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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:** 

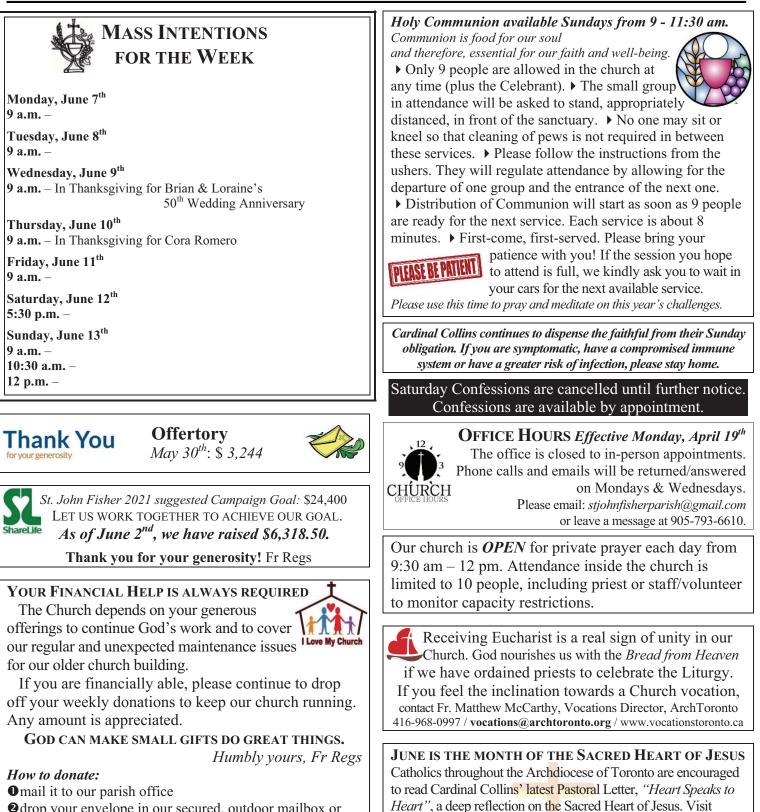
For the sick. Contact the Rectory.

## **PARISH SCHOOLS:**

St. John Fisher, 330 Balmoral Drive905-793-8900St John Henry Newman, 698 Balmoral Drive905-792-2268Georges Vanier, 28 Finchgate Boulevard905-792-2251Holy Name of Mary, 115 Glenvale Boulevard905-791-5007St. Thomas Aquinas, 25 Corporation Drive905-791-1195

# WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:

New Parishioners are asked to register. Cards are available at the back of the church.



www.archtoronto.org/sacredheart to read the letter and to access

numerous resources. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of

the month of June. The theme of the Sacred Heart, however,

is pertinent throughout the year and the resources, prayers

and reflections are helpful tools to utilize year-round.

Jesus is observed in 2021 on Friday, June 11 and you are encouraged to offer a special focus on the Sacred Heart in

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Dear Parishioners: Greetings of Peace! Today we celebrate the *Feast of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*.

The feeding of thousands of people by Jesus with five loaves and two fish was narrated by the four evangelists. And here is the touching story in the gospel: Multitudes of people were following Jesus, even in the deserted places, to listen to him and to experience for themselves the many miracles done by him. *"When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd...He had compassion for them... When it was evening, Jesus said to them,* 'THEY NEED NOT GO AWAY. YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT."

Lord, we have been locked down in our houses these past three months and it seems to us like a dark evening of our life. We believe that You see us and out of compassion you said: *"you give them something to eat."* Today, this feast of Corpus Christi becomes more meaningful for me and I believe, for you too. We begin to see the hope in re-opening the door of our churches, to be fed once again by your Body and Blood, which we desperately need. We are spiritually starving, and spirit is getting low. We are almost at the rock bottom of everything we do. Come multiply your bread for all of us to eat and be nourished.

Jesus is truly God-with-us, not only spiritually but physically also. When people who love each other must leave each other, what are the most common things they do? Two in particular: They hug long and close, and they leave something of themselves behind, maybe a picture, a poem, a ring, a flower, with the promise that he will return to be together again.

The hug is literally physical. The other is symbolic and means, "When you touch or kiss my picture, you're touching me, and somehow we are together."

God knows this better than anyone. It is why Jesus gave us the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, skin gets touched. The Eucharist isn't abstract, a theological instruction, a creed, a moral precept, a philosophy, or even just an intimate word. It is bodily, an embrace, a kiss, something shockingly physical, the real presence in a deeper way than even the old metaphysics imagined.

My belief in the sacrament of the Eucharist is simple: Without touch, God is a monologue, an idea, a philosophy. He must touch and be touched. In the moment of the touch there is no place for thinking, for talking. The silent touch affirms all that and goes deeper: it affirms the mysteries of love and mortality.

As Pope Francis said: *We are not church without the Sacraments*. As we partake of the Eucharist once again, we become church for ourselves and for one another.

MAY THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST BLESS US! Fr. Regulo Imperial, The Pastor

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ALL MASSES

We are expecting our churches to reopen in July and we need to prepare! Please consider volunteering at the mass you normally attend. Can you see yourself doing one of these roles?



• Ushers greet people, direct them to appropriate seating, and collect the offertory. Email the church office at *stjohnfisherparish@gmail.com*.

•*Sacristans* prepare the altar for mass and tidy up after. Leave a message for Silvana at (905) 793-6997.

•*Eucharistic Ministers* distribute communion during mass. Leave a message for Fred at (905) 793-7360.

•*Lectors* read God's word during mass. Specific need for Sunday 10:30 am and 12 pm. Email Bernard at *brodrigues@rogers.com*.

Training will be provided for all roles. As we emerge from lockdown, now is the time to try something new. Please consider using the talents God has given you.

#### 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 info, please contact Membership Director, Eldred Hopkins at (647) 297-3679 or Financial Secretary, Owen Goosney at (416) 471-2743.

Sign Up to receive the Weekly Bulletin directly to your email. Since churches have been closed, our weekly bulletin has been posted on our website. We know that our parishioners sometimes forget to check. Thanks to the Archdiocese, a new feature has been added to our website that can help. You can now sign up to have our weekly bulletin and other special alerts emailed directly to your inbox. *Sign up here: https://stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/* 

Archdiocese For the children who died in the former Kamloops Indian Residential School and for all those impacted by this tragedy, that there may be healing founded on truth and that the Spirit will inspire our ongoing commitment to reconciliation. For this, we pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*. Please visit our website to read Cardinal Collins full statement.



