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, January 24<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. – ₽Ed & Vida Marie Suares & Jos & Ethel D'Souza requested by Reg & Shirley Digby

## Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. – <sup>‡</sup>Renato Arceo requested by Nelia Arceo

#### Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. – <sup>‡</sup>Francis & Sheila D'Souza requested by Audrey & Olive de Rozario

### Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. – <sup>‡</sup>Deceased members of the Digby Family requested by Reg & Shirley Digby

#### Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. – Special Birthday Intention for Raymond Digby requested by his parents Reg & Shirley Digby

## Saturday, Januarv 29<sup>th</sup>

5:30 p.m. – <sup>‡</sup>Maria Vu Thi Yen requested by the Lam Family

#### Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. – <sup>‡</sup>Victor Zammit requested by Mary & Gord Anderson 10:30 a.m. – Special intention of Ilham Yaqoob & Family requested by the Miles Family

12 p.m. – Hugh Pitcher requested by Carole & Family



**Offertory:** January 16<sup>th</sup>: \$ 2,983.80



WAYS TO DONATE TO ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH: • mail it to our parish office



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

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the parish through your regular parish offerings. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly to the parish account. This is a convenient way for families to give that leads to dependable contributions to the parish. For more information or to enrol, please contact the parish office or email the archdiocese at development@archtoronto.org.

HOLY NAME OF MARY CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL "Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly with our God" Registration is open for the all-girls Regional High School in Brampton. Go to the website for registration forms and to watch the Grade 8 Open House Video: www.dpcdsb.org/HNMRY



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, 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.

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.

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? 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

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 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. More information: https://bit.lv/FriarStudentWritingContest2022.



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. For more information about the Society, visit https://ssvp.ca/about/.

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#### **Beloved Parishioners:**

Jesus goes down to his hometown synagogue where he sat as a boy and, as a visiting rabbi, they hand him the scroll of Isaiah. He opens up the scroll and comes to these famous lines: "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has sent me to bring good tidings to the poor...*" He rolls up the scroll, hands it back to the assistant, and sits down. The townsfolk, maybe out of curiosity, were looking at him, waiting to hear what he was going to say concerning the text. They were attentive.

The priest Ezra, likewise, gathered the whole assembly of Israel and presented to them the "*Law of Moses*" which was the agenda that God wanted the people to follow and obey. Can you imagine the Israelites standing outside from daybreak till midday listening to Ezra read aloud the Bible? Once presented, the people shouted: "*Amen! Amen! Yes, we believe! Yes, we will follow!*"

Why does the proclamation of God's word in our own assemblies seldom affect people as deeply as it did that day so long ago? Pondering the efficacy of our own proclamation of the word during the liturgy might examine our own way of proclaiming the Word of God. This is addressed especially to presiders and lectors. Are they adequately trained to proclaim in a way that makes the word come alive in our midst?

Let us pray for lectors and presiders and all who proclaim and teach us God's word.

Yours in Christ, 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. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 part of Marriage Sunday 2022 Celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2022.

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at St Michael's Cathedral.

Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to preregistered 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* 



**FIRST COMMUNION CORNER** Parents of Grade 2 & 3 students registered to receive First Holy Communion: Please bring your child to mass 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.

*Please note:* REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED!

Classes are suspended due to new restrictions from the Archdiocese.

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 and Confirmation classes.



**CONFIRMATION UPDATES** for Grade 7 & 8 students registered to celebrate Confirmation: Candidates must attend Sunday Eucharist regularly at St John Fisher. Families should be registered members of St John Fisher Parish.

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#### *Please note:* REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED!

• *Tues Jan 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm: The* Mandatory meeting for Parents and Teens is on hold.

• Classes are suspended due to new restrictions from the Archdiocese.

• Confirmation Ceremony Dates to be announced.



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.



Salvation IS NOT a fad diet, or any get rich quic infomercial message. (1 John 1:9)

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