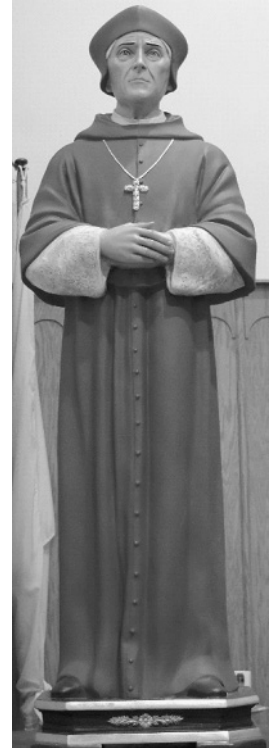


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OFFICE HOURS:

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 7th

5:30 p.m. - ✠ Maurice Walsh requested by Mary Courneyea

Sunday, January 8th

9 a.m. - ✠ Jason Unger requested by The Rosary Apostolate

10:30 a.m. - ✠ Anna Howlett req by The Catholic Women's League

12 p.m. - ✠ Joseph Sgro requested by the Sgro Family

Monday, January 9th

9 a.m. - ✠ Merlin Melder requested by Audrey & Olive

Tuesday, January 10th

9 a.m. - ✠ Antonio & Joanna Manighetti requested by the Miles Family

Wednesday, January 11th

9 a.m. - ✠ William Balmбра requested by MaryJo & Fred Clutchey

Thursday, January 12th

9 a.m. - ✠ Luis Dela Cruz requested by the Dela Cruz Family

Friday, January 13th

9 a.m. - ✠ Souls in Purgatory requested by the Miles Family

Saturday, January 14th

5:30 p.m. - ✠ Leo & Agnes Walsh requested by Mary Courneyea

Sunday, January 15th

9 a.m. - ✠ Ilmashrudeen Tullah req by The Catholic Women's League

10:30 a.m. - ✠ Gertrude Nürsdörfer requested by Linda & Sophie

12 p.m. - ✠ Nelly D'Souza requested by Dorothy Fernandez & Family



To My Beloved Parishioners:

The birth of Jesus created shock waves throughout creation. The angels were the first to feel it. They were God's highest, noblest creatures. They shouted "Alleluia!"

Secondly, the shepherds were the first visitors to the manger. They were simple, hardy, outdoor, rough-cut men in tune with the climate and cycles of creation. All they saw was this little baby. There was no divinity apparent in Jesus, all babies look pretty much the same. Yet they simply believed what the angel told them and immediately adored the baby as somebody greater than themselves. They represent the simple and humble people of the world.

Thirdly, the wise men (Magi) who came from far away arrived on the scene. They represent the whole world. This is the ***Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord***. Epiphany means *manifestation*. Christ is revealed as Lord and Saviour of the whole world. The first reading speaks of kings, camels and dromedaries as well as gold and frankincense.

The magi represent all the nations (you and I, all the races and all colors and beliefs). All were present when Christ was born. We might think, "*Surely tyrants and dictators are excluded*" or "*Surely there's no place for atheists or agnostics*". NO! They tell us, simply and profoundly, that no one is excluded from the love of God. "*All the nations on earth will adore you Lord...*" Gay or straight, addicted or free, male or female, faithful or faithless, saint or sinners, we are all welcomed to the grace and love found in Jesus Christ.

Finally, there is Herod the Great. He reminds believers of the hostility of Herod and his successors shown to Jesus both at his birth and his death. Along with him, the inhabitants of Jerusalem are also against Jesus. It warns us also that the secular society will not be friendly with those who follow Jesus. Christians are persecuted in many parts of the world.

In the midst of all this global darkness, we are the sign of God in this world.

HAPPY EPIPHANY DAY!

Fr Regulo Imperial, Pastor



December 25th: \$ 5,153

Christmas (no envelope): \$ 2,442

Christmas: \$ 4,393

Building Fund: \$ 395

January 1st: \$ 5,239

No Envelope: \$ 1,045

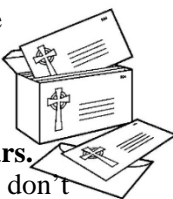
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Solemnity of Mary: \$ 5,298.50



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If you would like to start using envelopes and don't yet have them, please contact the church office. Thank you.



SERRA CLUB OF NORTH PEEL: Of course, we all want to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and the other sacraments for our eternal salvation. We are looking for new members! Please consider joining the Serra Club of North Peel - our members are from the parishes of Brampton, Caledon and Orangeville. Become a promoter of vocations for the priesthood and the religious life, for without priests, we are deprived of God's instruments for saving souls. We meet every 4th Saturday at St Mary's Church, 66A Main St S (Brampton) after the 9 am Mass.

For information, please contact Carlos Abug at carlq7@gmail.com / (416) 409-1384



"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name?

If 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



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FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2023

Theme: "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17)

Write an essay and win great prizes! Deadline to enter is January 16th. High school students (ages 13-19 years) are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a 500-word essay that explores the 2023 theme.

Students are encouraged to consult the resources at <https://bit.ly/3AgBy5J> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3KXgu8m>.

More details at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18-25

DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE (Isaiah 1:17)

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church.

Sunday, January 22nd at 4 p.m.

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church

73 Simcoe St at King St W, Toronto

This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

As part of **Marriage Sunday 2023 Celebrations**, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023.

Sunday, February 12th at 2:30 pm at

St Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto).

All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is now open at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. Register early as space is limited. The mass will be livestreamed starting at 2:15 pm for those who are not able to attend.

DPCDSB News:

► **Information Session to Support Entry Planning and Transition of Students with Differing Abilities** into the DPCDSB for September 2023 - Catholic Education Centre (CEC), Room 301, 40 Matheson Blvd W, Mississauga- Wed, January 18th from 7-8:30 p.m. 905-890-0708 x 24011 or Fara.MirandaFernandes@dpcdsb.org

► **Kindergarten Registration** for the 2023-24 school year begins January 9th. Parents/Guardians can register students online at dpcdsb.org

► **Registration for St James Catholic Global Learning Centre** for the 2023-24 school year (K-8) will take place January 16th-19th. For instructions on how to register, please visit: www.dpcdsb.org/JAMEE/parents/registration.

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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**: → Registration event.

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 17th/18th**: Completed registration forms due.

• **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.

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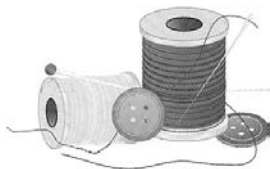


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