

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 10th

9 a.m. – ☩ Velma Scornaienchi requested by Savina Zanatta

Tuesday, January 11th

9 a.m. – ☩ Carmel, Anthony, Mary, Aldo, Salvatore & Jason requested by Julie

Wednesday, January 12th

9 a.m. – ☩ Luis Dela Cruz requested by the Dela Cruz Family

Thursday, January 13th

9 a.m. – ☩ Souls in purgatory requested by Julie

Friday, January 14th

9 a.m. – ☩ Perlita Tubig Roxas requested by Riza

Saturday, January 15th

5:30 p.m. – ☩ Vicente Velasco requested by Myra Sangalang

Sunday, January 16th

9 a.m. – ☩ Esmeralda & Romeo Yee requested by the Yee Family

10:30 a.m. – ☩ Dan Bracken requested by the Catholic Women's League

12 p.m. – In Thanksgiving for the Digby children & grandchildren requested by Reg & Shirley Digby



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.

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, Jan 18, 25, Feb 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



THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is: to serve Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and to help shape a more just and compassionate society. ***The SVDP at St John Fisher Church is urgently looking for at least 10 volunteers to help our neighbours in need.*** If you have some time to share, and a willingness and desire to help our neighbours in need, please call Francis Fernandes at 416-997-0536, between 6-8 pm. For more information about the Society, visit <https://ssvp.ca/about/>.

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.

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Solemnity of Mary: \$2,191.05
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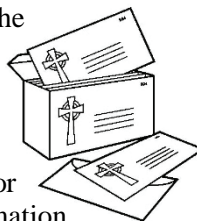


WAYS TO DONATE TO ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH: ☩

- 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 begin using these new envelopes now and throw out any envelopes from previous years. Please 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.



Baptism of Our Lord

“Because of their baptism, all members of the People of God have become missionary disciples.”

- Pope Francis



Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the *Baptism of the Lord*. This feast brings an end to the Christmas season. Monday brings us back to Ordinary Time.

After John the Baptist immersed Jesus in the waters of the Jordan River, the Son of God rose up, water trickling down his face, standing anointed as he lifted his eyes to the skies. A heavenly confirmation came when the voice of God came from the heavens: *“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”* The word beloved has some very enchanting synonyms - precious, cherished, treasured, prized, admired, valued. Do we really know our value as beloved by God?

What can we take away from today’s celebration of the Baptism of the Lord? First, we can celebrate the reality that our baptism links us to Christ and to all who have gone before us in faith. Our baptismal certificate stands as our identity card. It tells us to whom we belong and to what we are called. Jesus’ response to his baptism reminds us that the ceremony is but one tiny moment, the meaning of which is determined by how we live it out. Baptism gives us a mission. To discern that mission, we too must pray and listen to the Scriptures. The practical way to do this is to regularly celebrate the Eucharist with the rest of the baptized members of our faith community.

Baptism is a commitment to a mission. At our own baptism, God says the same to us: *“We are anointed with holy oils; we are garbed in white; we are given a candle to keep the flame of faith burning brightly in our hearts.”* Today is a good day to check our candles and make sure they are still burning. Amid the pandemic, by virtue of baptism, we are bearers of light - shedding hope and strength to people who are losing faith in God.

GOD BLESS! Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18-25

**WE SAW THE STAR IN THE EAST,
AND WE CAME TO WORSHIP HIM.** (Mt. 2:2)

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of the full, visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. The Middle East Council of Churches has provided the theme this year and our host is Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church. In this annual celebration, we are reminded that the unity of the Church is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a task for all Christians.

Sunday, January 23rd at 4 p.m. at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, 920 Progress Ave, Scarborough. In person or watch the livestream: www.facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch



As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus, a voice from heaven said,

“You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.”

Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If you think God is calling you, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto: vocations@archtoronto.org) / www.vocationstoronto.ca



FIRST COMMUNION CORNER

Parents of Grade 2 & 3 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.

Important events:

Please note: REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED!

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

Please remember to bring home a copy of the Bulletin and visit our website 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:

Please note: REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED!

• **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 handwritten (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.



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.

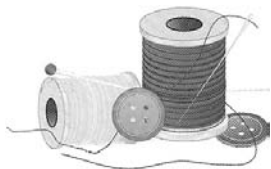
Mass: Sunday, February 13th at 2:30 pm at St Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto).

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.

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