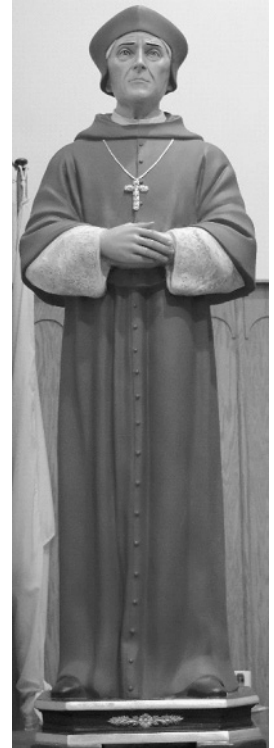


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OFFICE HOURS:

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, March 16th

5:30 p.m. – ✠David Miles

Sunday, March 17th

9 a.m. – ✠Catherine Mitchell req by the Mitchell-Smith Family

10:30 a.m. – ✠Lauren Sampson req by Zelia & Rony Cooper

12 p.m. – Intentions of Lorreta Anochie

Monday, March 18th

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

Tuesday, March 19th

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving requested by Savona

Wednesday, March 20th

9 a.m. – ✠Winton Harris, Magi, Gerry & Aynette
requested by the Santos Family

Thursday, March 21st

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving requested by Savona

Friday, March 22nd

7 p.m. – ✠Brian Dubier requested by Loraine Dubier

Saturday, March 23rd

5:30 p.m. – ✠Phanxico Nguyen Thanh Tam req by Phi Lam

Sunday, March 24th

9 a.m. – ✠All Souls in Purgatory requested by Audrey & Olive

10:30 a.m. – ✠Deceased Members of the Castellino & Pinto
Families requested by Mignonne & Wavell Pinto

12 p.m. – ✠Brian Dubier requested by the Dubier Family

**FROM THE
PASTOR**

Beloved Parishioners:

As Lent progresses, we come closer to the heart and meaning of the Gospel. The story in the Gospel starts with some Greeks who approached Philip and said: “*Sir, we wish to see Jesus.*” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. What a strange answer they received from Jesus: “*Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.*”

What is the connection between seeing or knowing Jesus with the mention of his death? If we want to know Jesus, we have to accept the meaning of his suffering and death. Only by going through his death, Jesus demonstrates the purpose of his life and glory.

Now and again, we all need to confront the fact that we will die; knowing that leads us to evaluate our purpose and worth of each day. After all our dreams (careers, goals in life) eventually disappear, what matters most as a Christian, is to respond to what Jesus has done for us.

**JESUS HAS DIED FOR US. IF WE LIVE OR DIE WITH HIM,
GLORIFICATION WILL CERTAINLY COME OUR WAY.**

Fr Regulo Imperial, Pastor



Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will “*lay down their lives for their friends*”. If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca



Offertory:

March 10th: \$ 3,852.35
Building Fund: \$ 2,011.60
ShareLife: \$ 667.00



THIS WEEKEND IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY

and marks the first collection for our parish’s annual campaign. Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes & provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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.



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!



Don’t forget to **Abstain** from meat on Fridays throughout the year, and especially on the Fridays of Lent. *Valid for ages 14-59.*

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.

**LENTEN
RETREAT**

St John Fisher
March 18-20 / 7-8 pm



with
Fr Joel Okojie

PARISH LENTEN CELEBRATION OF CONFESSION:

Confession is the soul’s bath. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again! *St Padre Pio*

**Thursday, March 21st: 9:30 – 10:30 am (1 priest)
6:30 – 7:30 pm (2 priests)**



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - April 7th at 2 PM

Holy Hour & Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Bring your Divine Mercy images to our celebration.
Fr Reg will bless them on this day!**

**Whoever serves me must follow me;
Where I am, there will my servant be also.
Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.” John 12:26**



FIRST COMMUNION CORNER: Classes have begun in the parish hall for First Communion candidates. Students in Group A attend from 1-2 pm and Group B attends from 2:30-3:30 pm. Please attend your Group. Attendance is mandatory for all classes. There will be no make-up classes.

