St. John Fisher Parish





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#### **PASTOR:** Fr. Regulo Imperial **IN RESIDENCE:** Fr. Rudy Imperial **SECRETARY:** Agata Wenderski

#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Mondays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. / 2 - 4:30 p.m. Calls, emails, in-person Wednesdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. / 2 - 3 p.m. Calls & emails only Wednesdays: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Calls, emails, in-person Fridays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. / 2 - 4:30 p.m. Calls & emails only

#### SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. / 10:30 a.m. / 12 p.m.

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday to Friday: 9 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Saturday: 4:30 - 5 p.m.

## WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:

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

## SACRAMENT OF INITIATION (BAPTISM):

By appointment only. Baptismal instruction required.

## 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

# **MASS INTENTIONS** FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 29th

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9 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory requested by Primitiva Soriano

Tuesday, November 30th 9 a.m. – <sup>‡</sup>Souls of Stella Pedraza & Monica Hernandez requested by Sherly Lathuillerie

Wednesday, December 1st 9 a.m. – <sup>‡</sup>Souls of Phil & Antony Family Members

Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving requested by the Dacuya Family

Friday, December 3rd 9 a.m. – <sup>‡</sup>Souls in Purgatory requested by Silvana Miles

Saturday, December 4th 5:30 p.m. – <sup>‡</sup>Giuse Le Trung Dung requested by Phi Lam

Sunday, December 5th 9 a.m. – <sup>‡</sup>Fred & Colleen Clarke requested by the Clarke Family 10:30 a.m. – \$Leo & Agnes Walsh requested by Mary Courneyea 12 p.m. – \$Lorraine Martin requested by Carole Pitcher & Family

## **Offertory:**

Thank You November 21st: \$ 3,344.90 Building Fund: \$ 1,475.10 Boiler Appeal (total to Nov 21): \$3,876



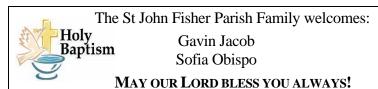
THE BOILER BROKE AND

THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP AGAIN Dear Parishioners, The church needs your generosity again. The boiler broke, flooded the basement and damaged the furnace. The repair is complete, at a cost of \$46,000. We have used \$23,000 from the building fund and our new debt is \$23,000. Please consider helping our church, if you are able. How to donate:

• mail it to our parish office

Orop your envelope in our secured, outdoor mailbox or Orop your envelope in the donation box inside the church • give online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website (Donate Now) Humbly yours, Fr Regs

Our supply of SUNDAY MISSALS has sold out quickly. SUNDAY MISSAL We will have more soon. Please contact the office if you are interested. St Joseph's Workshop also has a supply of missals for \$5 & welcomes our parishioners to visit them at: 259 Traders Blvd E, unit 12, Miss, L4Z 2E5 Wed-Fri 1-6 pm / Sat 1-5 pm / 905-568-8777





### 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 starting from the back pews, follow the instructions of the ushers, spray your seat before you leave, entrance at main doors, exit at two side doors.

If you are unable or unwilling to completely follow the guidelines for masking and sanitizing, remember that 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.



"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you think 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

**PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION** is now required for all parish volunteers who serve in Ministry: lectors, choir, eucharistic, ushers, sacristan, altar. Please contact the office for more information.

2022 ENVELOPES are ready for pick-up at the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please take your box only. Please do not use these new envelopes until January and complete the outside of the envelope for the first 3 weeks so we can verify the information. If you would like to start using envelopes and don't yet have them, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Sign Up to receive the Weekly Bulletin and other SIGN UP special alerts directly to your email. Sign up here: https://stiohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/



**Christmas Eve Christmas Dav** Friday, December 24th Saturday, December 25th 5 pm - 7 pm - 9 pm9 am - 10:30 am - 12 pm Sunday, December 26th – regular Sunday mass New Year's Eve New Year's Day Saturday, January 1st

Friday, December 31st 7 pm Exposition & Holy Hour 8 pm Mass

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – regular Sunday mass

10:30 am – 12 pm



#### **Beloved Parishioners:**

The disappearing sun and colder days of autumn will take us into winter and darkness seems about to overtake us. Trees around us have started to shed their leaves and death seems to show its head on the greens of the earth. The church will kindle the 1st candle of Advent.

