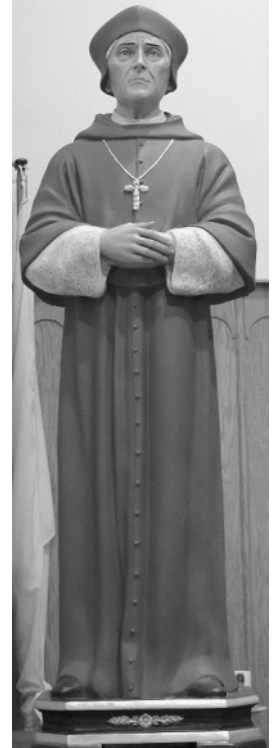


# St. John Fisher Parish



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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](mailto:knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com)

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

(women 16+): [stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com](mailto: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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving for countless blessings requested by the Santos Family

**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – ☩Michael Matic requested by Christy Campos

**Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving requested by Shirley Christo

**Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – Special Intention for Helena Borde

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

7 p.m. – Special Intention for Shirley Digby

**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

5:30 p.m. – ☩Avita Lawrence requested by Walter & Children

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9 a.m. – ☩Editha Velarde

10:30 a.m. – For the success of Tonna Anochie

12 p.m. – ☩Editha Velarde requested by Jocelyn Dumalagan



Beloved Parishioners:

This Sunday is the *Second Sunday of Lent*. Every now and then, we see someone whose face appears radiant. People speak of brides and grooms as glowing with joy. That kind of glow is far more than a smile of pleasure. It is even more than joy. It might appear when parents first behold their child, or see that child accomplish something wonderful. We seem to glow in moments of genuine fulfilment and love. That is what the disciples saw happen to Jesus as he prayed on the mountain.

Jesus entered into communion with his Father. He offered himself to and was wholly received by his Father. That experience so filled him that his face took on the look of grace and his entire being glowed. This is called Transfiguration.

This is the power of prayer. This is the power of our communion with God. Today’s Gospel of Transfiguration reminds us that the covenant means transformation. We are called to grow ever deeper in our relationship with God, being transformed into the image of Christ Jesus.

In Lent, we enter into a journey of conversion. Through prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, we prepare our hearts to encounter the Lord. Through this frequent encounter with God using these Lenten exercises, we will be transformed into a new creation like the resurrected Jesus on Easter Sunday.

Let us continue our Lenten journey with joy!

Fr Regulo Imperial, Pastor



**Offertory:**

February 18<sup>th</sup>: \$ 3,018

Building Fund: \$ 706



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](mailto:stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org).

Thank you for your cooperation!



The **CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>!



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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com).



If you need examples of persons responding to God’s call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God’s call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation,

Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) / [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee).

For more info, visit: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



Don’t forget to **Abstain** from 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.**



**LENT RETREAT:** Sat Mar 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@goa.ca)

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally**

*Take Heart: By His Wounds We Are Healed*

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Tickets: \$30 adults, youth \$15

[www.ljhr.ca](http://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

**FESTIVAL OF PRAYER 2024:** “*The Beauty of Holiness*” Series Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Decree on Ecumenism Christians from various traditions in the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate the unity that we share in Jesus Christ throughout 2024 in the Greater Toronto Area and commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vatican II Decree on Ecumenism. This series draws inspiration from 1 Peter 1: 15-16, “*As he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’*” For details on how to join the neighbourhood events, please see the poster at: <https://bit.ly/428J6Eg>.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS** application period is now open for a full array of Scholarships and nominations for Community Service Awards. Each scholarship will be granted in an amount of up to \$5,000 and is open to applicants living, studying or working within the Archdiocese of Toronto. Each Community Service Award will recognize achievement in the human services sector and meaningful service to a local community within the Archdiocese of Toronto, with a \$1,000 award. For all details go to: <https://ccat.ca/scholarships-and-awards/>. Deadline for all scholarships and awards is April 30, 2024.

**MARTYRS SHRINE SPRING GALA** – Wed June 12<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>. <https://martyrs-shrine.com/spring-gala/> / 705-526-3788 or 855-526-3788 [communications@martyrs-shrine.com](mailto:communications@martyrs-shrine.com)

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St Francis Centre (Caledon) Pre-Marriage weekend retreats utilizing the **JOY FILLED MARRIAGE PROGRAM**. April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> & October 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$500. Includes individual accommodation, meals, snacks, marriage preparation course materials, certificate. You must arrive by 6 pm on Friday evening. Course ends on Sunday afternoon.

Interested? 519-941-1747 / [admin@stfranciscentre.org](mailto:admin@stfranciscentre.org) / [www.stfranciscentre.net](http://www.stfranciscentre.net)

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](mailto:stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com). If you are interested in becoming a member, please email us for more information!



**FIRST COMMUNION CORNER:** Classes will begin in the parish hall on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 is this 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.



**SHOW YOUR LOVE THROUGH SHARELIFE**

ShareLife Sunday is March 17. Our parish goal for this year’s campaign is \$21,000. Through your **ShareLife** kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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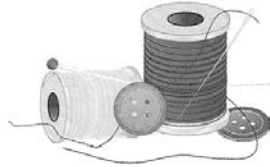
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