

St. John Fisher Parish



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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. / 1 - 5 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. / 1 - 4 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. / 1 - 4 p.m.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 7th

9 a.m. – †Editha Dela Cruz requested by the Dela Cruz Family

Tuesday, March 8th

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

Wednesday, March 9th

9 a.m. – Special Intention for Elizabeth & Barry Watson requested by the Miles Family

Thursday, March 10th

9 a.m. – Special Intention for Lilia Sales req by the Miles Family

Friday, March 11th

7 p.m. – †Adelino Garcia requested by Adelaide Garcia

Saturday, March 12th

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

Sunday, March 13th

9 a.m. – †Daniel Cabral Andrade requested by the Andrade Family

10:30 a.m. – Special Intention for John Micallef requested by the Miles Family

12 p.m. – Special Intention for Tania & Carlo D'Alessandro requested by the Miles Family



WORDS FROM CARDINAL COLLINS: *The Eucharist Archdiocese remains the source and summit of our life in Christ. For Christians, participation in the Sunday Eucharist is the central experience of the week, and that is the foundation for the obligation of every Catholic to be personally present at Mass every Sunday. Of course, if there is a legitimate reason (such as being sick) this obligation does not apply. But as the restrictions are lifted, now is the time to encourage Catholics to return to physical presence at Sunday Mass, if not impeded for a legitimate reason, in keeping with our basic Sunday obligation as Catholics.*

WorshipSafe Protocols effective March 1, 2022

These new Archdiocese protocols have been edited by the pastor.

- 1 All capacity limits, including physical distancing requirements, are removed from churches and parish halls. Parishes may wish to continue with distancing at the discretion of the pastor.
- 2 Indoor mask use is still required for those over the age of two. (Limited medical exemptions apply).
- 3 The kiss of peace is still discouraged at this time. A bow or wave should continue to be used as an alternative.
- 4 Holy water fonts can be refilled. Prayer books, hymnals, magazines, bulletins - can return to the church.
- 5 Altar servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can return to pre-pandemic duties.
- 6 Choirs and cantors still must be masked or three metres from anyone else.
- 7 Proof of vaccination is not a requirement to enter Archdiocese of Toronto churches.
- 8 Baptism can return to pre-pandemic practices.
- 9 Confessionals and confession rooms can reopen, provided that both parties are masked.
- 10 The use of hand sanitizer upon entry to the church and before the distribution of Holy Communion remains a best practice and is encouraged.
- 11 Meetings in parish halls may resume for those who may wish to do so. Mask use is required.
- 12 Contact tracing and online Mass registration systems are no longer required.
- 13 Reporting all Covid cases is not longer required.



Offertory:

February 27th: \$ 3,438.30



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)



LENT THE RULES FOR FASTING & ABSTINENCE
We are obliged to observe *Fasting and Abstinence*. According to the teaching of the Catholic Church: ▶ The **law of Abstinence**

forbids the use of meat and prohibits the eating of meat on Fridays throughout the year. ▶ The **law of Fasting** allows only one full meal a day but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. ▶ *Abstinence and Fasting* are to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and on the **Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ**.

Who are obliged to observe these precepts?

▶ Anyone aged 14 and above are bound by the law of *Abstinence*. ▶ Anyone aged between 18 and 59 are obliged to *Fast and Abstain*. ▶ Nevertheless, Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the laws of *Fasting and Abstinence* are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

All Fridays within the Season of Lent, there will be NO Morning Mass. In the evening at 7 pm there will be the WAY OF THE CROSS followed by Mass.



The St John Fisher Parish Family welcomes:
Holy Baptism Roman Lancelot Boodram-Borrison
MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!

Do you want to fast this Lent? In the words of Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness, fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words, be silent and listen.

Confession is the soul's bath. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again! *St Padre Pio*

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

We enter the season of Lent - the *First Sunday of Lent*. Luke tells us a story in which the challenge of tempting Jesus makes the devil so desperate that he actually imitates Jesus and quotes Scripture to induce him to betray his identity and vocation.

God allowed his Son to be tempted as a human being. We too are certainly tempted, as a Church, as community, as families, as marriage partners, as parents, as children, as individuals. Tempted by so many things that seem so good. Tempted by so many opportunities that seem to promise to increase our wealth, our comfort, our social acceptability, our power. All seemingly so easy to do...and all so faithless. All so foreign to what we are called to be.

In the desert Jesus did not debate with Satan. He didn't try to match wits with him. He simply said NO. Faithfulness. Fidelity to what he knew was God's design. My strength is founded in my relationship with God; it is founded in prayer. And how blessed I am - how blessed we are - that when facing any temptation to be less than who we are called to be as Christians, we might call out in prayer with the beautiful psalm response: "*Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*"

The church suggests that if we want to stay strong before temptation, let's engage the practices of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

HAVE A HOLY AND MEANINGFUL SEASON OF LENT, EVERYONE!
God bless, Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor

Personal Attendants needed for Senior Parishioner:

A letter from Shirley Christo to my dear Friends in Faith: I have been working with the Toronto Archdiocese and Catholic Charities to initiate the CCCB's Palliative Care Program called *Horizons of Hope*. We have many individuals in our churches who are living on their own in very fragile health and NEED OUR HELP. My vocational call as a Parish Nurse, since 2003, has been to try to assist these individuals and their families to obtain the *Circle of Support* they need.

I urgently need the assistance of two personal attendants to assist an 86-year-old female with her *Activities of Daily Living* for 3-5 hours per day. These individuals must have current CPR and First Aid and at least one must have a current or pending healthcare registration. Salary is to be negotiated. If you or someone you know is able to help, please send me an updated resume: Shirley Christo at cwllmshirl@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for helping me to bring HOPE through the caring LIGHT OF CHRIST to this woman.

Why don't we sing Alleluia during Lent? *Alleluia* is a Hebrew word that means *Praise Yahweh*. It is a joyful word, and as we sing, we join the heavenly worship of the choir of angels. *Alleluia* reminds us that as we participate in mass, we also participate in God's kingdom established on earth. During Lent, on the other hand, we focus on the kingdom coming, not the kingdom come. For this reason, we don't sing the *Alleluia*, but instead acknowledge our sins and repent so that we may one day worship God in heaven as the angels do. *Archdiocese of Toronto*



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 will resume soon.

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 the Parish. 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 will resume soon.**
- **Confirmation Ceremony Dates** to be announced.



The CWL is preparing for the **Books, Bags, Baubles & Bake Sale** on April 23rd and want your *gently used costume jewellery and purses, handbags, & wallets* donations for the sale.

Please DO NOT leave these donations in the church.

We are now accepting PURSES, HANDBAGS, AND WALLETS.

To arrange a pick-up or drop-off, please email stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com. Donations can also be left with the church secretary, April, during regular office hours.

Dynamic Women of Faith - Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, March 19th - 9 am-4 pm - Cost \$35

Keynote Speaker: Antonia Salzano: Mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Register at www.dynamicwomenfaith.com.



Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If 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



COME & SEE DISCERNMENT DAY RETREAT

for single men 18+ - March 19th 9 am - 3 pm

For more information email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Register at: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

ST AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY OF TORONTO - WORKSHOPS

► *The Light of Newman in the Dark of Winter* -

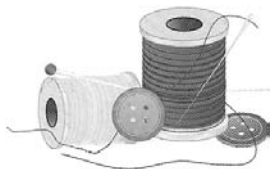
Saturday, March 12th - Online - 9:30 am to 1 pm

Presenter: Dr Donald Graham

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