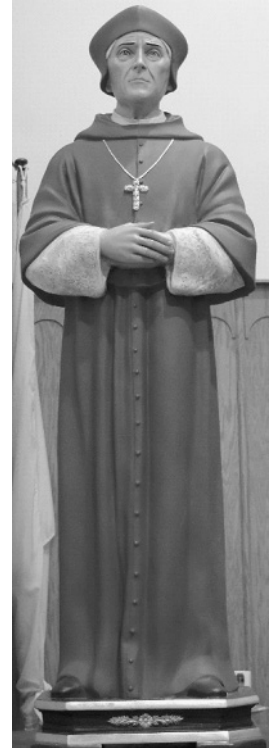


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OFFICE HOURS:

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, April 6th
5:30 p.m. – ✠ Anne Nguyen Thi Con requested by Phi Lam

Sunday, April 7th – Divine Mercy Sunday
9 a.m. – ✠ Joseph & Lucretia Sgro requested by the Family
10:30 a.m. – ✠ Armando Justina & Rosalind Erramuspe
 requested by Janet Erramuspe
12 p.m. – ✠ Ramon & Presentacion Paule /
 Intentions of Rosalie Jose requested by Rosalie Jose

Monday, April 8th
9 a.m. – ✠ Maria Tran Thin Hoa requested by the Tran Family

Tuesday, April 9th
9 a.m. – ✠ Bilen Gunpot requested by Zelia & Rony Cooper

Wednesday, April 10th
9 a.m. – ✠ Adelino Garcia requested by Adelaide Garcia

Thursday, April 11th
9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving for prayers answered requested by
 Emanuel Savana

Friday, April 12th
9 a.m. – ✠ Lucretia Sgro requested by the Sgro Family

Saturday, April 13th
5:30 p.m. – ✠ Jim & Maura Shaw
 requested by Irene Byrne & family, Julie & Tom Shaw

Sunday, April 14th – Divine Mercy Sunday
9 a.m. – ✠ Debbie Saraceno requested by Shirley Christo
10:30 a.m. – ✠ Cletus De Mel & Lilani Soza requested by Shiro
12 p.m. – ✠ Anwar Ahmad requested by Charity



Dear Parishioners:

Today is the 2nd *Sunday of Easter*. John the Evangelist starts his story this way: “*on the evening of the first day of the week...*” John is operating in a new time zone. According to the Jewish reckoning, a day began with sunset, a concept that goes back to Genesis 1, which counted the days saying, “*Evening came and morning followed, the first day...*” When John calls the evening of the day of Christ’s resurrection the “*first day*,” he is speaking about the first day of the new creation, a symbolic day that will never end.

The news of the resurrection spread among the disciples. Jesus made himself present in the midst of the disciples who were hiding in the upper room. Those who received Jesus’ Spirit and peace received the power to carry on his mission of forgiveness. Forgiveness brings people into union with God and one another. This is the reason why St Pope John Paul II designated this Sunday as “*Divine Mercy Sunday*”.

John could have ended his Gospel with this appearance of Jesus. But that would have made it appear that the Gospel closed with the women and men who were present in that room. John was writing for all Christians and wanted to include us in the story. Thus, he introduced us to Thomas, the twin brother of everyone who was absent on the first night. For those of us who do not believe because they have not seen and touched the risen Jesus, this word of Jesus is for us: “*Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.*”

HAPPY EASTER!

Fr Regulo Imperial, Pastor

OFFERTORY: THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

March 24th: \$ 4,735.35 ShareLife: \$ 200
 Good Friday (Holy Land): \$ 3,136.15 ShareLife: \$ 144
 March 31st: \$4,015.50 Easter: \$ 3,953



Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon.

Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto
 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca



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!*

Please bring some finger foods to share!



Catholic Women's League

Saturday, May 4th - 8:30 am

WALK-A-THON at Chinguacousy Park

Rain date: May 11th



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Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Thus far, we have raised \$5,584.20 toward our parish goal of \$35,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



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



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



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 speak with you and answer your questions. Men 18+ are welcome!
knightsforcolumbus10402@gmail.com



CORE PRO-LIFE RESPONSE



Sat Apr 13th / 10 am – 2:30 pm

St Mary's Church (Parish Hall)

Learn the pro-life position on important life issues from a scientific and human rights perspective, and be inspired by powerful testimonies from women who have overcome difficult situations. Free event. Lunch provided. All are welcome.

For information & registration: trtl.ca/youth-conference
Organized by Mississauga-Brampton Right to Life & Toronto Right to Life



The 27th National March for Life will be held on **Thursday, May 9th** in Ottawa. The day will begin with Mass at St Leonard's church at 5:45 am. The bus will leave right after Mass and return at about 9:30 pm. This event is organized by the Knights of Columbus and sponsored by St Leonard's Parish. Tickets for the bus are \$40 (non-refundable) and can be purchased at the parish office (905-846-5385). Please call ahead to make sure tickets are available. For more information, please call Joe at 647-281-9212 (joeresendes19@gmail.com).

Armenian Vespers in Honour of St. Gregory of Narek as Abbot and Doctor of the Catholic Church

- St Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come into our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Join Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan (Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada) who will co-preside at a jointly prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on **Saturday, April 27th at 6 pm**, hosted at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough, M1G 3T5. A wide representation of church leaders in the Greater Toronto Area is expected at this event.

Update your Information



- Please include: ① Name(s)
② Mailing Address ③ Email Address
④ 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!



TREATS & TREASURES SALE

Sunday, June 2nd – 8:30 am-2 pm in the Church Hall
The Catholic Women's League would appreciate your donations of:
▶ Beautiful, gently-used costume jewellery
▶ Handbags, purses & make up bags
▶ Household items, new or slightly used. **No books!**
▶ Drop off your donations on Rosana's porch (15 Delemere Rd)
▶ Delicious treats! If you would like to prepare something for our Bake Sale, please email stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com and we can provide plastic clamshell containers to package your goodies.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS application period is now open for a full array of Scholarships and nominations for Community Service Awards. For all details go to:

<https://ccat.ca/scholarships-and-awards/>

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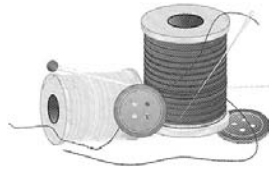
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