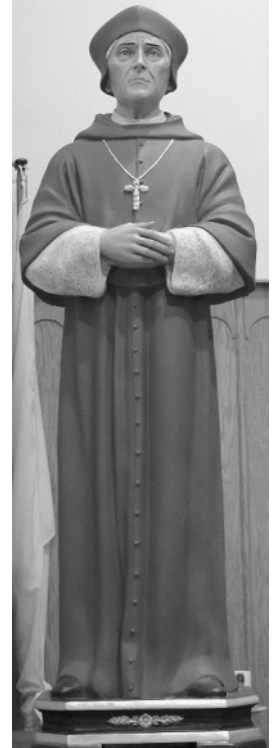


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PASTOR: Fr. Regulo Imperial

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)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10402

(men 18+):

knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

(women 16+): stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com

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, November 11th

5:30 p.m. – ✠ Maura Shaw; Deceased Members of the Shaw Family requested by the Santos Family

Sunday, November 12th

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

10:30 a.m. – ✠ Stephen Demanuelle req by Mary Demanuelle

12 p.m. – ✠ Deceased Members of the Sciberras Family requested by Carm & Helen Pietrangelo

Monday, November 13th

9 a.m. – ✠ Yousef Sawaya requested by the Sawaya Family

Tuesday, November 14th

9 a.m. – ✠ Nicasio Firme requested by the Santos Family

Wednesday, November 15th

9 a.m. – Special Intention requested by the Baragueira Family

Thursday, November 16th

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving offered by Cesar & Wilma

Friday, November 17th

9 a.m. – ✠ Ruping Guballa requested by Maria Baragueira

Saturday, November 18th

5:30 p.m. – ✠ Wilcom Pereira requested by the Santos Family

Sunday, November 19th

9 a.m. – Special Intention requested by the Barawin Family

10:30 a.m. – ✠ Deceased Members of the Pietrangelo Family requested by Carm & Helen Pietrangelo

12 p.m. – ✠ Clement Dcouth requested by Stansfield & Juliet



Beloved Parishioners:

This Sunday is the **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our life is a faith journey from birth to eternal life. The parable of the ten bridesmaids is a description of how we behave in the in-between-times. Today's parable is about being prepared. There are two kinds of people: wise or foolish. There is no middle ground. Who are the wise bridesmaids? Those who wanted to be part of the celebration and did everything necessary to be able to participate fully. It didn't matter that they fell asleep, they were confident that whenever it started, they would be ready. So, they brought with them more than enough oil to last until dawn.

What about the others? What characterizes them as foolish? They did not think to bring any extra oil that they would have needed to relight their torches. They lacked enthusiasm to fully prepare for the big event. This group says: *"Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die."* They don't care to prepare at all. They just go with the flow.

The wise young women's oil symbolized their store of experience of living the Gospel. The difference between the foolish and the wise is that the wise hear the word and put it into practice. They live what they believe. No one can say: *"Lend us some of your oil."* Salvation is a solitary business. You have to do it yourself. Nobody can do it for you. Parents cannot say to their children and children cannot say to their parents: *"Please attend Mass for me."*

GET READY, GET SET, GO!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor

Thank You

Offertory:

GIVING
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November 5th: \$ 4,562.70

All Souls: \$ 1,564.25



Do you have gifts and talents that you can share with our parish? Join a parish ministry today! Volunteer what you can, when you can and as often as you can.

Being God's hands and feet No contribution is too small. Training and support will be provided. We especially need:

Communion Ministers, Lectors & Ushers.

Call or email the office to sign up!

Each November, the Church asks us to remember in a special way those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.

www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org



"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. If God is calling you,

Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

FIRST COMMUNION (GRADE 2) AND CONFIRMATION (GRADE 7) REGISTRATION FORMS are now available at the entrance of the church (on the counter). Please take one home,



complete it and return it with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. These will be collected by the Catechists on the weekend of December 4/5.

Please note: These sacraments are parish-based and families of these students must be registered parishioners and celebrate mass with us regularly at St John Fisher. If you live within the boundaries of the parish and are not registered, please do so by completing the yellow Parish Registration forms found at the church entrance.




