St. John Fisher Parish

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Have you ever thought about serving in some way when you come to mass? Most roles don't take up much more Being Gods hands and feet 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 Ushers needed contact the office if you can help and for which mass you are available. Teenagers can usher to earn volunteer hours.





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 *stiohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org*.



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.

Volunteers needed 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.

The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He Lealls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers, and sisters. 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

SHARELIFE IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"Many aspects of pre-Covid life are returning, such as the ShareLife gradual reopening of our parishes. But we must remember that, for many people, their suffering continues. ShareLife-funded agencies have been helping thousands of people since the pandemic began. They quickly adapted their programs in light of safety and the changing needs of the people they serve." - Cardinal Thomas Collins

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*.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 18th

9 a.m. – Special Intention for Sarah Clutchey requested by Fred & Mary Joe Clutchey

Tuesday, April 19th

9 a.m. - Patrick John Smith requested by Fred & Mary Joe Clutchey

Wednesday, April 20th

9 a.m. – [‡]Idoardo Martins requested by his son, daughter & wife

Thursday, April 21st

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

Friday, April 22nd

9 a.m. – [‡]Stella Glyn-Williams requested by the Family

Saturday, April 23rd

5:30 p.m. – Daniel Rozario requested by the Rozario Family

Sunday, April 24th

9 a.m. – ₽Ethel de Rozario req by Audrey & Olive de Rozario 10:30 a.m. – [‡]Deceased members of the Kukkula Family requested by Fred & MaryJo Clutchey

12 p.m. – [‡]Lyle Webb, John Coleman, & Corazon Pineda requested by the Paraja Family

Thank You GENEROUSLY

Offertory: April 10th: \$ 5,050.35 Building Fund: \$2,744.30

WAYS TO DONATE TO ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH:

O mail it to our parish office



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

> The Catholic Women's League **BOOKS, BAGS, BAUBLES & BAKE SALE**

Saturday, April 23rd - 10 am-2 pm in the Church Hall

- ▶ Beautiful, gently-used costume jewellery
- ▶ Handbags, purses & make up bags
- ▶ Books for all ▶ Delicious treats!



If you would like to prepare something for our Bake Sale, please email *stiohnfishercwl@outlook.com* and we can provide plastic clamshell containers to package your goodies.

Baking can be dropped off on Friday, April 22nd from 6-8 pm





Greetings of JOY!

The followers of Jesus some two thousand years ago had just lost their Messiah through death on the cross, and posted this relevant question about faith and their ordinary life: *"Where is God in all of this?"* In other words, what has faith got to do with my daily problems?

These questions were aired by the two disciples on their road to Emmaus with a feeling of disappointment: *We were hoping...that He will redeem Israel and then our life will be glorious once again. Now that He is dead, what?* Darkened by disappointment, anxiety, and sadness, they did not recognize the Risen Christ journeying with them.

We are all on the road of life and our conversation is all about spouses, kids, the economy, world crises, lovers, school, our jobs - the threads of the daily fabric of our lives. If something goes wrong, we give a Christian sigh: "*We were hoping for a God of justice and compassion to make sense of it all. Where is God?*"

The Easter story tells us "*He has been raised; He is not here.*" He is risen! God is here. God penetrates our everyday lives, but we don't always know about it, and we don't see it most of the time. Just like our friends going to Emmaus when they finally recognized the Risen Lord in the simple breaking of the bread - the Eucharist.

HAPPY EASTER!

Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor

DID YOU KNOW? *Alleluia! Praise the Lord!* The song of our rejoicing. It is added to acclamations and antiphons and may be used as a refrain for the responsorial psalm and communion song. • The *Paschal Candle* is the central symbol of the Easter season, sign of the presence of the risen Lord, light of the world. The *sprinkling rite* (with water blessed at the Easter Vigil) is often used at the beginning of Masses on Sundays. As far back as the Council of Nicaea (325), the Church reflected Easter joy by prohibiting fasting and kneeling, which are signs of penance, throughout the season. Confirmation and First Eucharist are (normally) celebrated during the Easter season. The constant joy of the season continues throughout the fifty days and should be reflected in the festive decoration of the church building. The Acts of the Apostles is read at all celebrations in place of the Old Testament because if presents the life, growth, and witness of the early Church. Archdiocese of Toronto





A special thank you to all those who offered their time and talents to make our Holy Week a beautiful and solemn celebration. Thank you to our parish

choirs and musicians (especially our Grand Choir), Communion Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Ushers, Church Cleaners and Church Decorators. May the Resurrected Christ bless you!



FIRST COMMUNION CORNER

Classes will continue after Easter for registered students in Grades 2 & 3. Parents, please bring your child to all 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 will continue after Easter for registered students in Grades 7 & 8. Students must attend all 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

St Leonard's Church is organizing a bus to the **25th National March for Life on Thurs, May 12th**. If interested, please register early, and buy your ticket for a seat on the bus. Cost: \$35 per seat (non-refundable). Call the St. Leonard's parish office in advance (905-846-5385) before going to get your ticket, to make sure that someone will be there. Please provide the following information: • First & Last Name • Phone Number • Parish Name • Email Address. You are welcome to attend mass at 6 am on May 12th at St Leonard's. The bus will depart immediately after the Mass. Questions? Joe Resendes @ (647) 281-9212 or JoeResendes19@gmail.com

All are invited to **The Serra Club of North Peel Meeting** *Saturday, April 23rd* at 9:45 am. St Mary's Parish Hall (Brampton) *Speaker:* Fr. Tomasz Skibinski, Rector of Redemptoris Mater Seminary - Serra Clubs promote, and pray for vocations to the ministerial priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Serrans are called to grow in Holiness; assist in the annual Ordinandi Dinner, Altar Server Awards, Serra Foundation of Canada and International Serra Foundation. Liturgical Publications 3171 LENWORTH DR. #12 MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2G6 905-624-4422



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