

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.

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, December 2nd

5:30 p.m. – ✠ Joseph LeTrung Dong requested by the Lam Family

Sunday, December 3rd

9 a.m. – ✠ Catherine Mitchell req by the Mitchell-Smith Family

10:30 a.m. – ✠ Domitila Del Rio requested by the Family

12 p.m. – ✠ Bernard Raymond D’couth req by Stansfield & Juliet

Monday, December 4th

9 a.m. – Special Intentions of the Baragueira Family req by Maria Baragueira

Tuesday, December 5th

9 a.m. – ✠ Geroncio “Ronnie” Cadawas req by the Cadawas Family

– ✠ Rosaria Castagnella Nasato req by the Staff at St John Fisher School

Wednesday, December 6th

9 a.m. – ✠ All Souls in Purgatory req by the Montinaro & Bonello Families

Thursday, December 7th

9 a.m. – ✠ Mr & Mrs Ruping Guballa req by Maria Baraguiera

Friday, December 8th

9 a.m. – ✠ Patricia Percy requested by the Miles Family

Saturday, December 9th

5:30 p.m. – ✠ Anna Nguyen Thi Tao req by the Lam Family

Sunday, December 10th

9 a.m. – ✠ Teresa Tran requested by the Tran Family

10:30 a.m. – ✠ Brian Dubier & Alice req by Loraine Dubier & Family

12 p.m. – Intention of Julie Rossi requested by the Miles Family



Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday is the *First Sunday of Advent* - the beginning of the Church Liturgical Calendar. In today’s gospel, Jesus tells us to be ready because, at an hour we do not expect, the Son of Man will come. *“Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come.”*

As one commentary noted, the end of the world is a pretty big deal for God to keep secret from Jesus and the angels. The only definite thing Jesus says about “that day” is that the disciples should stay awake and be ready for it. Apparently, the thrust of Jesus’ teaching is to say that there’s no point in speculating about the end. The only thing for sure is that it will come at an unexpected time and in unexpected way. It seems that the gist of the message is *“Live as if you were going to die tomorrow and as if you were going to live forever.”* That is the truth.

Advent invites us to stay awake, stay in focus. Enjoy the coming wonderful Christmas Season. Make room for love and forgiveness in your heart. Let us prepare ourselves: *“Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table...Love, the Guest is on the way!”*

A BLESSED ADVENT FOR ALL!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor



The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master’s return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God’s “particular task” for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think 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



Offertory:

November 26th: \$ 3,242.25
Shepherd’s Trust: \$ 620.00



Please include: ① Name(s)
② Mailing Address ③ Email Address
④ Telephone Number

We are expanding our database to be able to communicate with parishioners more easily. Parishioners are asked to email their contact information to stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org. Thank you for your cooperation!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: *Anees Shajhan Ebrahim* is scheduled to be married to *Dalia Jane Saldanha* on April 6, 2024 in Mount Rosary Church, Santhekatte, Kallianpur, India. Any objection to this marriage must be made known to the Pastor of St John Fisher Church by calling or emailing the parish office.



2024 ENVELOPES will be available for pick-up next weekend. If you would like to start using envelopes and don’t yet have them, please contact the church office. Thank you.



FIRST COMMUNION (GRADE 2) AND CONFIRMATION (GRADE 7) REGISTRATION FORMS

Please give your completed forms to the Catechists **THIS** weekend. Don’t forget to include a copy of the Baptism Certificate.

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.



Tickets are **SOLD OUT** for **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**. Thank you for your support!



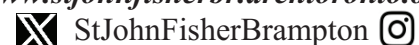
Saturday, December 16th
9 am to 12 pm



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

Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.

www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org



A warm welcome to Bishop Ivan Camilleri who is visiting us this weekend for his Episcopal visit. He is responsible for the Western Region, which includes 72 parishes in the western part of the City of Toronto and the Regional Municipality of Peel-Dufferin. Bishop Ivan will be visiting parish schools, meeting parish groups and celebrating the Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m. Masses. He will deliver the homily at the Sunday 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Masses. Let us welcome Bishop Ivan and show him what a vibrant and diverse community we are!



ARCHBISHOP LEO INVITES YOU TO JOIN SHARELIFE'S FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER
 Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until Dec 31, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000. "It is heart-wrenching and unacceptable that anyone today lacks access to food which is a most basic human right," shares Archbishop Francis Leo. "Our parishioners are taking action in response to the Lord's call to feed the hungry. Since the earliest days of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the faithful have cared for those in need, on the margins of society and we continue this life-giving legacy."

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

Please support the fight against hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for reaching out with the hands of Christ to feed the hungry.

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!

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. 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!

BEREAVEMENT RETREAT: Come and let the healing hands of Divine Compassion gently hold you & bless you with peace & comfort.
 Sat Dec 16th 9 am to 3 pm / Cost: \$45.00 (lunch included)
 Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga
 Contact Jean at 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

Christmastime can be a bittersweet season. This season can be particularly challenging for those in situations where holidays resonate with a different tune. For many among us who bear the weight of silent struggles, this can be a difficult period marked by quiet grief, lingering sadness, and a profound sense of loneliness. We want you to know that you are not alone.
 Join us on Wednesday, December 6th at 7 pm for our ShareLife Speaker Series event "**Coping with Grief during Christmastime**" with Amanda Wendelgass of CFS Counselling + Wellbeing. This is more than just a virtual gathering – it will be a shared space where we'll explore practical coping skills, extending a hand of support to make Christmastime a bit more manageable for those who need compassion most.
Free Registration: bit.ly/coping-with-grief-at-christmastime

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS: As part of **Marriage Sunday 2024** celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. Click the register button at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage>
Sunday, February 11th at 3 pm at St Michael's Cathedral
 Watch the Mass via livestream: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

WHAT IS ADVENT? ☩ A season of hope, preparation, expectations and celebration.
 ☩ The advent wreath is a popular symbol used as the focus of prayer throughout the season.
 ☩ Candles mark the steps in our Advent journey.
 ☩ Advent means *a coming* or *arrival*.
 ☩ As we prepare for Christ's birth, we also remember the events that surrounded the Lord's coming long ago; celebrate his coming among us today and look forward to his final coming in glory.
 ☩ Through prayer, spiritual reading, acts of charity, and participation in Eucharist, Advent helps us to expand the meaning of our lives, so that we are not ends in ourselves, but a people who seek Christ as our hopeful end and joyful fulfilment.
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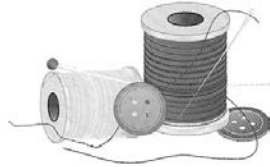
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