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.

Important Dates:

First Reconciliation: Saturday May 18th at 10 am

First Communion Mass Celebrations:

- ▶ St John Fisher School: Sat May 25th at 5:30 pm
- ▶ St John Henry Newman School: Sat June 1st at 5:30 pm
- ▶ Georges Vanier School: Sat June 8th at 5:30 pm



CONFIRMATION UPDATES - Classes have begun in the parish hall for Confirmation candidates. Classes run from 9-10:25 am & then the class attends Mass together 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.

Important Dates:

- ▶ **Mandatory Confession:** Saturday May 18th at 11 am
- ▶ **Confirmation Celebration:** Wednesday May 22nd at 7 pm
- ▶ Rehearsal at 10:30 am on the same day



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE

Sat Apr 13th / Sun Apr 14th / 1 - 4 pm
Church Hall entrance

Drop off your food donation for the Knights Table. Volunteers will be there to help you. Thank you for your support!



Knights of Columbus, St John Fisher Council
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE May 4th & 5th at all weekend masses. Knights will be at the entrance of the Church to answer your questions. Men 18+ are welcome!
We look forward to speaking with you!



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 April 11th!



THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE in schools needs volunteers! Do you love Jesus and Mary? Do you love children? Can you spare 2 hours a month per school, to pray the Rosary with the students.

Please contact: *Lorraine Dubier* 905-791-2673
Ilham Yaqoob 416-420 9484

HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass: March 28 @ 7 p.m.

- Please bring non-perishable food for charity
- No washing of feet
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Good Friday: March 29 @ 3 p.m.

- Reading of the Passion of Our Lord
- Collection for the Holy Land
- Adoration of the Cross (NO touching/kissing of the cross)
- Communion
- *Public adoration of the cross will take place after the service (NO touching/kissing of the cross)*

Stations of the Cross: March 29 @ 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil / Holy Saturday: March 30 @ 8 p.m.

- Blessing of Fire • Exultet
- Reading of the History of Salvation
- Glory to God, Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Renewal of Baptismal Vows • End of Triduum

Easter Sunday:

March 31 @ 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.



ST JOHN FISHER PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1 - December 31, 2023

Receipts	2022	2023
Offertory Collection	243,502.45	253,132.21
Building Maintenance Fund	55,176.93	74,079.42
New Year, Easter, All Souls, Christmas	17,416.95	22,133.30
Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals	5,060.00	5,050.00
Mass Offerings/Intentions	5,302.00	8,019.10
Sundry Receipts	56,606.48	32,244.76
Hall Rental	600.00	1,950.00
Special Diocesan Collections	25,109.10	35,953.55
Total Receipts	408,773.91	432,562.34

Expenditures	2022	2023
Payroll Expenses	146,164.88	150,716.67
Church Operating Expenses	26,398.39	36,894.32
Property Insurance & Utilities	27,460.63	29,141.23
Property Maintenance & Repairs	21,986.80	12,067.30
Liturgical Mass Expenses	3,620.41	3,498.65
Rectory Expenses	18,454.29	18,386.01
Archdiocesan Assessments	53,207.00	64,934.00
Disburse Diocesan Collections	25,099.10	35,953.55
Principal Loan Repayments	30,969.21	30,000.00
Interest Payments on Loans	2,774.39	2,604.58
Capital Items: <i>Furnishings/ Equipment</i>	12,913.53	4,572.31
Total Expenses	369,048.63	388,768.62

Current Operating Fund **39,725.28** **43,793.72**

Supplemental Information:

- Remaining Bank Loan Balance as of Dec 31/23 is \$70,438.92.
- Rectory Roof & Rectory Boiler leak was temporarily fixed and some amount was claimed from The Catholic Mutual Fund.

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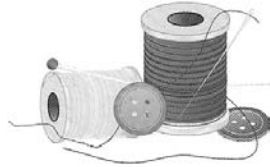
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