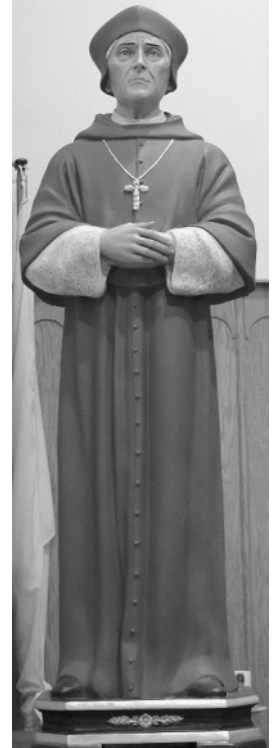


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OFFICE HOURS:

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, February 17th

5:30 p.m. – ☩ Antonio Gadin

Sunday, February 18th

9 a.m. – ☩ Wayne Brazeau requested by Jill Brazeau

10:30 a.m. – Special Intentions for the Seebaran Singh Family
(deceased & living)

12 p.m. – ☩ Claire Noel requested by Sylve Noel

Monday, February 19th

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving for prayers answered requested by
Emmanuel Savona

Tuesday, February 20th

9 a.m. – ☩ Soledad Sanchez requested by the Sanchez Family

Wednesday, February 21st

9 a.m. – ☩ Peter Raymond Clark requested by the Clark Family

Thursday, February 22nd

9 a.m. – Good Health of Ann Day &
☩ Alfred Day requested by the Santos Family

Friday, February 23rd

7 p.m. – ☩ David Need requested by the Allison Family

Saturday, February 24th

5:30 p.m. – ☩ Manuel & Natalina Mendes req by the Martins Family

Sunday, February 25th

9 a.m. – ☩ Merly & Foustina David requested by Stanfield &
Juneta D’Couth

10:30 a.m. – In Thanksgiving for Lindsay Peiate requested by
Alice Laquian

12 p.m. – ☩ Marco Mallia req by Maurice & Maryanne Mallia



Beloved Parishioners:

We enter the Season of Lent. After Jesus was baptized, St Mark tells us: “*The Spirit drove him out into the wilderness.*” Matthew and Luke say that Jesus “*was led by the Spirit*” into the desert. Different translations have even stronger versions, such as: “*The Spirit made him go*” into the desert. The Palestinian desert is not a vast expanse of sand but a rocky territory of mountains.

The Spirit drives him out toward a really uncomfortable place where he has to battle the demons and “*to be among the wild beasts...*”. The Spirit knew what he was doing. Having a desert experience must be very important for Jesus.

The wild beasts often symbolized demons. There was the fighting between Jesus and Satan. We should say that the fight there was intense because Jesus was within Satan’s territory. We can conclude that because the Holy Spirit is wise and loving, it was something Jesus needed to do before he began the big events of his public life. His public proclamation of the Good News will meet stiff resistance from those who cling to power: King Herod, the religious leaders of Jerusalem, the Roman occupation, the Gentiles, his own people and hill country villages.

Lent is very necessary for all Christians as we journey through life amidst all the trials and oppositions given by all who do not believe in Christ. We will constantly wrestle with the evil one. The church gives us these three important exercises during Lent - **Prayer, Fasting and Abstinence.**

Let’s take this Season very seriously!

Fr Regulo Imperial, Pastor



Don’t forget to **Abstain** from the meat on Fridays throughout the year, and especially on the Fridays of Lent. *If you are between 14 and 59 you should be following this law.*

All Fridays within the Season of Lent, there will be NO Morning Mass. In the evening at 7 pm there will be the WAY OF THE CROSS followed by Mass.



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.

The **Catholic Women’s League Membership Drive** is underway. 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!



Offertory:

February 11th: \$ 3,783.25

Building Fund: \$ 2,898.00



2024 ENVELOPES are available for pick-up at the main church entrance. They are in alphabetical order.

Please complete the outside of the envelope for the first few weeks so we can verify the information.

If your box of envelopes is not there, or 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!



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). Our next meeting is Thursday, March 14th!

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

Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar – Sat Feb 24th @ 9 am

Learn: ▶ How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection ▶ How to create your own legacy ▶ About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 Ways to Register: ① Scan the QR code

② Follow the QR link: <https://QRCO.de/WebFeb24>

③ Email: Development@ArchToronto.org / write

“webinar February 24” in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



LENT RETREAT: Sat Mar 9th from 9 am to 3 pm

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga

Cost: \$45.00 (lunch included)

Contact Jean at 905-278-5229 or office@goa.ca

All are invited to attend the St Augustine’s Seminary


DIVINA ELOQUIA presented by Rev Hubertus Drobner.

The “Great Cappadocians”: A Family of Theologians & Saints

Tues Feb 27 6:30 pm (Charbonnel Lounge, University of St Michael’s College, Elmsley Hall, 81 St Mary St, TO). Please register:

<https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/patristic-talk-feb2024>.



 Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. 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

MARTYRS SHRINE SPRING GALA – Wed June 12th 5:30-9 pm

(Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane St, Vaughan) Keynote address from His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo and musical performance from St Michael’s Choir School. Early bird prices available until March 31st.

<https://martyrs-shrine.com/spring-gala> / 705-526-3788 or 855-526-3788 communications@martyrs-shrine.com

ST PATRICK’S PARISH PARK RENTAL (Wildfield-Brampton)

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FIRST COMMUNION CORNER: Classes will begin in the parish hall on Sunday, March 3rd for First Communion candidates. Students will be divided into 2 groups. Group A attends from 1-2 pm and Group B attends from 2:30-3:30 pm. *Attendance is mandatory for all 5 classes. There will be no make-up classes.* All families and First Communion students must attend the 12 pm mass on March 3rd for a short ceremony.

Group A: 1-2 pm & Group B: 2:30-3:30 pm
March 3, 24, April 7, 21, 28

Please remember to bring home a copy of the Bulletin and to attend mass regularly.

Ceremony dates for First Communion & Confirmation will be announced AFTER Easter.



CONFIRMATION UPDATES

The Enrolment Ceremony for Confirmandi will be next weekend (February 24/25) at all masses. Families attend their usual mass and will receive the copy of the rite at the entrance. The Confirmation candidate will prepare a hand-written (or typed) letter on a decent piece of paper, addressed to the Pastor, explaining why they want to receive this sacrament. In the middle of Mass, the priest will call the candidates to present their letter to the priest and receive the Blessed Wooden Cross to wear every day.

Classes: 9-10:25 am & Mass at 10:30 am

March 3, 24, April 7, 21, 28, May 5

An important consideration: In order to be confirmed, candidates must complete all 6 sessions. By not doing so, we presume that the candidate is not fully ready for the reception of the Sacrament and perhaps, receiving this sacrament in the future is a better option.

Please bring the \$20 fee (per candidate) to the first session. Students will need a pen/pencil/eraser each week. The textbook will be provided.



Support our vulnerable youth through ShareLife

In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need – especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home. *“Your gift ensures youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to individualized support and variety of programs and services to meet their complex and diverse needs,”* says Mark Aston of Covenant House Toronto. *“With your caring support, youth have a safe space to turn to and a supportive team to help them plan their own path.”*

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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. Rules & submission form provided on the Catholic Register website. Deadline is April 15th:

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

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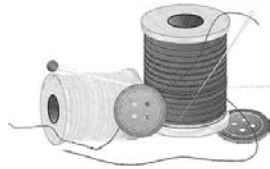
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