritual communion given their lack of access to holy Communion, but this is not the Church, the Pope said.

One's relationship with Jesus is intimate, it is personal, but it is in a community, and this closeness to Christ without community, without the Eucharist, without the people of God assembled together, and without sacraments is dangerous, he said.

The Pope said the bishop wrote to him before Easter when it was announced Mass would be celebrated in an empty St. Peter's Basilica. He said the bishop questioned the decision and asked, *When St. Peter's is so big, why not put 30 people at least (in the basilica) so people can be seen.* THE CHURCH, THE SACRAMENTS AND THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE CONCRETE, the Pope said.



ARCHDIOCESAN WEEK OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

APRIL 19-24

Let us all join, as a community, in prayer for vocations to the priesthood, religious or consecrated life. We also ask that you pray for our six soon-to-be priests, along with all who are discerning and who are currently in formation at St Augustine's Seminary. Thank you for your continued support as we work and pray together to the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into His vineyard.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St Joseph, her spouse, St Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for your Church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon.

contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

Women of the Word Toronto Sat April 17th 9:30 am-12 pm

I'm not perfect, you're not perfect. But it's ok.

Registration required. Wowblessingtoronto.com.

Speakers: Colleen Carroll Campbell & Dr Josephine Lombardi

Songs from the Seminary: An Evening of Music in Honour of Our Blessed Mother - Thursday, April 15th @ 7 pm

A virtual event hosted by St. Augustine's Seminary

Join online at: www.youtube.com/archtoronto



As we begin the 2021 ShareLife campaign, I wanted to provide you with some updates:

The collection dates for the 2021 campaign have shifted to the weekends of April 17-18, June 19-20 and October 2-3. If you have a box of envelopes, the ShareLife envelopes in these boxes will have different dates on them. You may contribute on these different dates, if you wish or you may contribute to the new dates listed above.

2021 overall parish campaign goal: \$13.8 million

St. John Fisher 2021 suggested Campaign Goal: \$24,400
(2020 Campaign Result – \$13,505)

LET US WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL.

Thank you for your generosity! Fr Regs



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/en/parish-life/groups-at-st-john-fisher-church/cwl---overview-fundraising-contests/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 18th.**

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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