

St. John Fisher Parish



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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 13th

9 a.m. – ☩ Bill Wright requested by Fred & Mary Jo Clutchey

Tuesday, December 14th

9 a.m. – ☩ Gulia & Bino Zanatta requested by Savina Zanatta

Wednesday, December 15th

9 a.m. – ☩ Dan Bracken requested by the Paquette Family

Thursday, December 16th

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving - Cesar & Wilma Co

Friday, December 17th

9 a.m. – ☩ Joseph Sgro requested by the Sgro Family

Saturday, December 18th

5:30 p.m. – ☩ Wilcom Pereira requested by Lalita Pereira

Sunday, December 19th

9 a.m. – ☩ Maurice Walsh requested by Mary Courneyea

10:30 a.m. – ☩ Dan Bracken requested by the Adair Family

12 p.m. – In Thanksgiving for the 48th Wedding Anniversary of Ray & Julie Uy



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 or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did?

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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for your generosity

Offertory:

December 5th: \$ 4,092.30



THE BOILER

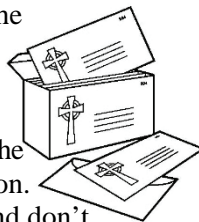
Dear Parishioners, Thank you for your donations towards the boiler debt. While we haven't reached the total amount yet, we have decided to apply the monthly building fund donations to the balance. *Humbly yours, Fr Regs*

WAYS TO DONATE TO ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH: ☩

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



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.



The Best Gift for Jesus this Christmas is... **ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

(aka Confession)

Tuesday, December 14th

**9:30 am &
7 pm**



Confession is also available every Saturday at 4:30 pm.

Ushers Needed



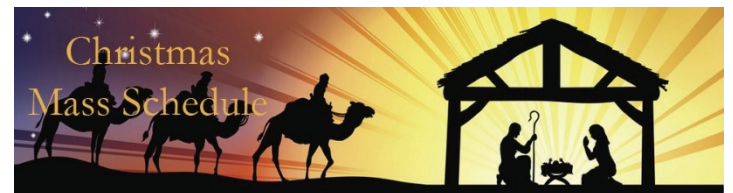
Ushers needed at all masses. Please contact the office if you can help and for which mass you are available.

Teenagers: you can usher to earn your volunteer hours.

All church volunteers must have received both doses of the Covid-19 vaccine.



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



**Christmas
Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24th
5 pm – 7 pm – 9 pm

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25th
9 am – 10:30 am – 12 pm

Sunday, December 26th – regular Sunday mass schedule

New Year's Eve
Friday, December 31st
7 pm Exposition & Holy Hour
8 pm Mass

New Year's Day
Saturday, January 1st
10:30 am – 12 pm

Sunday, January 2nd – regular Sunday mass schedule



Dear Parishioners:

On this **Third Sunday of Advent**, we have arrived at **Gaudete Sunday**. We are reminded that the joy of Christmas is not far away. We are still waiting for the world we long to see. Like our ancestors, we yearn for peace and justice, healing, and restoration.

It is not a surprise, though, that many people are having a difficult time finding joy in our world these days. With continuing corruption and disruption in governments around the world; with increasing effects of climate change bringing death and destruction across the globe; with wars and killing etc., it may be hard to feel any real joy.

We are told in the Gospel that the signs of Jesus' presence are all around us if we look to see them. We are to ask ourselves where the source of Christian joy is to be found. It is not in pleasant circumstances or fortunate events, but in the love of God for us that transcends human limitations and sin. Our faith calls us to be people of hope, not because the world offers us solid grounds for hope but because God's love and power will certainly be victorious in the end.

"Shout aloud and sing for joy: great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

HAPPY ADVENT!

God bless, Fr. Regulo Imperial, The Pastor

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>.

The next **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING** will be offered online on Tuesdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, from 7-8:30 pm. This training is designed for new and seasoned parish bereavement ministers and will explore ways to begin a bereavement ministry in your parish or enhance your present bereavement ministry programs. Registrants must participate in all online sessions and complete pre-homework to receive full training. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited. Register by January 14th: <https://bit.ly/BT-RegisterJanFeb2022>. Questions? Sally Amaral: samaral@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 x 518



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.

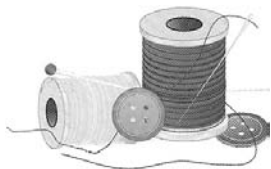
Important events:

- **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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