

St. John Fisher Parish



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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 13th

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

Sunday, April 14th

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

Monday, April 15th

9 a.m. – ✠ Souls in Purgatory requested by the Antao Family

Tuesday, April 16th

9 a.m. – ✠ Carmelina Vaz Coelho requested by the Coelho Family

Wednesday, April 17th

9 a.m. – ✠ Reynaldo Poblete requested by Carlos & Amanda Abug

Thursday, April 18th

9 a.m. – ✠ Elizabeth de Vera requested by Violeta Loresco

Friday, April 19th

9 a.m. – ✠ Conceicao "Connie" Melo requested by Alfred Melo

Saturday, April 20th

5:30 p.m. – ✠ Idoardo & Martins / Manuel Mendes
requested by the Martins Family

Sunday, April 21st

9 a.m. – ✠ Daniel Cabral Andrade
10:30 a.m. – ✠ Deborah Saraceno requested by the Poirier Family
12 p.m. – ✠ Daniel Rozario requested by the Rozario Family



Beloved Parishioners:

Jesus said to his disciples: *"Thus it is written that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."*

According to the New Webster's Dictionary, a witness is a person who testifies publicly of the truths of a religious belief. To bear witness is to declare, on the strength of personal observation that something is true.

Jesus appeared to women and to men, singly and in groups, up to as many as five hundred. But among non-believers in and around Jerusalem there is no record of seeing the risen Christ. In fact, according to Acts, the apostles preached that Jesus' life was public record and his death was public record, but of his resurrection, *"we are witnesses"* (3:15; 5:32).

Celebrating Easter is more than belief. It involves action on our part. The only living proof that Jesus is risen from the dead, the only way we can convince people that Jesus is risen is the way we live our life.

HAPPY EASTER!

Fr Regulo Imperial, Pastor



What could convince someone to turn to God?

The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that

God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,

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

EVERY MOMENT MATTERS: The Archdiocese of Toronto is celebrating all volunteers this week in alignment with *Thank you!* Volunteer Canada's National Volunteer Week. **TO OUR VOLUNTEERS** Collectively, every moment of sharing in time, skills, and empathy strengthens our community and answers the call to serve others following the example of Jesus and in response to His call to service for each of us. Galatians 6:10

"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."



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 May 9th!



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!



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Offertory:

April 7th: \$ 4,763.15
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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 \$5,814.20 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.

Digital/Online Card in honour of **FR REG'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION & RETIREMENT**

<https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/bBzcSxv0>

All are welcome to contribute. Click the link or type it into your browser and create a post. You can download images, personal photos and messages!

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!
knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com





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 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



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).

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/>

Deadline for all scholarships and awards is April 30, 2024.



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.

Birthright Brampton Baby Bottle Campaign – Baby bottles will be available for you to take home **April 27/28!**



You can fill them up with loose change, bills or a cheque. Tax receipts will be issued for donations totaling \$20 or more. Credit card donations can be made through

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/birthright-brampton>.

Thank you for your generosity!!!

ONLINE DROP-IN SUPPORT SESSIONS THROUGH CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES - Share discussions with others in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental online forum.

Moderator: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE

Bereavement Support Session:

Wed April 17th @ 7 pm

register at: <https://nbb0424.eventbrite.ca>

Separated/Divorced Support Session:

Thurs April 18th @ 7 pm

register at: <https://nbsd0424.eventbrite.ca>

For info: Arcangelo Limanni / alimanni@cfstoronto.com or 647-215-3978



CHALICE is coming to St. John Fisher Parish!

At the **April 20-21** Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.



Catholic Women's League

Saturday, May 4th - 8:30 am



WALK-A-THON at Chinguacousy Park



Rain date: May 11th

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!

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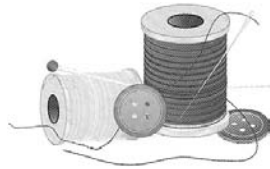
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