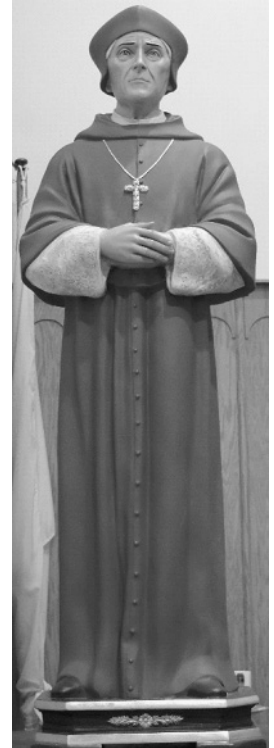


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OFFICE HOURS:

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 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 6th

9 a.m. – †Patricia Pearcy requested by the Miles Family

Tuesday, December 7th

9 a.m. – †Danilo Concepcion requested by Debbie, Froy Lim & Family

Wednesday, December 8th

9 a.m. – †Charlie Wylie requested by Fred & Mary Jo Clutchey

Thursday, December 9th

9 a.m. – †Maria & Angelo Zanatta requested by Savina Zanatta

Friday, December 10th

9 a.m. – †Julie Rossi requested by Silvana Miles

Saturday, December 11th

5:30 p.m. – †Anna Nguyen Thi Tao requested by Phi Lam

Sunday, December 12th

9 a.m. – †Sylvester D'Souza requested by the Antao Family

10:30 a.m. – †John Cullum requested by the Paquette Family

12 p.m. – †Francis Menezes requested by the Menezes Family



Nope.



Not quite.



Try again.



That's the one!

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.



Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"?

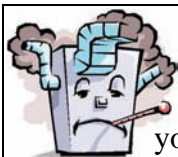
If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

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Offertory:

November 28th: \$ 3,309.75

Boiler Appeal (total to Nov 28): \$ 4,426



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.

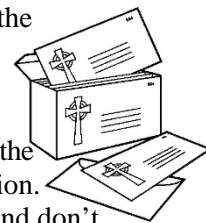
How to donate:

- 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)

Humbly yours, Fr Regs



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 special alerts directly to your email. Sign up here:

<https://stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/>



SUNDAY MISSALS are available through the office. 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

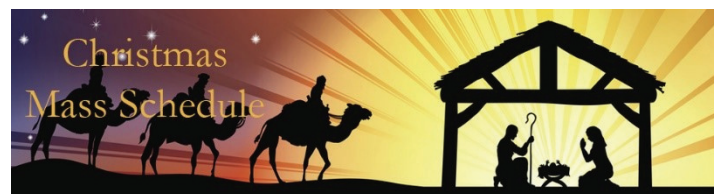


The St John Fisher Parish Family welcomes:

Olivia Savona
Jaxon Martins

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2022 – Students aged 13-19 are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated from January 18-25. This year, the theme and the resources for the Week have been prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon. The theme of the contest is: *"We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him."* (Mt.2:2). Deadline: February 14th at 2 pm. More information: <https://bit.ly/FriarStudentWritingContest2022>.



Christmas Eve Friday, December 24 th 5 pm – 7 pm – 9 pm	Christmas Day Saturday, December 25 th 9 am – 10:30 am – 12 pm
Sunday, December 26 th – regular Sunday mass	
New Year's Eve Friday, December 31 st 7 pm Exposition & Holy Hour 8 pm Mass	New Year's Day Saturday, January 1 st 10:30 am – 12 pm
Sunday, January 2 nd – regular Sunday mass	

FROM THE PASTOR

Beloved Parishioners:

On this Second Sunday of Advent, Luke wants us to think about the desert. The desert was Israel's birthplace. God brought the people out of slavery and then led them on a 40-year desert trek to teach them what it meant to be the people of God.


"The word of God came to John...in the desert." Why was John in the desert instead of protesting around the palace or preaching in the Temple? The desert is the antithesis of the mall. No matter how much money you have, there is nothing to buy. Far from the city lights whose twinkling grabs our attention, the desert allows us to fix our gaze on the stars, on beauty that is beyond our reach and yet seems to have been created just for our delight. The desert is where our soul finds room to expand, where we can remember what we really thirst for. There we are alone with God.

The word of the Lord came to John in the desert and today he tells us to prepare the way of the Lord. We are called to straighten our twisted ways about the truth. We are called to build bridges across the breaches that have separated us from family or friends, to forget all wounds and bend low enough to say, "I am sorry". We are in the desert to be transformed into the ways of the Lord. Let us realign our ways with God's.

I invite all parishioners to enter the desert of Advent as we prepare for the coming of the Lord in our hearts this coming Christmas. Do not hesitate. It is all possible because God is already working on us.


HAPPY ADVENT!

God bless, Fr. Regulo Imperial, The Pastor




150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church & Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

Join us this Wednesday, December 8th at 7pm 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.



Ushers Needed
Ushers needed at all masses. Please contact the office if you can help and for which mass you are available.
Teenagers: you can usher to earn your volunteer hours.
All church volunteers must have received both doses of the Covid-19 vaccine.




FIRST COMMUNION CORNER
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 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.
- 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 10th 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 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.

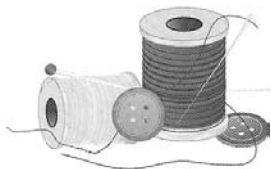
Important events:

- December 4th/5th: 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 18th/19th: Return completed registration form and present it to our catechists at the back of the church.
- January 15th/16th: 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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