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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 27th

9 a.m. – ☩ Dan Bracken requested by Lorraine Comeau & Family

Tuesday, December 28th

9 a.m. – Special Intention for Bill & Jeannette, celebrating 60 years of marriage requested by Gib & Eileen Castella

Wednesday, December 29th

9 a.m. – ☩ Rita D'Souza requested by the Antao Family

Thursday, December 30th

9 a.m. – ☩ Charles Rudolph Orlandi Jr. requested by Orly Orlandi

Friday, December 31st

9 a.m. – ☩ Daniel Andrade requested by the Andrade Family

Saturday, January 1st

10:30 a.m. – ☩ Ignatius Benedict Martins req by the Martins Family
12 p.m. –

Sunday, January 2nd

9 a.m. – ☩ Fred & Colleen Clarke requested by the Clarke Family
10:30 a.m. – ☩ Maurice Walsh requested by Mary Courneyea
12 p.m. – All members of the Uy family, living & dead, requested by the Canizares Family

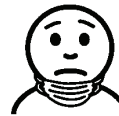


**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

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



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.

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Offertory:

December 12th: \$ 7,103.10

Building Fund: \$ 1,690

Boiler Appeal: \$ 600



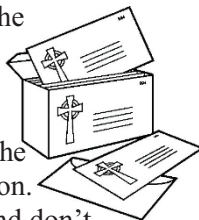
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- 2 drop your envelope in our secured, outdoor mailbox
- 3 drop your envelope in the donation box inside the church
- 4 give online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website (Donate Now)



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.



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.



By Baptism we are God's holy family.

Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person.

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



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 18th / 19th:** Completed registration forms due.
- **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.

FROM THE PASTOR

To the People of God at St. John Fisher Parish:

Greetings of Joy!

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord!

I purposely begin my message with Psalm 30:5

“Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.” It is through God’s love that leads us to the joy of Christmas.

Christmas is the response of God, first to the exiled people of Israel who found themselves overrun by invaders because of their unfaithfulness and to us who complain and lament about the evil of Covid and violence in our midst. The heartache, misery, loneliness of this world will be transformed by the mercy of God in Christ. Pope Francis said: *“...a little mercy makes the world less cold and more just...”*

The child Jesus is the sign of hope in our world. Jesus - the incarnate Word - arrives and is himself the divine message of global unconditional forgiveness and an unwavering hope.

Having received the Mercy of God, let us rejoice in the arrival of Jesus, the Prince of Peace and Giver of Joy. The story of Christmas speaks to us again of new birth and the possibility of our own rebirth. It tells us that things can be different. As Christians we believe that a better world is possible. The attitude of cynicism is diametrically opposed to our Christian faith. Advent reminds us, if we Christians are anything, we are believers in a better world. We are messengers of hope. In a troubled world, Christian joy is not meaningless.

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Shalom, Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor

PASTOR’S MESSAGE ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY:

Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the *Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.*

Family must be a very important for God. He could have sent His Son out of the blue and showed himself in our midst. God could have sent his Son from heaven riding on a cloud with angels trumpeting his coming. But no! God wanted his Son to be born as a baby and grow up in a natural way within the confine of a family. The very fact that God put his Son into a family will affirm its importance and significance for both society and the church.

Today’s feast of the Holy Family offers each of us an occasion for recognizing and appreciating the treasure which is family. Many of us become caught up so much by material things and numerous tasks to accomplish that we forget to appreciate this treasure. Parents: Check what kind of blessed experiences you are giving your children. It is not simply enough to feed and clothe your children. We must nurture their minds and hearts and souls. How are your children at the present?

For most of us, our family is the closest thing we have to heaven. A family is the place where children learn right from wrong and begin to develop a moral sense. Family is also the place where values are taught, priorities are set, and virtues are cultivated. The family has two beautiful descriptions. It is called *the school of love* - a family is the first and primary place to learn to love. It is also called the *domestic Church or mini-church* - where we learn about God.

HAPPY FAMILY DAY!

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I think your lights might be too bright this year!

FIRST Communion **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 are in the wall pocket at the back of the church.

Two important events coming:

- ① **Sun Dec 12th:** → Registration event
- 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.



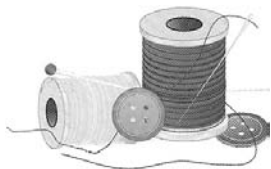
CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS- As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022.

Mass: Sunday, February 13th at 2:30 pm

at St Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Register early as space is limited. The mass will be livestreamed for those who are not able to register. www.archtoronto.org/marriage

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