

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)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10402

(men 18+):

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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 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

Monday, December 11th

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

Tuesday, December 12th

9 a.m. – ☩ Sylvester P. D’Souza requested by the Antao Family

Wednesday, December 13th

9 a.m. – ☩ Salvatore Montinaro & Cassara Family Members requested by Lia Montinaro

Thursday, December 14th

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving offered by Reg & Shirley Digby

Friday, December 15th

9 a.m. – ☩ Violeta Robosa Gallarte requested by Danny Robosa

Saturday, December 16th

5:30 p.m. – ☩ Emmanuel Sinnathanby req by the Eruthayathas Family

Sunday, December 17th

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

10:30 a.m. – ☩ Prescilla Cecelia Lasrado

12 p.m. – ☩ Peter Alex Pereira requested by Stansfield & Juliet



Dear Parishioners:

On this *Second Sunday of Advent*, Luke wants us to think about the desert. The desert was Israel’s birthplace. God brought the people out of slavery and then led them on a 40-year desert trek to teach them what it meant to be the people of God.

“The word of God came to John...in the desert.” Why was John in the desert instead of protesting around the palace or preaching in the Temple? The desert is the antithesis of the mall. No matter how much money you have, there is nothing to buy. Far from the city lights whose twinkling grabs our attention, the desert allows us to fix our gaze on the stars, on beauty that is beyond our reach and yet seems to have been created just for our delight. The desert is where our soul finds room to expand, where we can remember what we really thirst for. There we are alone with God.

The word of the Lord came to John in the desert and today he tells us to prepare the way of the Lord. We are called to straighten our twisted ways about the truth. We are called to build bridges across the breaches that have separated us from family or friends, to forget all wounds and bend low enough to say “I am sorry.” We are in the desert to be transformed into the ways of the Lord.

I invite all parishioners to enter the desert of Advent as we prepare for the coming of the Lord in our hearts this coming Christmas. Do not hesitate! It is all possible because God is already working on us.

HAPPY ADVENT!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor

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Offertory:

December 3rd: \$ 4,411.30
Shepherd’s Trust: \$ 65.00
ShareLife: \$ 5.00



2024 ENVELOPES are available for pick-up now at the main church entrance. If you would like to start using envelopes and don’t yet have them, please contact the church office. Thank you.



Update
your
Information



Please include: ❶ Name(s)
❷ Mailing Address ❸ Email Address
❹ 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.



SUNDAY MISSALS

are available to purchase for \$10 each.



 John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son.

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca



The Best Gift for Jesus this Christmas is... **ADVENT RECONCILIATION** (aka Confession)

Wednesday, December 20th
9:30-10 am after mass & 6:30 p.m.



Confession is also available every Saturday at 4:30 pm.

The Catholic Women’s League is selling Italian chocolates and panettone after all masses. Thank you for your support!




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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.



ShareLife **YOUR COMPASSION HELPS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**
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. Through your compassionate generosity, Mary Centre partners with adults with a developmental disability in its mission of "building a good life." This ShareLife-funded agency offers integrated support services, providing respite for clients and their caregivers.

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.


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/>


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.
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- 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!

 **PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY:** As we celebrate the 58th Anniversary of the Parish and construction of our church, it is the last year of our Pastor, Father Regulo Imperial's leadership of our parish. To honour all of this, we are working with **IPC Canada Photo Services** to create a *2024 Parish Directory* – a yearbook of our parish with photos of all parishioners, families, and organizations who wish to participate. The Anniversary Committee encourages you all to join in this great project.

WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?


- ▶ Get to know your fellow parishioners, including those you regularly sit near to during mass, those of different generations than your own, and others who attend different mass times.
- ▶ Help Father Reg know the faces of his flock.
- ▶ Make it easier for the Church Office to know who we are.
- ▶ Increase community spirit!

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- ▶ Your photo in the directory gets you a FREE copy of the directory. If you choose to buy copies of your pictures, the prices are reasonable.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR A PICTURE?

- ▶ Volunteers will be at the back of the church after all masses to register parishioners, families, and members of parish organizations for a photo appointment in the Parish Hall.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24 th 5 pm – 7 pm – 9 pm	Christmas Day Monday, December 25 th 9 am – 10:30 am – 12 pm
New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31 st 7 pm Exposition & Holy Hour 8 pm Mass	New Year's Day Monday, January 1 st 10:30 am – 12 pm



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/mlfkw>. More details at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

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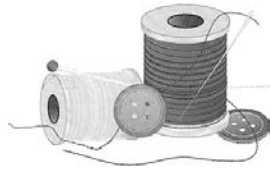
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