

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+):

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, December 18th

9 a.m. – ✠Youssef Sawaya requested by The Sawaya Family

Tuesday, December 19th

9 a.m. – ✠Brian Dubier requested by the Family

Wednesday, December 20th

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

Thursday, December 21st

9 a.m. – ✠Mr & Mrs Rupins Guballa req by Maria Baragueira

Friday, December 22nd

9 a.m. – ✠Thomas, Richie, Ermelinda, Philo, Lawrence, Louis, Seraphine, Santos requested by the Santos Family

Saturday, December 23rd

5:30 p.m. – ✠Placido Huang Trung requested by the Lam Family

Sunday, December 24th (4th Advent)

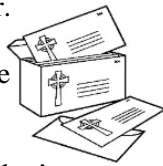
9 a.m. / 10:30 a.m. / 12 p.m. – No intentions

Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

5 p.m. / 7 p.m. / 9 p.m. – No intentions

2024 ENVELOPES are available for pick-up at the main church entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please take your box only. Please do not use these new envelopes until January and complete the outside of the envelope for the first 3 weeks so we can verify the information.

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: ❶Name(s)
❷Mailing Address ❸Email Address
❹Telephone 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 Ebrahem* is scheduled to be married to *Dalia Jane Saldanha* on April 6, 2024 in Mount Rosary Church, Santheekatte, 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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

A Good Advent will result in a Good and Joyful Christmas. On this *Third Sunday of Advent*, we have arrived to Gaudete Sunday. We are reminded that the joy of Christmas is not far away. The joy of Christmas is how we make it. Like our ancestors, we yearn for peace and justice, healing and restoration.

It wouldn't be a surprise, though, if many people were having a difficult time finding joy in our world these days. With continuing corruption and disruption in governments around the world; with increasing effects of climate change bringing death and destruction across the globe; with wars and killing etc., it may be hard to feel any real joy. We should look within our own hearts. If our own hearts are not ready to love, forgive and share and change for the better, it may be hard to feel any real joy.

We are told in the Gospel the signs of Jesus' presence are all around us if we look to see them. We need to ask ourselves where the source of Christian joy is to be found. It is not in pleasant circumstances or fortunate events, but in the love of God for us that transcends human limitations and sin. Our faith calls us to be people of hope, not because the world offers us solid grounds for hope but because God's love and power will certainly be victorious in the end.

*"Shout aloud and sing for joy:
great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."*

HAPPY ADVENT!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor



There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? 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



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.



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!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND – 7-10 PM
St. John Fisher Parish Christmas Party
A Celebration of Christmas Culture Potluck

Please plan to join our Parish Family for this FREE event and showcase YOUR Christmas traditions, culinary fare and costumes. How is Christmas celebrated “back home”? Bring back those lovely memories and share your **Potluck** offering with your fellow parishioners. Doors will open at 6 pm.



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


MAKE A MATCHING GIFT TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH
Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31st, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000.
 Your support of ShareLife is making a difference in the lives of those in need. Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese.

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/>

You can donate to our local *Society of St Vincent de Paul* all year long in 3 ways: ❶ Drop loose money in the blue SSVP donation boxes located at each church exit. No tax receipt will be issued. ❷ Use the green SSVP envelopes and drop it in the box at our church. Tax receipts will be issued in February. ❸ 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!**

 **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. Appointments are the week of January 30th.



INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND UPDATE:
 On December 12th the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families. Recipients include the Native Peoples' Mission located in Toronto, Ontario that will receive \$150,000 over five years to expand programs and outreach of the mission. Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To learn more, visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation

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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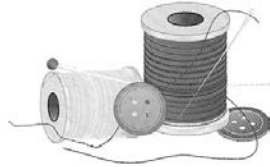
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