

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:

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| 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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 17th
9 a.m. –

Tuesday, May 18th
9 a.m. –

Wednesday, May 19th
9 a.m. –

Thursday, May 20th
9 a.m. – †John Coucelos requested by Laudelina Coucelos

Friday, May 21st
9 a.m. –

Saturday, May 22nd
5:30 p.m. – †Sylvester Peter D'Souza requested by the Family

Sunday, May 23rd
9 a.m. –
10:30 a.m. –
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.

▶ Only 9 people are allowed in the church at any time (plus the Celebrant). ▶ The small group in attendance will be asked to stand, appropriately distanced, in front of the sanctuary. ▶ No one may sit or kneel so that cleaning of pews is not required in between these services. ▶ Please follow the instructions from the ushers. They will regulate attendance by allowing for the departure of one group and the entrance of the next one. ▶ Distribution of Communion will start as soon as 9 people are ready for the next service. Each service is about 8 minutes. ▶ First-come, first-served. Please bring your patience with you! If the session you hope to attend is full, we kindly ask you to wait in your cars for the next available service. **PLEASE BE PATIENT** 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.

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 including pictures of our beautiful stained glass windows and statues. More to come!

www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org



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:

- 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)

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem and to wait and to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

Thank you to our parishioners who supported our St John Fisher ShareLife Campaign Fundraiser-*Flowers for Mother's Day*. We have raised **\$400** so far and will be adding to this amount as some flowers will only be available later this month.

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

OFFICE HOURS Effective Monday, April 19th
The office is closed to in-person appointments. Phone calls and emails will be returned/answered on Mondays & Wednesdays.
Please email: 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.

The St John Fisher Parish Family welcomes:
Holy Baptism Thomas Magallanes Bautista
MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!

The **Catholic Women's League of the Archdiocese of Toronto** celebrates its 100th Anniversary (virtually) on May 15th. The first Convention was held in 1921. Please continue to support and pray for the CWL.

For the Catholic Women's League of the Archdiocese of Toronto as it celebrates 100 years of faithful service within the many parishes of the Archdiocese. May God bless members both past and present for their years of dedicated service to the Church and grant them strength and guidance as they continue to serve God's people. Amen.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St John Fisher Church:
Greetings of Peace!

How are you doing? I hope that you are all safe and well. Let us pray the rosary together every day as Pope Francis encourages us to do, to ask the intercession of our Mother Mary to eradicate this pandemic.

Here is a story you may have heard before: Jesus checks in with St Peter as he was tending the pearly gates. Peter looked a little bummed, so Jesus asked, "*What is wrong.*" Peter said, "I TRY TO DO MY JOB. IF PEOPLE SHOW UP AND WANT IN BUT DON'T LOOK READY, I TELL THEM TO GET A LITTLE MORE PURIFIED, THEN COME BACK. I CLOSE THE GATE BEHIND THEM." Jesus asked, "*So what's the problem?*" Peter responded, "I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT SOME OF THEM SNEAK AROUND TO THE BACK DOOR AND YOUR MOTHER LETS THEM IN."

This story conveys a truth: Mary is eager to do everything she can to help us alleviate our suffering on earth and thereby help us to enter heaven.

Today we celebrate the *Ascension of the Lord*. Upon Jesus' arrival in heaven, a vast host of angels greeted him. After the formalities, they asked him who he had left behind on earth to finish the work he had begun. Jesus replied, "*Just a small group of men and women who love me.*" "THAT'S ALL?" asked the angels, astonished. "WHAT IF THIS TINY GROUP SHOULD FAIL? DO YOU HAVE PLAN B?" Jesus replied, "*I have no other plans.*" (Story Telling the Word, p.228)

Dear people of God, hear the voice of the angels: *Why do you just sit there looking up at the skies? Roll up your sleeves and go! Now, by the power of the Holy Spirit we are commissioned to go and be his witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.* We are given the opportunity, as we are locked down in our own houses, to teach our children and members of the family the Christian way and tradition. Gather your family in the evening to pray the rosary. Have your meal together without gadgets and share stories with each other. Start to pray before and after meals. For kids: try to help around the house; try to be kind to the elderly in your home. Teach ourselves and the children to do something for the poor and the needy. Our task is to observe his commandment of love and service.

Finally, we all miss the community celebration of the Eucharist. Let us pray to God to eliminate the pandemic in our midst to begin living once again our normal way of life. Our relationship with Jesus *is intimate and personal, but it is in a community.* And this closeness to Christ without community, without Eucharist, without the people of God assembled together and "*without the sacraments is dangerous*", Pope Francis said.

**JESUS ASCENDED INTO THE HEAVENS,
BUT HE DID NOT LEAVE US ORPHANS!**

Fr. Regulo Imperial, The Pastor

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 30th, 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 info, 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.



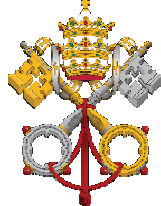
Please drop off at:

- 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.

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

THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS COLLECTION – MAY 16



Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This second collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as *Peter's Pence Donations* and is used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, and for the support of the Holy See and serving the Universal Church. Please give generously.

RECLAIMING LOVE

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR EVERYONE

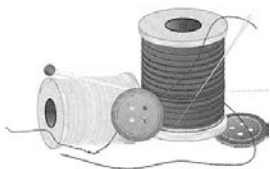
Thursday, May 20th – 7-8:30 pm

Presenter Jason Evert is an internationally-known Catholic speaker and author who will lead a discussion beyond feelings to help us embrace an integrated understanding of the truth of our identity. Register for this free webinar at:

www.archtoronto.org/reclaiminglove.

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