St. John Fisher Parish

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> (Easter Vigil) 8 p.m. - ♥Anna Nguyen Thi Con requested by the Lam Family

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday) 9 a.m. – ♥Wilcom Pereira 10:30 a.m. – No Intention 12 p.m. – ♥Barry Giles requested by the Campos Family

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – ⊕Maria Tran requested by the Tran Family

**Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** 9 a.m. – <sup>‡</sup>Victor Redway req by the St John Fisher Parish Community

Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – ∜Margaret Peressotti req by Fred & MaryJo Clutchey

Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – <sup>‡</sup>Oliva Abug Mayled requested by the Martins Family

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – ∜Ma Fe Sanchez requested by the De Vera Family

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. - ♥Wilcom Pereira

Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> (Divine Mercy Sunday)

9 a.m. – ‡Carmelina Vaz Coelho requested by the Coelho Family 10:30 a.m. – ‡Deceased of the Seebaran-Singh Family req by Rhona 12 p.m. – ‡Brian Dubier req by Ivan & Dorothy Fernandez & Family



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Please join us next Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> for **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 2 P.M.** Holy Hour and Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

The **Divine Mercy novena** begins on Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> and ends on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please pick-up a copy of the novena at the church entrance and recite it as a family at home. The consecration will take place as a parish at The Divine Mercy Sunday celebration.

**DID YOU KNOW?** St. Pope John Paul II declared the  $2^{nd}$ Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday during the canonization ceremony of St. Faustina in 2000. The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931 and depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins.

Bring your Divine Mercy images to our celebration. Fr Reg will bless them on this day!



A special thank you to all those who offered their time and talents to make our Holy Week a beautiful and solemn celebration. Thank you to our parish

choirs and musicians (especially our Grand Choir), Communion Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Ushers, Church Cleaners and Church Decorators. May the Resurrected Christ bless you!



Today, the whole Christian world joyfully celebrates *Easter*, the most important event of the year. The cause of our Joy is the fact that God takes hold of all this dying and brings forth life. "*The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, and be killed, and after three days rise again.*" (Mk 8:31)

Dear Parishioners, Jesus is risen, alleluia! Jesus is risen and, with him, all the promises and hopes of a desperate people have come to fulfillment. The journey that has led us to the bitterness of the tomb has not ended there, but God has brought forth day where there was night. Jesus lives, and in that moment where death became life, all is forever changed.

Through all the ups and downs of Jesus' life, that source was none other than the presence and power of God. That same resource continues to be available to Jesus' disciples. We call this great resource the *Grace of the Resurrection*, and even when we are unaware of its power working in us and through us, grace is present. Grace prevails in all the ups and downs, the dyings and the risings that are our life in Christ.

Can we break open laughter in our community? Can we bring joy in our family, school and workplace? Of course, we can! We can remind people, and tell them over and over again with our voices and with our lives, that in all the downs and ups of life the Risen Christ is present among us. We can remind people that in all the dark places of our lives the Risen Christ has brought light and hope. Let us rejoice in all God has done.

Jesus is not dead, He is risen! He is right in our midst. We are worshiping a living God.

On behalf of the staff and volunteers of St John Fisher Parish, I wish you and your family the blessings and joy of this Easter Season.

## HAPPY EASTER!

Fr Regulo Imperial, Pastor

*"He has been raised from the dead!"* Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca



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FIRST COMMUNION CORNER: Classes are complete for registered students in Grade 2. Dates for First Reconciliation and First Communion will be announced soon.

Parents: 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 events.



**CONFIRMATION UPDATES:** Classes are complete for registered students in Grade 7. Ceremony dates will be announced soon. Don't forget to come to Mass every Sunday!

END-OF-LIFE MATTERS: This first post-pandemic inperson guest speaker event at All Saints' is a two-part series. Dr. Moira McQueen, Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, will discuss End-of-Life Matters, including Palliative Care and MAiD.

Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 am All Saints' Church, 1415 Royal York Rd, Etobicoke To reserve a seat, email *allsts.guestspeaker@gmail.com*, or visit the parish office. There is no fee to participate. Contributions are welcome.

SHOW YOUR LOVE BY GIVING TO SHARELIFE Jesus' love for us invites us to give to others, shareLife especially those most in need. ShareLife agencies continue to support the most vulnerable in our community through services that are only possible through your kind and generous donations.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at *sharelife.org/donate*. A blessed Easter to you all!

**DID YOU KNOW?** *Alleluia! Praise the Lord!* The song of our rejoicing. It is added to acclamations and antiphons and may be used as a refrain for the responsorial psalm and communion song. • The *Paschal Candle* is the central symbol of the Easter season, sign of the presence of the risen Lord, light of the world. The *sprinkling rite* (with water blessed at the Easter Vigil) is often used at the beginning of Masses on Sundays. As far back as the Council of Nicaea (325), the Church reflected Easter joy by prohibiting fasting and kneeling, which are signs of penance, throughout the season. Confirmation and First Eucharist are (normally) celebrated during the Easter season. The constant joy of the season continues throughout the fifty days and should be reflected in the festive decoration of the church building. The *Acts of the Apostles* is read at all celebrations in place of the Old Testament because it presents the life, growth, and witness of the early Church. Archdiocese of Toronto



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The Catholic Women's League

Rosana's porch, anytime (15 Delemere Rd).

▶ Books for all. Book donations will be accepted starting on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

• Delicious treats! If you would like to prepare something for our Bake Sale, please email stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com and we can provide plastic clamshell containers to package your goodies. Baking can be dropped off on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 p.m.



Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am @ Chinguacousy Park

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> Get your cowboy boots ready for our Country Western Spring Dinner & Dance. Tickets (\$40) will be on sale in April. Hosted by the K of C & CWL



## Mass of Celebration to Welcome Archbishop Francis (Frank) Leo

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place on Wed May 3rd at St Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga at 7 pm. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.



"I like it when everyone in church sings about that Ollie Louya guy."

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