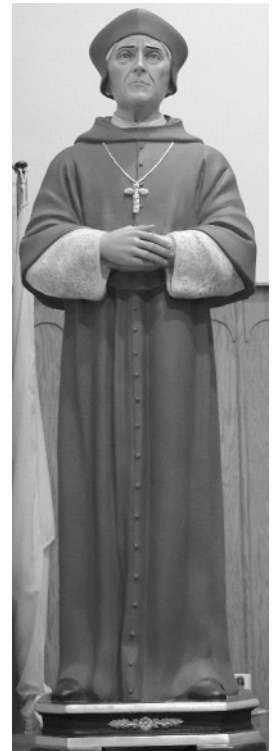


St. John Fisher Parish



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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.

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 12th

9 a.m. – ✠ Sylvester P D'Souza requested by the Antao Family

Tuesday, December 13th

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving requested by Hue Tran

Wednesday, December 14th

9 a.m. – ✠ Aynette Fernandes requested by the Fernandes Family

Thursday, December 15th

9 a.m. – ✠ Deceased of the D'Souza, Santos & Noronha Families

Friday, December 16th

9 a.m. – ✠ Emmanuel Sinnathamby req by the Eruthayathas Family

Saturday, December 17th

5:30 p.m. – ✠ Emmanuel Sinnathamby req by the Eruthayathas Family

Sunday, December 18th

9 a.m. – ✠ Daniel Cabral Andrade req by the Andrade Family

10:30 a.m. – Special Intention for Diana Dixon

12 p.m. – ✠ Joseph Sgro & Nonno Pietro req by the Sgro Family



Dear Parishioners:

On this *Third Sunday of Advent*, we have arrived to Gaudete Sunday. We are reminded that the joy of Christmas is not far away. We are still waiting for the world we long to see. Like our ancestors, we yearn for peace and justice, healing and restoration. Yet, in reality, we are blessed because the joy who is Jesus is with us already if we only open our hearts to him.

It wouldn't be a surprise, though, if there are many people who are having a difficult time finding joy in our world these days. With continuing corruption and disruption in governments around the world; with increasing effects of climate change bringing death and destruction across the globe; with wars and killing, with epidemics, etc., it may be hard to feel any real joy.

Maybe we look for joy in the wrong places. We are told in the Gospel the signs of Jesus' presence are all around us if we look to see them. We are to ask ourselves where the source of Christian joy is to be found. It is not in the material things, more money in our pocket or fortunate events, but in the love of God for us that transcends human limitations and sin. Our faith calls us to be people of hope, not because the world offers us solid grounds for hope but because God's love and power will certainly be victorious in the end.

*"Shout aloud and sing for joy:
great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."*

HAPPY ADVENT!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor



"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent?

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



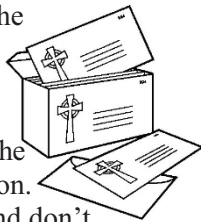
Offertory: December 4th: \$ 3,776

Knights of Columbus: \$ 8,000



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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The Best Gift for Jesus this Christmas
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(aka Confession)

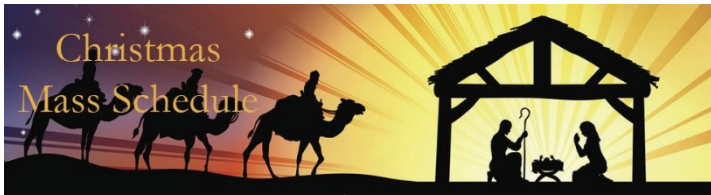
Wednesday, December 21st

9:30-10 am after mass

6:30 pm (3 priests available)



Confession is also available every Saturday at 4:30 pm.



Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24 th 5 pm – 7 pm – 9 pm	Christmas Day Sunday, December 25 th 9 am – 10:30 am – 12 pm
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New Year's Eve Saturday, December 31 st 7 pm Exposition & Holy Hour 8 pm Mass	New Year's Day Sunday, January 1 st 10:30 am – 12 pm
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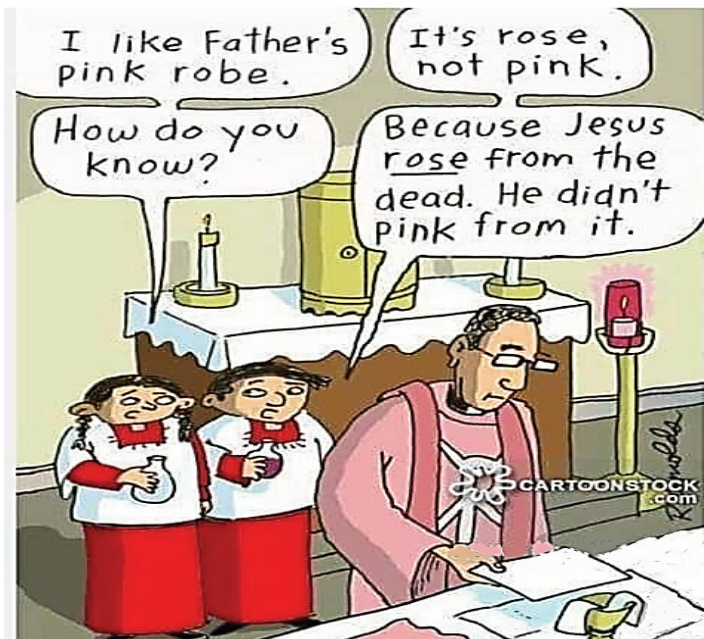
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Our goal this year is **\$18,000**. To date we have achieved **\$12,432**, that's 69% of our goal!

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!



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 This Sunday: → 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:

• **This weekend:** 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.

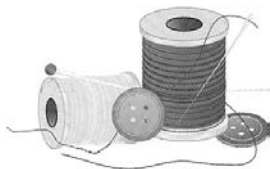


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