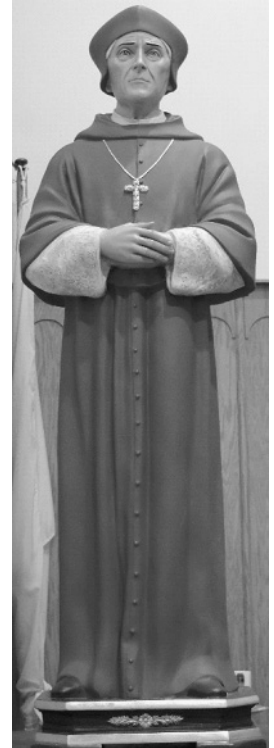


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PASTOR: Fr. Regulo Imperial

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, February 3rd

5:30 p.m. – In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers requested by Emmanuel Savona

Sunday, February 4th

9 a.m. – ☩Souls in Purgatory requested by Emmanuel Savona
10:30 a.m. – ☩Abelardo Bustos requested by the Bustos Family
12 p.m. – ☩Joseph & Lucretia Sgro requested by the Family

Monday, February 5th

9 a.m. – ☩Dalmacia dela Cruz requested by the dela Cruz Family

Tuesday, February 6th

9 a.m. – ☩David Miles requested by the Miles Family

Wednesday, February 7th

9 a.m. – ☩Rev Fr John Mizzi, Fr Philip Kennedy & Fr McGough requested by the Santos Family

Thursday, February 8th

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving for blessings received on Reg & Shirley Digby

Friday, February 9th

9 a.m. – Special Intentions of Shirley Christo

Saturday, February 10th

5:30 p.m. – For the Healing of a Daughter

Sunday, February 11th

9 a.m. – ☩Avita Lawrence req by her husband, Walter & Children
10:30 a.m. – ☩Manuel & Maria Fe Sanchez req by Ceasar & Wilma
12 p.m. – ☩Adelino Garcia requested by Adelaide Garcia

Beloved Parishioners:

Today is the **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In the Gospel, Jesus cured Peter's mother-in-law. The late Cardinal Sin of Manila, Philippines once asked a group of his priests while dining: "Do you know why Peter denied the Lord three times?" Nobody could come up with an answer. The Cardinal himself answered: "Because Jesus cured his mother-in-law."

Simon's mother-in-law, whose name is not given to us, comes across as a woman of humble character. After Jesus cures her of her fever, she responds not with a simple act of thanksgiving but with gracious and loving service she rendered to Jesus and his disciples.


The first chapter of Mark tells us short stories about the ministry of Jesus. His hectic schedule of preaching, teaching, healing and praying. During that time, it seemed that the power of evil had the upper hand. The Gospel started with the salvific actions of Jesus against the evil of Satan. Yes, Satan is mighty, but Jesus is even more so. Yes, the world is filled with demonic forces, but Jesus has triumphed over all of them.

The first days of Jesus was composed of the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and then the healing of the demoniac. These events created a great scenario: When the Sabbath ended at sunset and Jesus opened the door, the whole town was waiting for him. They were bandaged and broken, exhausted and fed-up, and wanted to be healed. People are all in need of healing.

ONLY JESUS CAN HEAL OUR BODY AND SOUL.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Regulo Imperial, Pastor




 Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

COME & SEE WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREAT hosted by the Office of Vocations for men aged 18+ at St Augustine's Seminary. *Friday, March 15 at 6:30 pm until Sunday, March 17 at 2 pm* This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee. For more info, visit: vocations@archtoronto.org


The Catholic Women's League is pleased to announce that the **Mary Matthews Speech Contest** is returning to our parish. All are welcome to come out and support the student contestants from our three parish schools. **Sunday, February 11th at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall**


The **Catholic Women's League Membership Drive** has begun. Membership dues are \$35. If you would like to renew your membership in advance of receiving the Annual Newsletter, you can e-transfer this amount to: stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com. If you are interested in becoming a member, please email us for more information!

Thank You **Offertory:**
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 GENEROUSLY

Update your Information Please include: ①Name(s) ②Mailing Address ③Email Address ④Telephone 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!

 **Sat Feb 17th @ 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall
Come out and have a fun evening of great food, entertainment, door prizes & more.
Menu: Penne with meat or vegetarian tomato sauce bread, butter, salad, dessert, water, pop, coffee, tea.
Tickets are on sale at the back of the church after all masses.
 ▶ Adults: \$15 ▶ Children (6-12): \$10 ▶ Ages 5 & under: Free

 **February 14th – Masses @ 9 am and 7 pm**
 Don't forget that Ash Wednesday is a Day of Abstinence (14+) and Fasting (18-59).



