

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.



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, April 19th
9 a.m. –

Tuesday, April 20th
9 a.m. –

Wednesday, April 21st
9 a.m. – ☩ Daniel Cabral Andrade requested by the Andrade Family

Thursday, April 22nd
9 a.m. –

Friday, April 23rd
9 a.m. – ☩ Stella Williams requested by Liz Orr

Saturday, April 24th
5:30 p.m. – ☩ Ethel De Rozario req by Audrey & Olive De Rozario

Sunday, April 25th
9 a.m. –
10:30 a.m. –
12 p.m. –



Dear Parishioners:

The big question on the *Third Sunday of Easter* is: *Do we, like the earliest disciples, actually believe and rejoice in seeing Jesus risen from the dead?*

Jesus appeared to his disciples again for the third time. During this time, Jesus was seen alive again by various followers. Luke says the disciples were “*startled and terrified*”. We start to comprehend how hard it was for the disciples to understand the risen Christ. According to the Gospels and Paul (1 Cor 15:1-8), Jesus appeared to women and to men, singly and in groups, up to as many as five hundred. But among non-believers in and around Jerusalem there is no record of seeing the risen Christ. In fact, according to Acts, the apostles preached that Jesus’ life was public record and his death was public record, but of his resurrection, “*we are witnesses*” (3:15; 5:32).

Luke 24:45-48 tells us: “*Thus it is written that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.*”

According to the New Webster’s Dictionary, a *witness* is a person who testifies publicly of the truths of a religious belief. To bear witness is to declare, on the strength of personal observation that something is true.

Believers of the resurrection are not required to prove the veracity or to present the mechanics of the actual resurrection of Jesus. We are to prove the authenticity of the resurrection by the way we live our lives as witnesses to the resurrection.

Notice the bold transformation of the early followers. All who believed were together and had all things in common. They would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one’s need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. (Acts 2:44-47a)

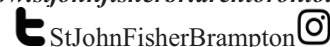
The power of witnessing should not be underestimated, even if many Christians today display a kind of modesty about their acts of compassion and their lives of prayer. The earliest followers of Jesus were convinced that since God had raised Jesus from the dead, everything must henceforth be different in the ways in which they conducted their lives.

**THE RISEN LORD INVITES US
TO LIVE AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD!**

Fr. Regulo Imperial, The Pastor

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



Offertory

April 11th: \$2,592

Building Fund: \$1,755

Thank You
for your generosity

YOUR FINANCIAL HELP IS ALWAYS REQUIRED

The Church depends on your generous offerings to continue God’s work God 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)



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.



The St John Fisher Parish Family welcomes:

Jaxon Eduardo Nascimento
Julliana Madison Lopez Paray

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!

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.



What could convince someone to turn to God?

The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca



**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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY OF TORONTO - WORKSHOPS

► *The Joy & Challenge of Preaching* –
Friday, June 4th – Online – 8:30 am to 3 pm
Presenter: Fr Joshua J. Whitfield

Cost \$40. Register @ www.staugustines.on.ca/about/events.

Message from Jesus: YOLO. LOL. JK. BRB.

You only live once. Laugh out loud. Just kidding. Be right back.



This weekend is the first collection for the 2021 ShareLife campaign. New this year, we will be holding fundraisers to increase our donations.

Just in time for **Mother's Day**, choose from an assortment of Annual Flowers in 4" Pots for \$6 each. *How it works:*

- 1) Pre-order your plants by April 29th by email (michellefrizza@gmail.com) or phone (416)-828-8071.
 - 2) Pay when you receive your plants.
 - 3) Plants will be available for pickup May 3-8.
- Choose from Zinnia Magellan, Zinnia Zahara, Vinca Valiant, Begonia Illumination, Geranium Zonal Savannah, Dahlia Dahlietta, and Coleus Cuttings.

Visit our church website for all the details, including pictures and colour options. Look for Sharelife@StJohnFisher.

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

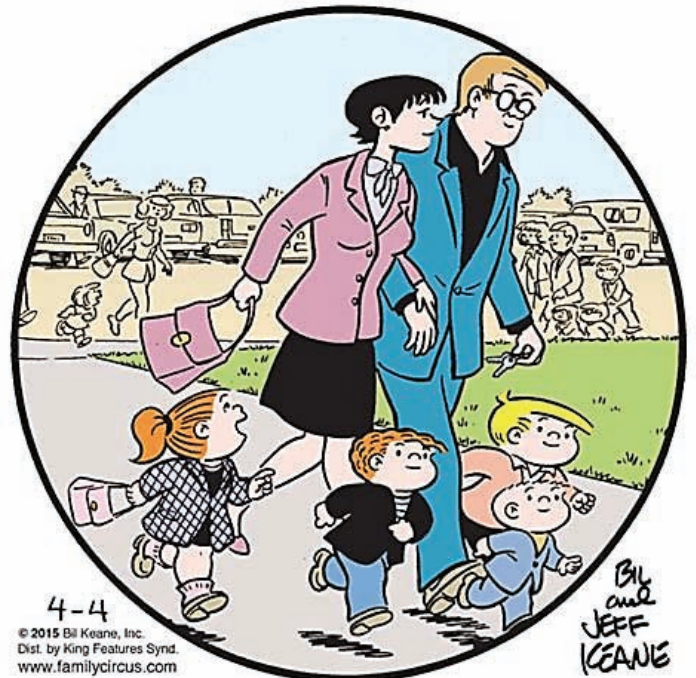
LET US WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL.

Thank you for your generosity! Fr Regs

Resisting Throwaway Culture: How a Consistent Life

Ethic Can Unite Us - Webinar hosted by Catholic Conscience
Wednesday, April 21st from 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Ours is a "throwaway culture," in the words of Pope Francis — one in which the vulnerable are too-often discarded like trash. It doesn't have to be this way. In his book, *Resisting Throwaway Culture*, Fordham University professor Charles Camosy calls us to transcend the left-right political divide in favour of a Catholic culture of hospitality and encounter where "no one is useless, no one is expendable... [and includes] those on the peripheries of life." Learn how a Consistent Life Ethic can unite us and build this political culture, one rooted in love and human dignity. **REGISTER at:** <http://bit.ly/ThrowawayCultureCC>



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