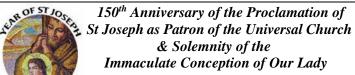
John and Jesus were born in a social and political mess, amidst darkness and confusion. Oppression was the order of the day. No wonder people flocked to John the Baptist to hear the good news of a change. They hoped they would get some help, a real change. People in those days attributed salvation to the emperor who was hailed as saviour, lord, and god. "Kyrie, eleison." But this time, John was offering a different kind of change and definitely not a political one.

The message of Advent is contained in this beautiful contrast: Destruction before rebuilding. Devastation before renewal. Something is ending. Something is about to be born. But first, death. Advent sounds the theme of destroying the old ways - and putting on new attitudes. Advent remembers things that should die, should be destroyed in order that something new will arise.

Advent asks us to wait. In fact, Advent is the season of waiting. One woman, with good insight, likens Advent to pregnancy. She writes, "Waiting is an impractical time in our thoughts, good for nothing, but mysteriously necessary to all that is coming. As in pregnancy, nothing of value comes into being without a period of quite incubation. All the ripening, germinating, gestating, growing are the process of becoming to be a new human being."

That's why Advent's chief figure is Mary. Mary had to wait patiently to create space for the child in her womb, in her life. She had to wait nine months to look into the face of her Saviour and ours. She had to let it happen.

God bless, Fr. Regulo Imperial, The Pastor



Join us on December  $8^{th}$  at 7 pm for a special Mass where St John Fisher parishioners will be

consecrated to St Joseph. Let us honour St. Joseph, the foster father of the Son of God, the diligent protector of Christ, the head of the Holy Family. The preparation for the consecration is 33 days and is to be prayed at home with the family or in prayer groups from November 6-December 8.



FIRST COMMUNION CORNER

Communion Parents of Grade 2 students who wish their child to receive the First Holy Communion must celebrate Mass here

at St John Fisher regularly. If you live within the boundaries of the parish and are not registered, please do so by completing the yellow Registration forms are in the wall pocket at the back of the church.

Two important events coming:

**①** Sun Dec 12th: →Grade 2 students and parents are invited to attend the 10:30 am Mass for a ceremony. Registration follows directly after Mass in the parish hall.  $\rightarrow$ Grade 3 students and parents are invited to attend the 12 pm Mass for a ceremony. Registration follows directly after Mass in the parish hall.

2 Mon Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm: All parents (only) are invited in the parish hall for an Information Meeting.

Please remember to *always* bring home a copy of the Bulletin to stay up to date with all communications about First Communion for your child.



**CONFIRMATION UPDATES** for Grade 7 & 8 students who wish to celebrate Confirmation with St John Fisher Church. Families of the candidates must attend Sunday Eucharist

regularly. Parents should be registered members of St John Fisher Parish. If you live within the boundaries of the parish and are not registered, please do so by completing the yellow Registration forms are in the wall pocket at the back of the church. Those students who go to another church must celebrate their Confirmation at their own parish church.

### Important events:

•December 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>: Registration Forms will be available at the back of the church. Take one home, fill out the required information and attach a copy of your Baptismal Certificate.

• December 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>: Return completed registration form and present it to our catechists at the back of the church. • January 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>: Enrolment Ceremony. The family attends their usual mass and will receive the copy of the rite at the entrance. The Confirmation candidate will prepare a hand-written (or typed) letter on a proper piece of paper, addressed to the Pastor, indicating why they want to be Confirmed. During Mass, the priest will call on the candidates to present their letter to him and receive the Blessed Wooden Cross to wear every day. • Tues Jan 25th at 7 pm: Mandatory meeting for Parents and Teens in the parish hall.

Confirmation Ceremony Dates to be announced.

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