

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 4th
 9 a.m. – ☩ Loretta Macrae requested by Concepcion

Tuesday, April 5th
 9 a.m. – ☩ Loretta Macrae requested by Concepcion

Wednesday, April 6th
 9 a.m. – ☩ Loretta Macrae requested by Concepcion

Thursday, April 7th
 9 a.m. – ☩ Loretta Macrae requested by Concepcion

Friday, April 8th
 7 p.m. – ☩ Frederick Joseph Clarke requested by the Clarke Family

Saturday, April 9th
 5:30 p.m. – ☩ Wilcom Pereira requested by Lalita Pereira

Sunday, April 10th
 9 a.m. – The Catholic Women’s League of Canada requested by Hilarion Mitchell
 10:30 a.m. – ☩ Deceased members of the Cahan Family requested by Fred & MaryJo Clutchey
 12 p.m. – Special Intention for Walter Lawrence & Family requested by the Miles Family



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
 Have you ever thought about serving in some way when you come to mass? Most roles don’t take up much more time than simply attending mass. The church is fully open again. Our faith community can grow only if more people pitch in. Training will be provided, and no experience is necessary. Please consider signing up for these ministries at St John Fisher. We need **YOU!**



Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are needed at all Masses. All pre-pandemic duties can return except for wearing a mask which is required. Contact: Fred at fclut@yahoo.ca

Ushers needed at all masses. Please contact the office if you can help and for which mass you are available. *Teenagers* can usher to earn volunteer hours. **Ushers Needed**



Altar Servers are needed for all masses. Students must be in Grade 3 and older. *Teenagers* can earn volunteer hours. Please contact the office and let us know for which mass you are available.

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

Thank You FOR **GIVING** GENEROUSLY

Offertory:
 March 27th: \$ 3,308.60
 ShareLife: \$ 3,379.05

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.

WAYS TO DONATE TO ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH:

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

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.

The Rules for Fasting & Abstinence during **LENT**

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.

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.

We are looking for 2-3 new volunteers to form our **PARISH SCREENING COMMITTEE**. This committee is mandated by the Archdiocese of Toronto to ensure that all volunteers who assist in our parishes are eligible to perform their functions. It is a formalized process of screening that puts first the safety and well-being of our vulnerable people and volunteers. A member of the Screening Committee is a person who handles the interviews and/or documentation required to perform this background check. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office. Training will be provided.

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)

1 Cross + 3 Nails = 4given

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:


This Sunday is the 5th *Sunday of Lent*, a week before the Holy Week. The Gospel tells the story of the woman accused of adultery. The woman was dragged into the middle of a circle and Jesus was called upon to act as a judge. The woman was exposed in public, accused by the requisite number of witnesses and the crowd had already reached their verdict. The crowd was waiting for Jesus to make his own judgement.

Instead of condemnation, Jesus invited the morally perfect to cast the first stone. Jesus aimed at getting the crowd to come to their senses. Realizing their own imperfection, no one threw a rock. Instead, they all walked away. St Augustine commented that at the end of this story, only two were left: misery and mercy. All Jesus needed to offer her was mercy: *“Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”*

There is truth to this statement: *The name of Jesus is mercy.* As we approach the end of Lent, we are given an encouraging note for all of us who still fear repentance. No matter how many times or how hard we fall, Jesus says to us the words that close today’s Gospel reading:

“NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU.”

God bless, Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor

 What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? 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

HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

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

Classes have resumed for registered students in Grades 2 & 3. Parents, please bring your child to all FIVE (5) classes on the following dates:

Group A: 1-2 pm & Group B: 2:30-3:30 pm
March 27, April 3 & 24, May 1 & 8

- Please bring your child to mass regularly.
- First Communion Ceremony dates will be scheduled 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

Classes have resumed for registered students in Grades 7 & 8. Students must attend all FIVE (5) classes on the following dates:

Class: 9-10:20 am & Mass at 10:30 am
March 27, April 3 & 24, May 1 & 8

- There is a \$20 fee to cover course materials.
- Bishop Ivan Camilleri will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation this year on:
Sunday, June 19th at 7 pm & Monday, June 20th at 7 pm

Free Webinar – Saturday, April 9th @ 9 am

ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share: How to protect your loved ones with a proper will, How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected, About Powers of Attorney, Estate Trustee selection, Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors, Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral.

- ▶ To register, email: development@archtoronto.org
- ▶ Please include ‘webinar April 9’ in the subject line and provide your name in the body of a message. If possible, please indicate if you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member (for statistics purposes).
- ▶ You will receive a link to the webinar on April 4th or 5th.



Birthright Brampton is looking for dedicated volunteers. Many different volunteer positions are available, and days/times are flexible. If interested, please call their office at 905-874-0607.

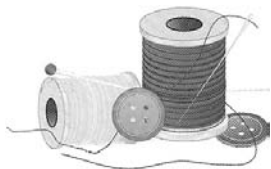


SHARELIFE AGENCIES SERVE EVERYONE - Today’s

Gospel shares the parable of the woman accused of adultery, a message of Our Lord’s great love, forgiveness, and respect for all people. Likewise, ShareLife agencies are there to support the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our communities. ShareLife-funded social service agencies have an ‘open intake policy’ and provide help based on need—not on religion, lifestyle, gender, or ethnicity. With last week’s ShareLife collection, our parishioners have contributed **\$3,379.05** toward our goal of \$18,000. Thank you for supporting ShareLife! The next parish collection is on May 1st or you can give anytime at sharelife.org.

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