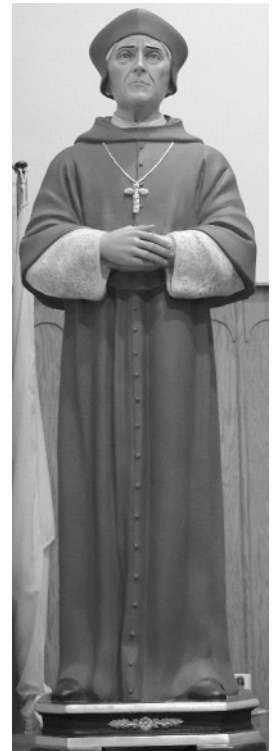


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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:

Thursdays: 7 - 9 p.m. (Upper Room of the Church Hall)

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, December 5th

9 a.m. – ✠ Jason Unger requested by Carole Pitcher

Tuesday, December 6th

9 a.m. – ✠ Terrence Vincent requested by the Vincent Family

Wednesday, December 7th

9 a.m. – ✠ Jason Unger requested by Liz

Thursday, December 8th

9 a.m. – ✠ Rita D'Castro requested by the Antao Family

Friday, December 9th

9 a.m. – ✠ Patricia Percy requested by the Miles Family

Saturday, December 10th

5:30 p.m. – ✠ Anna Nguyen Thi Tao requested by the Lam Family

Sunday, December 11th

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

10:30 a.m. – ✠ Jason Unger requested by Carm & Helen Pietrangelo

12 p.m. – Special Intention for Julie Rossi req by the Miles Family



Dear Parishioners:

The countdown to Christmas is moving on. Today is the **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**. The time is drawing short. Unfortunately, the reminder is too often put in terms of how many shopping days are left until Christmas.

Today's reading is giving us a different point of view. In the Gospel, John the Baptist announces that Jesus will soon come with *"His winnowing fan in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barns, the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."*

The logical continuation for those who hear the warning of John is: *"Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make straight his paths."* To change our ways is not easy. Christmases come and go. We march through Advent like we always have. We light candles, pray Advent prayers and we may even have an Advent calendar. We try to make our children aware of the significance of this special season.

Jesus the Messiah came to initiate a new way of living. How can we initiate a good life in a present situation where bad things seem to persist? There is hope! There is time. If only we contribute in our very own small ways by sharing our love and kindness to people around us.

On the practical side, I suggest that we make the Jesus crib warmer this Christmas through love. Every day, we should all try to increase the number of kind words, deeds and actions we give others throughout the week. This will help us remember the meaning of Christmas and help keep Jesus warm in his bed.

HAPPY ADVENT!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor



"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."
Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"?

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

BEREAVEMENT DAY OF RETREAT: *Let the healing hands of Jesus bless you with peace and healing.*



Sat Dec 10th from 9 am to 3 pm
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga
Cost: \$45.00 (lunch included)

Contact Jean at 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca



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<https://stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/>

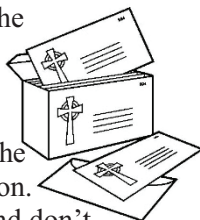


Offertory: November 27th: \$ 7,653.60
Shepherd's Trust: \$ 115



The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a **Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)** to assist you in your support of the work of the Parish through your regular parish offerings. For information on how to enrol, please contact the parish office or email at development@archtoronto.org.

2023 ENVELOPES are ready for pick-up at the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please take your box only. Please do not use these new envelopes until January and complete the outside of the envelope for the first 3 weeks so we can verify the information. If you would like to start using envelopes and don't yet have them, please contact the church office. Thank you.



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH – 6-10 PM
St John Fisher Parish Christmas Party

6 pm – arrival / 6:30 pm opening prayer
 7 pm - International Food Festival &

Christmas Cultural Entertainment

Please plan to join our Parish Family for this FREE event.

► Enjoy Christmas music and traditions from around the world. To participate in the entertainment lineup, please contact Michelle at michellefrizza@gmail.com.

Please let Shiro (shirodemelw@gmail.com) **know if you can:**

- volunteer on December 9th – Teenagers looking for community hours are welcome.
- provide ethnic food especially dishes that are more common at Christmas



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NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.

Our parishioners' support of ShareLife is making a difference in the lives of those in need. Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community.

Our goal this year is **\$18,000**. To date we have achieved **\$12,432**, that's 69% of our goal! If you have not yet donated, you can do so using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Please give generously. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

"Praise & Bless My Lord, give Him thanks & serve Him with deep humility." -St Francis of Assisi

Today we welcome **CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES** to our parish. Catholic Cemeteries are a vital part of the Catholic Church. Managed by the



Archdiocese of Toronto, each Catholic cemetery and funeral home reflects our Catholic beliefs. To discover more information about our ministry, please scan the attached QR code. Please take time today to read and reflect on this information. If you have any specific questions Frank Jannetta will be in the foyer of the Church and he will be happy to speak with you.



FIRST COMMUNION CORNER

Parents of Grade 2 students who wish their child to receive the First Holy Communion must celebrate Mass here 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 in the wall pocket at the back of the church.

Two important events coming:

- ① **Sun Dec 11th:** → Grade 2 students and parents are invited to attend the 10:30 am Mass for a ceremony. Registration follows directly after Mass in the parish hall.
- ② **Mon Jan 16th at 7 pm:** All parents (only) are invited to attend an Information Meeting in the parish hall.

Please remember to **always** bring home a copy of the Bulletin to stay up to date with all communications about First Communion for your child.



CONFIRMATION UPDATES for Grade 7

students who wish to celebrate Confirmation with St John Fisher Church. Families of the candidates must attend Sunday Eucharist regularly. Parents should be registered members of St John Fisher Parish. If you live within the boundaries of the parish and are not registered, please do so by completing the yellow Registration forms in the wall pocket at the back of the church. Those students who go to another church must celebrate their Confirmation at their own parish church.

Important events:

- **December 10th/11th:** Registration Forms will be available at the back of the church. Take one home, fill out the required information and attach a copy of your Baptismal Certificate.
- **December 17th/18th:** Return completed registration form and present it to our catechists at the back of the church.
- **January 14th/15th:** Enrolment Ceremony. The family attends their usual mass and will receive the copy of the rite at the entrance. The Confirmation candidate will prepare a hand-written (or typed) letter on a proper piece of paper, addressed to the Pastor, indicating why they want to be Confirmed. During Mass, the priest will call on the candidates to present their letter to him and receive the Blessed Wooden Cross to wear every day.
- **Tues Jan 24th at 7 pm:** Mandatory meeting for Parents and Teens in the parish hall.

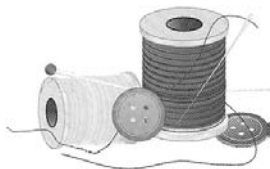
Confirmation Ceremony Dates to be announced.

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