The Society of St Vincent de Paul is always looking for new members to join us in our ministry to serve the needy in our community. We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month for an hour. Come and make a difference with us! If you are unable to join but would like to support us, please use the envelopes available in the church foyer. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining this most fulfilling ministry, please reach out to us:
(905) 790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Take Heart: By His Wounds We Are Healed

Saturday, March 2nd – 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Tickets: \$30 adults, youth \$15 www.ljhr.ca

Bus from St John Fisher, boarding at 6:30 a.m. – cost \$15

For tickets & bus reservation, please contact: Reg or Shirley – 905-793-0422



The **CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meets on the 2nd week of the month on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 am in the church hall (after the 9 am mass). See you on Thursday, February 8th!



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.

- ▶ Individuals & Families who have their photo taken, will receive a FREE copy of the directory.
- ▶ Church Groups & Ministries will not receive a copy.



DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND YOUR SCHEDULED TIME.

For any changes or cancellations, please contact:

Lorraine Carvey at 647-855-8980

PHOTO SCHEDULE FOR GROUPS (ANNIVERSARY PROJECT)

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| 06-Feb | 8:45 pm | Parish Maintenance Team |
| 07-Feb | 4:15 pm | Catholic Women's League |
| | 8:15 pm | Sunday 12 pm Choir |
| | 8:45 pm | Knights of Columbus |
| | 9 pm | Sunday 10:30 am Choir |
| 10-Feb | 11:45 am | Communion Ministry to the Sick & Homebound |
| | 1:30 pm | Office Staff |
| | 1:45 pm | Fr Regulo Imperial |
| | 2:30 pm | Sacramental Preparation |

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.

Sunday, February 11th at 3 pm at St Michael's Cathedral

Watch the Mass via livestream: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace has released a Pastoral Letter on the use of social media entitled:

"Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious." The release of the

letter on January 24th was timed to coincide with the liturgical memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, who is invoked as a patron saint of writers, publishers and those working in the field of communications. Acknowledging the prominent role social media has come to play at an individual and societal level, this timely document considers the benefits and dangers of social media from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching. It provides tools for moral reflection and self-examination, and suggests seven commitments by which to be guided for a more ethical use of social media: ① check for accuracy ② seek greater perspective ③ value human dignity ④ bring curiosity into the conversation ⑤ distinguish between intention and impact ⑥ privilege "in real life" encounters ⑦ tend to our time spent online. The letter, which may be of particular interest to those working in youth/young adult ministry, is available in electronic format and can be downloaded from the CCCB website.

SPIRIT & LIFE SERIES LENTEN RETREAT at St Augustine's Seminary. Theme: *The Holy of Holies*. Fr Eric Rodrigues will explain the various rituals and prayers of the Mass.

February 24 from 9 am to 4 pm (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough).

Register early, as space is limited for in-person events:

<https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/st-augustines-spirit-life-series-lenten-retreat>.

Pope Francis' Message for **THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

(February 11th): *"The sick, the vulnerable and the poor are at the heart of the Church; they must also be at the heart of our human concern and pastoral attention. May we never forget this! And let us commend ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Health of the Sick, that she may intercede for us and help us to be artisans of closeness and fraternal relationships".* ▶ If you are a Catholic Nurse or health

professional who aspires to professionally practice as a Catholic Nurse, consider joining the National Association of Catholic Nurses - Canada as a nurse or as an associate member. Members consider their professionalism as a vocational calling grounded in the teachings of the Catholic Church and endorse the recommendations of the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops. To learn more and to watch videos about palliative care and other issues, visit cccb.ca and catholicnurses.ca.

DOMINICAN FRIARS YOUTH INTERFAITH VIDEO CONTEST 2024

Theme: **"This is a time when the world needs more love and compassion than ever."** High school students (13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the United Nations International Human Fraternity Day on February 4 every year. Students are encouraged to make a three-minute video encapsulating the theme. They are encouraged to follow the rules provided on the Catholic Register website and submit their entries by April 15th and complete the submission form at:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>.

interreligious@archtoronto.org / 416-934-3400 ext. 527

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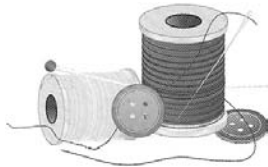
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