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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 Drive905-793-8900St. John Henry Newman, 698 Balmoral Drive905-792-2268Georges Vanier, 28 Finchgate Boulevard905-792-2251



Saturday, April 22nd 5:30 p.m. - Special Intentions & for Souls in Purgatory requested by Lalita Pereira Sunday, April 23rd 9 a.m. – Adrien Ache requested by Jeannette & Bill Morgan 10:30 a.m. – [‡]Joseph Sgro requested by the Sgro Family 12 p.m. – Daniel Rozario requested by Mom & Papa Monday, April 24th 9 a.m. – † Ethel de Rozario requested by Audrey & Olive ✤Carmine James Chiouitti Tuesday, April 25th 9 a.m. – [‡]Marcel Hilgerdenar req by the Hilgerdenaar Family Wednesday, April 26th 9 a.m. – [‡]John Kukkula requested by Fred & MaryJo Clutchey Thursday, April 27th 9 a.m. – ♥Rudolph Glass requested by the Martins Family Friday, April 28th 9 a.m. – Pacita Alicia Torres requested by the Torres Family Saturday, April 29th 5:30 p.m. - [⊕]Leo & Agnes Walsh requested by Mary Courneyea Sunday, April 30th 9 a.m. – Deborah Anne Van Dyk req by the Catholic Women's League **10:30 a.m.** – Birthday Blessings for Anamor Sunga req by Andre Guintu 12 p.m. – [‡]Brian Dubier requested by The Knights of Columbus

Thank You GIVING GENEROUSLY

Offertory: April 16th:

April 16th: \$ 4,815.65 Knights of Columbus Spring Allocation: \$ 14,000



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council 10402 for their generous donation of \$14,000 to St John Fisher Parish.

The Knights of Columbus thank all parishioners who contributed to the Easter Food Drive.687 lbs of food was delivered to the Knights Table!

A SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Next week, we will be holding the second collection ShareLife in our parish's ShareLife campaign. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again.

Thus far we have raised \$4,304.25 toward our goal of \$18,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at *sharelife.org/donate*.

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign.



My Beloved Parishioners:

It is interesting to note that the biblical scholars and archaeologists have yet to discover just where this little town of Emmaus was. They haven't found its location and maybe that is good, I think, because the way that the gospel story is written about the road to Emmaus is less an account of geography than it is a story of every man's and every woman's journey.

We're all travelers on that long-ago and ever-present road of life. All of us travel the same way. The two disciples were, as it were, journeying through life. They see the suffering and death of Jesus as the failure of all their hopes. They were distressed, so they ran away from Jerusalem to Emmaus to take themselves out of the painful situation. They found no redeeming value in all they had experienced, so they got out of the mess.

As we journey through life, sometimes we go through a great suffering - a chronic physical illness, that failure of a primary relationship in our life, the feeling of God's absence in our prayer and life and personal tragedy. We wonder why this evil came to us. We even see it as an unmitigated evil. Our inclination is to try to run from it; to avoid the painful situation. *"Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"*

Only through the Breaking of the Bread (Eucharist), according to the story, were their eyes opened to see the ways of God.

HAPPY EASTER!

Fr Regulo Imperial, Pastor

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

Birthright Brampton Baby Bottle Campaign – coming next week! It has been 3 years since Birthright Brampton has held



its main fundraiser. Their funds are critically low as the number of clients has greatly increased as has the cost of assisting them. Baby bottles will be available next week for you to take home and fill up with loose change, bills or a cheque. Tax receipts will be issued for donations totaling \$20 or more. Credit card donations can be made through

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/birthright-brampton. Thank you for your generosity!!!





Saturday, May 6th @ 8:30 am @ Chinguacousy Park

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH Get your cowboy boots ready for our **Country Western** Spring Dinner & Dance.



Menu: Caesar salad, mixed greens w/balsami vinaigrette, vegetable rice, herb tossed roasted potatoes, mixed seasonal vegetables, roast beef au jus, BBQ chicken in BBQ sauce, vegetarian pasta primavera, casava cake, desserts, samosas, coffee, tea. Tickets are \$40 and will be on sale this weekend after all masses. Ages 19+. 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.

The annual March for Energy and the will **Thursday, May 11th** in Ottawa. There will The annual March for Life will be held on **MARCH** be Mass at St Leonard's church at 6 am and FOR LIFE the bus will leave after Mass and return at about 9:30 pm. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and St Leonard's Parish. Tickets for the bus are \$40 and can be purchased at the parish office (905-846-5385). For more information, please call at Eric at 416-402-4091 or Joe at 647-281-9212 (joeresendes19@gmail.com).

On Sunday, May 7th, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are encouraged to participate in MENTAL HEALTH IN THE FAITH COMMUNITIES AWARENESS SUNDAY. The special focus for this day is to raise awareness in our parish communities of the importance of mental health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if we are struggling. In our faith communities, people often report experiencing shame or stigma attached to mental health and mental health illness. Having open conversations about mental health issues, listening, and sharing information, opens doors to seeking help, and healing. So, on this day, let's talk about mental health and help stop the silence, stigma and shame.



FIRST COMMUNION CORNER: Classes are complete for registered students in Grade 2. First Reconciliation for all candidates: Saturday, May 6th at 10:30 am

First Communion Celebrations

St John Fisher School: Saturday, May 13th at 5:30 pm St John Henry Newman School: Saturday, May 20th at 5:30 pm Georges Vanier School: Saturday, May 27th at 5:30 pm 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. *Confession* for all candidates: Saturday, May 27th at 10:30 am **Confirmation Celebrations**

Group 1: Tuesday, May 30th at 7 pm (rehearsal at 10:30 am - same day) Group 2: Wednesday, May 31st at 7 pm (rehearsal at 10:30 am - same day) Don't forget to come to Mass every Sunday!

The Ontario Provincial Council Catholic Women's League is hosting an online workshop, "HORIZONS OF HOPE OVERVIEW," on May 8th from 7-9 pm (EST). presented by Executive Director of Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute Dr Moira McQueen and CWL Life Member Shirley Christo. This presentation will:

• encourage all Catholics to continue promoting access to quality palliative care in the wake of the push of the Canadian Association of MAID Assessors and Providers (CAMAP)/euthanasia movement;

2 offer an overview and rationale behind the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care from the perspective of Catholic teachings;

Oprovide examples of strategies to get the truth of palliative care out to Canadian communities.

Register by May 7th to Shaila D'Souza shailaflavy@gmail.com. Provide your name, diocese, province. Login details will be provided after you register.

Men 18+ are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, St John Fisher Council 10402. For more information: knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com or call Owen at 416-471-2743

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