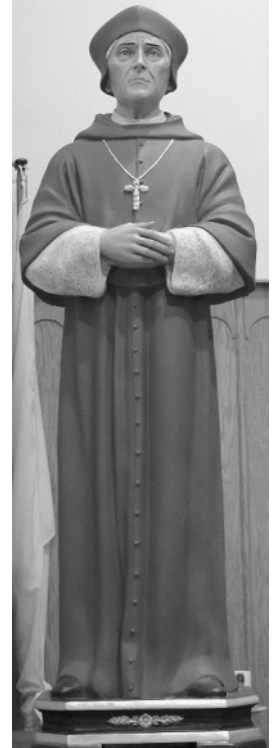


# St. John Fisher Parish



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**PASTOR:** Fr. Regulo Imperial  
**IN RESIDENCE:** Fr. Rudy Imperial  
**SECRETARY:** April Mercado-Williams

**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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – Special Intention for Wendy Lejarde req by the Miles Family

**Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – †Santan Antao requested by the Antao Family

**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – †David Miles requested by the Miles Family

**Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – †Avita Lawrence requested by Walter Lawrence & Family

**Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

7 p.m. – Special Intention for Reg Digby requested by the Miles Family

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

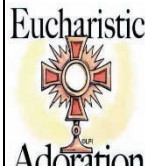
5:30 p.m. – †Philip Paul Martin requested by Lalita Pereira

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – †Catherine Mitchell requested by the Mitchell Family

10:30 a.m. – †Idoardo Martins requested by his son, daughter & wife

12 p.m. – †Blanche Castellino requested by the Pintos Family



**Eucharistic Adoration**

### THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 4 pm

Join us at St John Fisher as we express our solidarity with the people of Ukraine with a Day of Prayer & Fasting.

Come for a blessed day of prayer, praise & worship in front of the Blessed Sacrament as we lift our brothers and sisters in Ukraine to our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



**WORDS FROM CARDINAL COLLINS:** *The Eucharist Archdiocese of Toronto 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.



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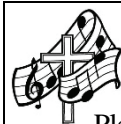
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That's the one!



The Saturday 5:30 pm choir is welcoming new singers of any age. You must be able to come each Saturday at 4:30 pm for a rehearsal before mass.

Please contact Michelle at [michellefrizza@gmail.com](mailto:michellefrizza@gmail.com) or (416) 828-8071.



### Offertory:

March 6<sup>th</sup>: \$ 5,150.10



### 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 CHOSEN – a multi-season series about the Life of Christ

Did you know that you can watch The Chosen for free?

Seasons 1 and 2 are now available.

Go to <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen> and start watching.



## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday is the **2nd Sunday of Lent**. Every now and then, we see someone whose face appears radiant. People speak of brides and grooms as glowing with joy. That kind of glow is far more than a smile of pleasure. It is even more than joy. It might appear when parents first behold their child, or see that child accomplish something wonderful. We seem to glow in moments of genuine fulfilment and love. That is what the disciples saw happen to Jesus as he prayed on the mountain.

Jesus entered into communion with his Father. He offered himself to and was wholly received by his Father. That experience so filled him that his face took on the look of grace and his entire being glowed. This is called Transfiguration.

This is the power of prayer. This is the power of our communion with God. Today's Gospel of Transfiguration reminds us that the covenant means transformation. We are called to grow ever deeper in our relationship with God, being transformed into the image of Christ Jesus.

In Lent, we enter into a journey of conversion. Through prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, we prepare our hearts to encounter the Lord. Through this frequent encounter with God using these Lenten exercises, we will be transformed into a new creation like the resurrected Jesus on Easter Sunday.

**LET US CONTINUE OUR LENTEN JOURNEY WITH JOY!**

God bless, Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor

The Archdiocese of Toronto Office for Interreligious Dialogue invites students to participate in the **YOUTH INTERFAITH VIDEO CONTEST** sponsored by the Dominican Friars of Toronto in collaboration with The Catholic Register, Interfaith Youth Alliance Movement and Salt + Light Media. The theme of the contest is **"Cultivating Friendship and Solidarity,"** considering the United Nations' International Day of Human Fraternity. This is a wonderful opportunity for youth to explore the theme of how our diverse faith traditions call on us to **Rebuild, Restore and Renew** our communities together, through cultivating friendship and solidarity. Participants are encouraged to not only highlight the contest theme but to reach out to collaborate and engage with people of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds. Entries can come from an individual or a team. The video may be up to 3 minutes maximum in length and must be submitted by the contest closing date of April 19<sup>th</sup>. Poster with complete details: <https://bit.ly/YouthInterfaithVideoContest2022>. More details: <https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>.



### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> – 9 am-4 pm – Cost \$35

Keynote Speaker: Antonia Salzano: Mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis  
Register at [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com).



Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration.

We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives.

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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) / [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



### COME & SEE DISCERNMENT DAY RETREAT

for single men 18+ - March 19<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 3 pm

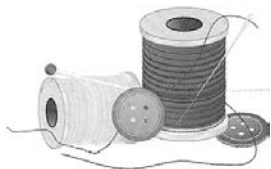
For more information email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
Register at: [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee)



The **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** at St John Fisher is welcoming new volunteers willing to share their time and have a 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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