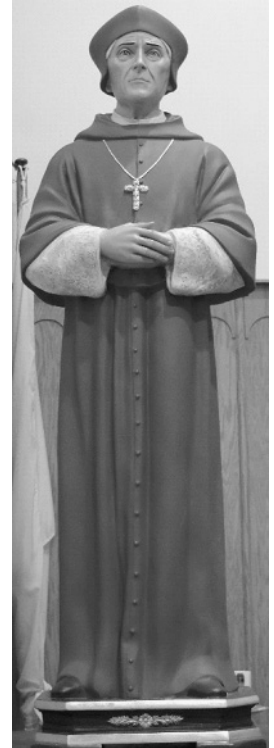


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OFFICE HOURS:

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 21st

9 a.m. – Special Intention for the Eruthayathas Family

Tuesday, March 22nd

9 a.m. – ✠Henry Afable requested by Fred Gadin & Family

Wednesday, March 23rd

9 a.m. – ✠Loretta Macrae requested by Concepcion

Thursday, March 24th

9 a.m. – ✠Loretta Macrae requested by Concepcion

Friday, March 25th

7 p.m. – ✠Loretta Macrae requested by Concepcion

Saturday, March 26th

5:30 p.m. – ✠Luigi Zanatta requested by the Miles Family

Sunday, March 27th

9 a.m. – ✠Cletus Mitchell requested by the Mitchell Family

10:30 a.m. – ✠Nelson Lobo requested by Royston, Sarah & Elliot Lobo

12 p.m. – ✠Concepcion Miranda requested by Concepcion



WORDS FROM CARDINAL COLLINS: *The Eucharist of Toronto 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.

- ❶ All capacity limits, including physical distancing requirements, are removed from churches and parish halls.
- ❷ Indoor mask use is still required for those over the age of two. (Limited medical exemptions apply).
- ❸ The kiss of peace is still discouraged at this time. A bow or wave should continue to be used as an alternative.
- ❹ Holy water fonts can be refilled. Prayer books, hymnals, magazines, bulletins - can return to the church.
- ❺ Altar servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can return to pre-pandemic duties.
- ❻ Choirs and cantors still must be masked or three metres from anyone else.
- ❼ Proof of vaccination is not a requirement to enter Archdiocese of Toronto churches.
- ❽ Baptism can return to pre-pandemic practices.
- ❾ Confessionals and confession rooms can reopen, provided that both parties are masked.
- ❿ The use of hand sanitizer upon entry to the church and before the distribution of Holy Communion remains a best practice and is encouraged.
- ⓫ Meetings in parish halls may resume for those who may wish to do so. Mask use is required.



Offertory:

March 13th: \$ 2,628.40

Building Fund: \$ 2,084



WAYS TO DONATE TO ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH: ✠

- ❶ mail it to our parish office
- ❷ drop your envelope in our secured, outdoor mailbox
- ❸ drop your envelope in the donation box inside the church
- ❹ give online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website (Donate Now)



Don't forget to **Abstain** from meat on Fridays throughout the year, and especially on the Fridays of Lent. *If you are between 14 and 59 you should be following this law.*

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



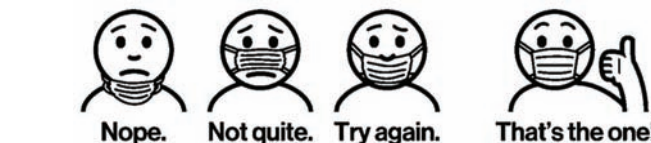
The Saturday 5:30 pm choir is welcoming new singers of any age. You must be able to come each Saturday at 4:30 pm for a rehearsal before mass. Please contact Michelle at michellefrizza@gmail.com or (416) 828-8071.

Now that the church is open to 100% capacity again, we need YOUR help. Our faith community can grow only if more people pitch in. The following ministries ask that you consider joining them:

- ▶ Eucharistic Ministers
- ▶ Ushers
- ▶ Altar Servers – Grade 3 and older



For more information or to sign-up, please call the office at (905) 793-6610 or email at stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org.



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PARISH LENTEN CELEBRATION OF CONFESSION

Canon #1457: According to the Church's command, "after having attained the age of discretion each of the faithful is found by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year. Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion without having first received sacramental absolution. Children must go to the sacrament of Confession before receiving Holy Communion for the first time."

To comply with this sacred obligation, the parish has designated **Thursday, April 7th** as our Day of Confession.

9:30 - 10:30 am (ONE priest is available)

6:30 - 7:30 pm (TWO priests are available)

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*



Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday is the **3rd Sunday of Lent**. The Gospel uses the current tragic stories that circulate among the common people. Jesus relates two calamities of his time and says, *“Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way, they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means!”* Misfortunes strike the good and the bad alike.

The fact is that life is uncertain for all. None of us has assurance about our days. When tragedy strikes or the end comes, we can be left with regrets. How unprepared we can be! We may want a “do-over” but that’s not possible. Nevertheless, we can repent of our mistakes and sins and make a course-correction going forward.

Here we are during Lent. We can look over our lives and see where we have gone off the track, sinned, failed in some way, and decide what course-correction we need to make.

Jesus told the parable of the fig tree. The fig tree had done nothing evil; it just hadn’t done what was expected of it: bear fruit. The owner had been patient, *“Leave it for this year and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.”* If we were that tree, we should be happy and thankful. We were given an opportunity to bear the fruit that is within us. The gracious opportunity is ours only in the present.

LET US ACT NOW!

God bless, Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor



Holy Thursday Mass: April 14 @ 7 p.m.

- Please bring non-perishable food for charity
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour after mass

Good Friday: April 15 @ 3 p.m.

- Reading of the Passion of Our Lord
- Collection for the Holy Land
- Adoration of the Cross (NO touching/kissing of the cross)
- Communion
- *Public adoration of the cross will take place after the service (NO touching/kissing of the cross)*

Stations of the Cross: April 15 @ 7 p.m.

- Priest will remain at the altar and will not go around the church

Easter Vigil / Holy Saturday: April 16 @ 8 p.m.

- Blessing of Fire • Exultet
- Reading of the History of Salvation
- Glory to God, Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Renewal of Baptismal Vows • End of Triduum

Easter Sunday: April 17 @ 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.



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.



The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name.

Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life.

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



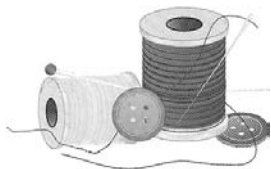
The **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** at St John Fisher is welcoming new volunteers willing to share their time and have a desire to help our neighbours in need. Please call Francis Fernandes at 416-997-0536.

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

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. The 3-minute (maximum) video must be submitted by April 19th. Poster with complete details: <https://bit.ly/YouthInterfaithVideoContest2022>. More details: <https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>.

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