SUNDAY MISSALS are available to purchase for \$10 each.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday, November 25th / 9 am-1 pm
 Christmas Crafts - Knitting
 Religious & Gift items - Jewellery
 Baking - Panetonne





If you have brand new or Christmas items to donate to our Bazaar, please email: stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com or call Rosana at 905-458-5276

CALLING ALL BAKERS!
 The CWL needs your help to fill our **Bazaar Bake Shop** with pies (especially apple), muffins, cookies, cupcakes, brownies or anything else that your family and friends always rave about. Please package and label all baked goods, including any common allergens. Clamshell packaging is available in 3 sizes this year: (9"x9") (5"x5") (6 cupcakes). Email stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com if you would like a few containers or to let us know what you will be baking.



Please bring your baking to the Hall on Friday November 24th from 6-8 pm. Thank you!


BREAKFAST WITH SANTA'S back this year!
 Save the Date for this popular parish event.
Saturday, December 16th
 9 am to 12 pm

MAKE A MATCHING GIFT TO SUPPORT NEWCOMERS
NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000. Did you know that, through your support, no one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay? One of these agencies whose work you make possible is Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS). Thanks to you, CCS can provide settlement and mental health services for immigrants and refugees, including those fleeing war.

Our parish has currently raised **\$16,572.70** towards our suggested goal of **\$21,000**.


Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at sharelife.org/donate.



TAKE SURVEY **ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION UNDERWAY**
 Your assistance is requested! Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan.

To participate in the consultation, visit:
www.archtoronto.org/consultation


to complete a brief survey by December 15th, where you can offer your suggestions and insights. The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.




DID YOU KNOW that you can donate to our local **Society of St Vincent de Paul** all year long in 3 ways:

- 1 Drop loose money in the blue SSVP donation boxes located at each church exit. No tax receipt will be issued.
- 2 Use the green SSVP envelopes and drop it in the box at our church. Tax receipts will be issued in February.
- 3 Donate online at www.ssvp.ca, direct it to St John Fisher Conference, Brampton. Tax receipt will be issued directly from SSVP.

Thank you for generosity towards our neighbours in need!



As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. They have been instruments in living out a "faith in action." Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. **Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the SHEPHERDS' TRUST** which supports our priests to help them live their retirement years with dignity. This trust fund is a tangible way to care for those who cared for us and to give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2024
Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Write an essay and win great prizes! Deadline to enter is January 15th. 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 2024 theme. Students are encouraged to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://surl.li/mlfw>. More details at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

The **BRAMPTON SANTA CLAUS PARADE** is coming to our neighbourhood on next Saturday. Bramalea Road north of Queen to Bovaird and Central Park Drive (west of Bramalea Road) will be closed from 3:30 pm. Keep these closures in mind as you plan your day. The Parade will start at the intersection of Bramalea Road and Central Park Drive at 5 pm. The Parade will head north on Bramalea Road towards North Park Drive. It will then head east on North Park Drive and end at the intersection of North Park Drive and Jordan Blvd.

WAITING FOR GOD TO SAVE ME: A fellow was stuck on his rooftop in a flood. He was praying to God for help. Soon a man in a rowboat came by and the fellow shouted to the man on the roof, "Jump in, I can save you." The stranded fellow shouted back, "No, it's OK, I'm praying to God and he is going to save me." So the rowboat went on. Then a motorboat came by. The fellow in the motorboat shouted, "Jump in, I can save you." To this the stranded man said, "No thanks, I'm praying to God and he is going to save me. I have faith." So the motorboat went on. Then a helicopter came by and the pilot shouted down, "Grab this rope and I will lift you to safety." To this the stranded man again replied, "No thanks, I'm praying to God and he is going to save me. I have faith." So the helicopter reluctantly flew away. Soon the water rose above the rooftop and the man drowned. He went to Heaven. He finally got his chance to discuss this whole situation with God, at which point he exclaimed, "I had faith in you but you didn't save me, you let me drown. I don't understand why!" To this God replied, "I sent you a rowboat, a motorboat and a helicopter, what more did you expect?"

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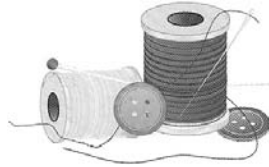
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