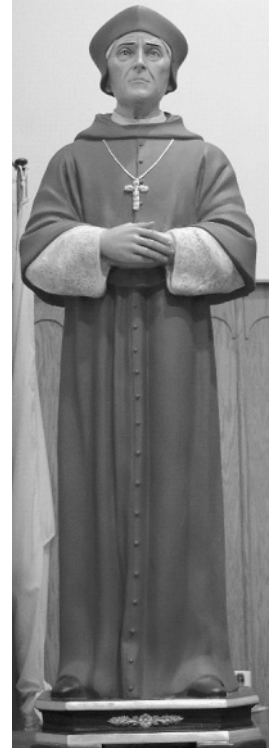


# St. John Fisher Parish



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**PASTOR:** Fr. Regulo Imperial

**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, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 p.m.** - ☩ Aurea Araza requested by Ester and Danny Araza

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**9 a.m.** - ☩ Jason Unger requested by Jeanette and Bill Morgan

**10:30 a.m.** - ☩ Teresa, Francisco, Teodoro, Alfredo, Escolastica Palma & Iraida Vicerál requested by the Palma Family

**12 p.m.** - ☩ Merly J David & Foustina David requested by Stansfield & Juliet

**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9 a.m.** - ☩ Souls in Purgatory requested by the Montinaro Family

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9 a.m.** - ☩ Jim Gamez requested by Jocelyn Gamez

**Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9 a.m.** - Special Intentions of Shirley Digby req by the Miles Family

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**9 a.m.** - Special Intentions of Helena Borde req by the Miles Family

**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9 a.m.** - For the quick recovery of Josephine Sevilla Palma req by Rolando Palma & Family

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 p.m.** - ☩ Avita Lawrence req by her Husband & Children

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9 a.m.** - ☩ Nicasio Jasmin requested by Angie Balbesino

**10:30 a.m.** - ☩ Catherine Allison req by Mary Michael Courneyea

**12 p.m.** - ☩ Rozitha D'Souza requested by the Montinaro Family



Dear Parishioners:

We enter the season of Lent on this *First Sunday of Lent*. Matthew tells us a story in which the challenge of tempting Jesus makes the devil so desperate that he actually imitates Jesus and quotes Scripture to induce him to betray his identity and vocation.

Let's look again at the temptation. Jesus is taunted to be relevant; Turn these stones into bread! Jesus is taunted again to be spectacular; Worship me and I will give you all this power and glory! Jesus is taunted to be powerful; Throw yourself off this pinnacle and save yourself! With each needling provocation, Jesus lets his tempter know that he stands firmly in God.

Temptation will never leave us in our lifetime. Whether it is the temptation toward relevancy, popularity or power or any kind of temptation; any resolve I have to combat these is grace and is founded in my relationship with God; it is founded in prayer. As we enter the season of Lent, the church always invites us to strengthen our resolve by engaging into these three spiritual practices: prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

And how blessed I am, how blessed we are, that when facing any temptation to be less than who we are called to be as Christians, we might call out in prayer with the beautiful psalm response: "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble."

Have a holy and meaningful season of Lent!

Fr Regulo Imperial, Pastor



Thank You **Offertory:**

February 19<sup>th</sup>: \$ 5,831.80



The Archdiocese has mailed out income tax receipts for those parishioners who use envelopes. You should have now received yours. If you haven't, please contact the church office.



Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister

contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) / [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



**COME & SEE DISCERNMENT DAY RETREAT**  
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Fri Mar 16<sup>th</sup> (6:30 pm) until Sun Mar 19<sup>th</sup> (2:30 pm)

For more information email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
Register at: [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee)

**THE RULES FOR FASTING & ABSTINENCE**  
**LENT** We are obliged to observe *Fasting and Abstinence*. According to the teaching of the Catholic Church: ▶ The **law of Abstinence**

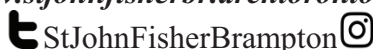
forbids the use of meat and prohibits the eating of meat on Fridays throughout the year. ▶ The **law of Fasting** allows only one full meal a day but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. ▶ *Abstinence and Fasting* are to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and on the **Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ**.

