

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 9th

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

Tuesday, May 10th

9 a.m. – †Gordon & Theresa Rapson requested by the DeRosario Family

Wednesday, May 11th

9 a.m. – †Adelino Garcia requested by Adelaide

Thursday, May 12th

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

Friday, May 13th

9 a.m. – †Imelda Uttinger requested by the Martins Family

Saturday, May 14th

5:30 p.m. – †Phero Le Ngoc Lan requested by the Lam Family

Sunday, May 15th

9 a.m. – †Jamie Avellaneda requested by Snooky Avellaneda

10:30 a.m. – †Deceased members of the Meader Family requested by Fred & MaryJo Clutchey

12 p.m. – †Bernadette Smith requested by the Smith 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.



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.



Offertory:

May 1st: \$ 3,699.00
ShareLife: \$ 2,539.45



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: †

- 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)



SHARELIFE &

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. Through ShareLife, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 60 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in this past academic year.

So far we have raised **\$5,918.50** toward our goal of **\$18,000**. If you haven't yet contributed, please make your sacrificial gift through the parish office or at sharelife.org. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

AN ONTARIO ELECTION DEBATE FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE - Wednesday May 18th at 7:30 pm

- ▶ Hosted by the Archdiocese of Toronto & livestreamed on its Facebook page and YouTube channel
- ▶ Broadcast live on Salt+Light TV
- ▶ Featuring representatives from the major political parties
- ▶ Moderated by Peter Stockland, publisher of The Catholic Register

Candidates will be asked how they will respond to the concerns of Ontario's Catholics.

More non-partisan resources available to help the faithful discern their vote through the wisdom of Catholic Social Teaching: www.archtoronto.org/election



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. | John 10:27

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Today is the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**. This specific Sunday always celebrates Christ as the Good Shepherd. Jesus is talking about his flock. We may assume that the flock of Jesus is bigger than any one nation or group. Human beings seem to have an innate tendency to separate into groups and to favour their group over everyone else. Then, they assume that God is on their side, so he/she must be against those other groups too. There is no such thing as *we* and *them*. We are all children of God who benefits the care of the Shepherd.

Today's first and second readings reflect on what it means to belong to Christ's flock, to be his own. Jesus says, *"My sheep hear my voice."* That is another description of the personal relationship with Christ that Paul proclaimed to the people of Antioch of Pisidia.

Jesus continues: *"...I know them and they follow me."* The Good Shepherd invites us to know him by walking his path. Belonging to a faith community or parish community is a very big help and a sure guide to know and walk with Jesus.

As we celebrate this **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor



On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but wanted to know that he was safe. So, she asked a neighbour if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he wouldn't notice her. The neighbour agreed since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well. The next school day, the neighbour and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with a friend. She did this all week.

As the two kids walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally, she said to Timmy, *"HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT LADY FOLLOWING US TO SCHOOL ALL WEEK? DO YOU KNOW HER?"* Timmy nonchalantly replied, *"Yeah, I know who she is."* The little girl asked, *"WELL, WHO IS SHE?"* *"That's just Shirley Goodnest"*, Timmy replied, *"and her daughter Marcy."* *"WHY IS SHE FOLLOWING US?"*

"Well," Timmy explained, *"every night my mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life. So, I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"*



FIRST COMMUNION CORNER

Classes resume this weekend 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

► **First Reconciliation (Confession) is on Saturday, May 21st at 11 a.m. in the church.**

All children preparing for First Communion must attend.

- 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 resume this weekend 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

ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

Cardinal Collins asks all the faithful to pray:

- 1 for an increase of vocations to the priesthood & religious life
- 2 for endurance in vocations already committed.

Please also keep Ordinandi in your prayers along with all those who are discerning and who are currently in formation.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St Joseph, her spouse, St Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for your Church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



St Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

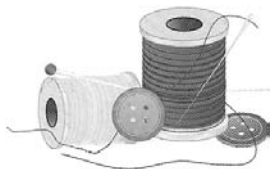
Presented by Sr Antoniana Maria & the Sisters of Life
 Sat June 4th - 9:30 am-2:30 pm (in-person) \$50
 - 9:30 am-1:15 pm (virtual) \$25

St Augustine's Seminary invites all women to this event led by the Sisters of Life who will facilitate a day of reflection for women, celebrating what Pope St John Paul II called the *feminine genius*. The Sisters of Life will accompany all participants as they reflect on the gifts of women and their unique call to holiness.

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