

# 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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – Merito Urqel and Susana & Juan Sanchez

**Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – †David Miles requested by Silvana Miles

**Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – Prayers for the Allison and Chung Families

**Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. –

**Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. – †Phero Le Ngoc Lan requested by Phi Lam

**Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. –

10:30 a.m. – †Winston Craig requested by Yolande Craig

12 p.m. –

*Communion is food for our soul  
and therefore, essential for our faith and well-being.*  
**Holy Communion available Sundays from 9 - 11:30 am.**

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*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.**

**Saturday Confessions are cancelled until further notice.**



#### Offertory

May 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$2,694  
ShareLife: \$1,154

**Thank You**  
for your generosity

#### YOUR FINANCIAL HELP IS ALWAYS REQUIRED

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



If you are financially able, please continue to drop off your weekly donations to keep our church running. Any amount is appreciated.

**GOD CAN MAKE SMALL GIFTS DO GREAT THINGS.**

*Humbly yours, Fr Regs*

#### How to donate:

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



#### OFFICE HOURS Effective Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

The office is closed to in-person appointments. Phone calls and emails will be returned/answered on Mondays & Wednesdays.

Please email: [stjohnfisherparish@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnfisherparish@gmail.com)  
or leave a message at 905-793-6610.

Our church is **OPEN** for private prayer each day from 9:30 am – 12 pm. Attendance inside the church is limited to 10 people, including priest or staff/volunteer to monitor capacity restrictions.

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*Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.*

We have added a written history of our St. John Fisher Parish, and a photo gallery. More to come!

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All God asks is "Love one another as I have loved you". The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests, religious and deacons can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's call, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto: vocations@archtoronto.org) / [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



#### YOUR GIFT TO SHARELIFE IS HELPING!

"ShareLife-funded agencies have been helping thousands of people since the pandemic began. They quickly adapted their programs considering safety and the changing needs of the people they serve. We can help alleviate the suffering of those whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. Let us say yes to Jesus' call to live the Gospel by providing for those in need." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

**Thank you for supporting ShareLife!**

**Thank you** to our parishioners who supported our St John Fisher ShareLife Campaign Fundraiser – Flowers for Mother's Day. We will provide the amount raised on May 15/16.

**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**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St John Fisher Church:

This **Fourth Sunday of Easter** we are invited to contemplate the blessedness of being friends: friends of God, friends of Jesus, and friends of one another. Jesus says: *"I no longer speak of you as slaves...instead I call you friends."* We can call this: *Friendly Sunday*.

Being chosen means that another has taken the initiative and exercised a prerogative that singles me out, sets me apart and offers me a new identity- a friend. Jesus took this initiative and chose us to be His friend. To be friends with Jesus is a gift - unsolicited, unearned, unexpected.

William Barclay says: *At the court of the Roman emperor there was a select group of men known as "the friends of the emperor." At all times, day or night, they had the right to enter the emperor's presence. No one else had such a right - no senator, no consul, no military commander. The emperor consulted "the friends" before he spoke with his statesmen or generals on any issue. "The friends of the emperor were those who had the closest and the most intimate connection with him."*

This is the context in which Jesus spoke of his apostles as his friends. What does it mean to be a chosen friend of Jesus? To be a friend of Jesus has an obligation. He didn't say *"Be my friend and you can do everything."* Instead, Jesus says: *"You are my friend if you keep my commandment."* To be a friend of Jesus means that we are to keep his command and love one another as he has loved us. Friendship also has a responsibility. You cannot just do anything you want and remain a friend.

There was an ancient controversy that has become critical because it is polarizing the church into two groups.

- One group focuses on prayer and contemplation - often referred to as vertical dimension.
- The other group advocates the social Gospel, the horizontal dimension, stressing service towards our brothers and sisters.

Jesus said: *This is my command that you love one another.* This is not an option. It is a command for us Christians. Friendship is not presumed among members of a family. We cannot be called a Christian family unless we are a family of friends.

We have a parent who responds to a baby's cry in the middle of the night. A nurse who gently bathes a bedsore patient. A teenager who willingly shovels the snow for an elderly neighbour. A retired person who volunteers to stuff envelopes for charity mailing. An auto mechanic who repairs a traveler's car. These people have *laid down their lives, have died to self.*

In the middle of this pandemic let us exercise love and friendship with one another. Do whatever we can to alleviate the suffering of our fellow parishioners. Go the extra mile. Give a helping hand. Share encouraging words. *"There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for a friend."*

**KEEP SAFE!** Fr Regulo

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 10402 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



Men aged 18 and older are invited to consider joining our Council this year. The Knights of Columbus is a family and fraternal benefit organization of Catholic men who are committed to making their community a better place through their charitable works while supporting the church. Being a "knight" is more than camaraderie. Being a "knight" means being involved in the community and growing one's faith and protecting and enhancing family life. The Knights sponsor many different pastoral and social events.

If you join online before June 30<sup>th</sup>, you will receive 12 months of free online membership. Visit the Supreme website at <https://www.kofc.org/apps/joinus/en/registration/index.html> and enter Promo Code MCGIVNEY2020. Don't forget to indicate our Council number 10402. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Membership Director, Eldred Hopkins at (647) 297-3679 or Financial Secretary, Owen Goosney at (416) 471-2743.

### FUNDRAISER/FOOD DRIVE MAY 2021

The St John Fisher Knights of Columbus 10402 are encouraging all parishioners to take time to donate directly to the food banks in our area as it is not currently practical to hold a food drive.



Please drop off at:

- The Knights Table: 287 Glidden Road, Unit #4,
- Ste Louise Outreach Centre of Peel: 32 Haggert Ave N
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. John Fisher

If you prefer, you can donate money through the St John Fisher Knights of Columbus 10402 via E-Transfer: [knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com).

Any money sent to the Knights of Columbus will be donated to the organizations listed above, in your name. Please indicate on the E-Transfer which organization you would like to support with your donation. Thank you!



### The First Lady and Her Successors Documentary Film by Dr Josephine Lombardi

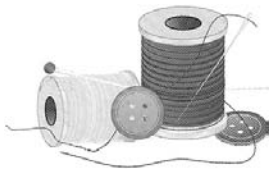
Interviews with nine amazing women, connecting their stories to the life of Our Lady, Mary the mother of Jesus. The film follows Biblical accounts associated with Mary and shows how all women are called to relate to Mary's experiences. Available for free viewing on select Marian feast days.

First viewing on *May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm*. For more details visit: [www.josephinelombardi.com](http://www.josephinelombardi.com).

**Congratulations** to Father Arthur Lee and Father Andrew Taylor who were ordained on May 8<sup>th</sup> by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins at St Michael's Cathedral.  
Our prayers are with you!

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