*Who are obliged to observe these precepts?*

▶ Anyone aged 14 and above are bound by the law of *Abstinence*. ▶ Anyone aged between 18 and 59 are obliged to *Fast and Abstain*. ▶ Nevertheless, Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the laws of *Fasting and Abstinence* are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

**All Fridays within the Season of Lent, there will be NO Morning Mass. In the evening at 7 pm there will be the WAY OF THE CROSS followed by Mass.**

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**CWL MEMBERS AND ALL WOMEN AGED 16+:**  
The Membership Drive for the Catholic Women's League is here. Membership newsletters have been distributed. The fee is \$30. More details and the instructions for returning your membership fee are in the newsletter. If you would like to become a member, please email us at [stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com](mailto:stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com)!

**LET OUR LADY BLESS YOUR HOME**  
*The Apostolate of the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary* will be

presented in our parish **this weekend** by the Heralds of the Gospel. It aims to make Reparation to the Immaculate Heart for the offenses it receives from mankind in our days. This Apostolate started with a blessing of St John Paul II in 2001 and is now in over 70 countries. If you wish to participate in this Apostolate and receive the shrine in your home for one day, every month, please sign up at the end of the Masses this weekend.



**Lift Jesus Higher Rally** Theme: *Empowered to Stand*  
Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 5:30 pm  
Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
Tickets: \$25 adults, youth \$15 [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)  
Bus from St John Fisher, leaving at 6:45 am – cost \$10  
For tickets & bus reservation, please contact: Reg or Shirley – 905-793-0422



**Bishop Frank Leo** of Montreal will be installed as the next Archbishop of Toronto during a special Mass and ceremony to take place on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in downtown Toronto. On February 11<sup>th</sup>, Pope Francis announced the appointment of the archbishop-designate, who will succeed Cardinal Thomas Collins, who has served as Archbishop of Toronto since 2007. Given capacity restrictions at the cathedral, it is expected that participation will be limited to invited guests only. The ceremony will be live-streamed. Plans are also underway for a series of welcome events in various regions of the Archdiocese of Toronto, allowing the faithful an opportunity to meet the new archbishop.

**SUPPORT OUR LENTEN SHARELIFE APPEAL**  
In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your kind support of ShareLife. Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 1,900 young parents and their children to access programming, along with diapers, food and clothing. Your support of ShareLife provides hope and support as they create better lives for their families. Please give generously once again this year. Please give generously during the ShareLife Sunday collection or at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).

**Right to Life Mississauga** is hosting three knowledgeable and notable speakers who will educate on the legislative, institutional and personal impacts of what is becoming out-of-control Medical Assistance in Dying legislation (known as MAiD), very thinly veiled as compassionate care. [www.righttolifemb.com](http://www.righttolifemb.com)  
The Real Impacts of MAiD (Medical Assisted Suicide) Revealed!  
Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - 4-5:30 pm – Church Hall  
St Maximilian Kolbe Church, 4260 Cawthra Road Mississauga



**FIRST COMMUNION CORNER:** Classes have begun for registered students in Grade 2. They will be held in the parish hall *after* the 12 pm Sunday Mass. Parents, please bring your child to all FIVE (5) classes based on your assigned Group (A or B).

Group A: 1-2 pm & Group B: 2:30-3:30 pm  
February 5, 12, 26, March 5 & 26

- Attendance will be taken. Masks are required.
- Please bring your child to mass regularly.

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 have begun for registered students in Grade 7. They will be held in the parish hall *before* the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Students must attend all SIX (6) classes on these dates:

Class: 9-10:25 am & Mass at 10:30 am  
February 5, 12, 26, March 5 & 26, April 2

- There is a \$20 fee to cover course materials.
- Attendance will be taken. Masks are required.



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:carlq7@gmail.com) / (416) 409-1384

**Dynamic Women of Faith - Catholic Women's Conference**  
Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – 9 am-4 pm – Cost \$75  
Keynote Speaker: Sister Deirdre Byrne – The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady;  
Register at [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com).



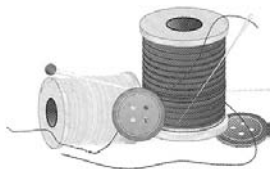
**LENT RETREAT:** Sat Mar 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm  
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga  
Cost: \$45.00 (lunch included)  
Contact Jean at 905-278-5229 or [office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca)



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