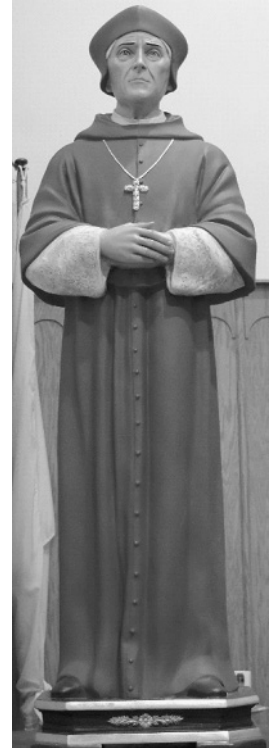


# St. John Fisher Parish



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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



**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**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

**Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9 a.m.** – ✠Nicasio Jasmin requested by Angie Balbesino

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9 a.m.** – ✠Barry Giles requested by the Campos Family

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**9 a.m.** – In Thanksgiving for answered prayers requested by Emanuel Savana

**Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9 a.m.** – ✠Editha dela Cruz & Amado Bulaong

**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**7 p.m.** – ✠Artur Macedo requested by Maria Pryma

**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 p.m.** – ✠Souls in Purgatory requested by the Santos Family

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9 a.m.** – ✠Daniel Cabral Andrade

**10:30 a.m.** – ✠Adelino Garcia requested by Adelaida Garcia

**12 p.m.** – ✠Joseph Lucretia Sgro



Beloved Parishioners:

The purpose of Lent is to give us ample time to do some make-over or cleansing or a transformation in order to become better Christians. Maybe for some it would be an extreme make-over or a general cleaning, or maybe a complete change of lifestyle; for some it could be just minor transformation or some dusting. The bottom line is: we all need to change; we need to do some cleaning in our life and in our community.

Let's hear these words of Jesus in today's gospel: *"Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"* These are words of an angry man while knocking over tables and chasing the money changers away. Jesus didn't always act this way.

He must be dead serious about this whole business of "cleansing". *"This is the temple"* - a beautiful temple is not enough. Jesus made a link between the temple and the Body of Christ. *"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."* The Church, which is the temple, is not a building, but an assembly; a body not a stone, but of human flesh. He is serious about the business of cleaning his church as an assembly and member of his church as an individual.

I do believe that Lent is the appropriate season for "cleansing", especially about our personal disposition with regards to worship, service and liturgy. As a matter of fact, the words we hear on Ash Wednesday, at the beginning of Lent, has something to do with cleaning:

**"REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL."**

Fr Regulo Imperial, Pastor

Thank You FOR **GIVING** GENEROUSLY  
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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](mailto:stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org). Thank you for your cooperation!



Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers.

He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon,

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

Tickets are on sale after all masses for  
**FR REGULO'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY &  
RETIREMENT DINNER & DANCE PARTY**

on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. \$65 each.

**Menu:** Soup, Garlic Bread, Salad, Spring Rolls / Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes, Penne, Chicken Souvlaki & Rice, Beef Caldereta / Tiramisu, Filipino Dessert, Fruits, Coffee, Tea, Water & Pop. **Cash Bar. DJ:** Velocity Sounds Entertainment



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.**

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!



**LENTEN  
RETREAT**  
St John Fisher  
March 18-20 / 6:30-8:30 pm





**FIRST COMMUNION CORNER:** Classes will begin in the parish hall *this 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 bring the \$15 fee (per candidate) to the first session.

*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 was last weekend. Classes start this weekend.  
**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.



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).



**YOU BRING LOVE AND HOPE TO YOUNG MOTHERS THROUGH SHARELIFE** - Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don't know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future. *"I have no words to describe what it means to be a recipient of your generosity,"* shares Arielle, a grateful young mother you support through Vita Centre. *"I have a better mental state now. I know that my baby is healthy because of it, too."*  
ShareLife Sunday is March 17.  
Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$35,000. 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.interreligious@archtoronto.org> / 416-934-3400 ext. 527



The Knights of Columbus 9235 (St Anthony of Padua) is hosting its **Stations of the Cross Procession** on Good Friday (March 29<sup>th</sup>). Starts at 9 am at the steps of City Hall and goes through downtown Brampton. All are welcome to join in this opportunity to reflect in prayer upon the sufferings within our community and the world united with the Cross of Jesus. Rain, snow or shine! Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes.

**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)



The Catholic Women's League is selling Italian Chocolate Easter Eggs (\$10) after all masses. Get yours today!  
Thank you for your support!



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)

**SERRA PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live / grant we beseech You through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St. Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints / an increase of labourers for your Church, fellow labourers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ Your Son Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God forever and ever. Amen.

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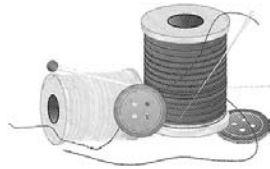
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