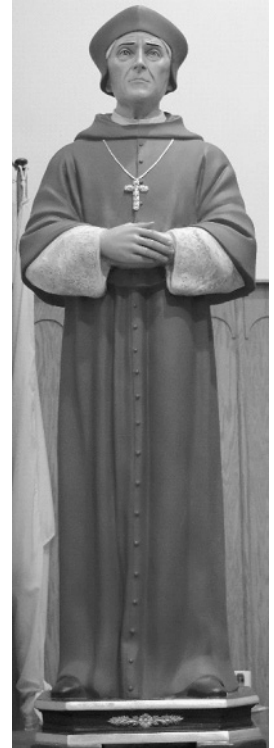


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OFFICE HOURS:

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, May 4th

5:30 p.m. – ☩ Jim & Maura Shaw requested by Irene Byrne & Family and Julie & Tom Shaw

Sunday, May 5th

9 a.m. – ☩ Souls in Purgatory

10:30 a.m. – ☩ Conceicao “Connie” Melo req by Alfred Melo

12 p.m. – ☩ Fausta Torres Lim requested by the Lim Family

Monday, May 6th

9 a.m. – ☩ Sarah Clutchey requested by Fred & MaryJo Clutchey

Tuesday, May 7th

9 a.m. – ☩ Elaine McCracken req by Helen & Carm Pietrangelo

Wednesday, May 8th

9 a.m. – ☩ Anselmo D’Mello requested by Rosemary D’Mello

Thursday, May 9th

9 a.m. – ☩ Carmen & Merito Urgel requested by Cesar & Wilma

Friday, May 10th

9 a.m. – ☩ Adelino Garcia requested by Adelaida Garcia

Saturday, May 11th

5:30 p.m. – Special Intentions requested by Rosalie Jose

Sunday, May 12th

9 a.m. – ☩ Daniel Cabral Andrade

10:30 a.m. – ☩ Azil D’Souza requested by Denzil D’Souza

12 p.m. – ☩ David Miles



Beloved People of God:

This Sunday we are invited to contemplate the blessedness of being friends, friends of God, friends of Jesus, and friends of one another. Jesus says: *“I no longer speak of you as slaves...instead I call you friends.”*

William Barclay says: At the court of the Roman emperor there was a select group of men known as *the friends of the emperor*. At all times, day or night, they had the right to enter the emperor’s presence. No one else had such a right - no senator, no consul, no military commander. The emperor consulted *the friends* before he spoke with his statesmen or generals on any issue. *“The friends of the emperor were those who had the closest and the most intimate connection with him.”*

Author, Roland Faley, affirms that friendship is one of life’s greatest gifts. Because it is a gift, friendship is more than mere mutual acceptance; to be friends means that we have been chosen by another. Being chosen means that another has taken the initiative and exercised a prerogative that singles me out, sets me apart and offers me a new identity.

Jesus took this initiative and chose us to be his friends. To be friends with Jesus is a gift - unsolicited, unearned, unexpected. God’s love is freely bestowed upon whoever God wishes to choose - whether to the disciples or gentiles or anyone else who heard the message.

Let us thank Jesus for offering us his gift of friendship. Please take good care of that friendship!

Fr Regulo Imperial, Pastor

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Offertory:

April 28th: \$ 3,891.30

ShareLife: \$ 2,466.10



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We call upon your compassionate hearts to support ShareLife. Through your love, Catholic agencies bring the hands of Christ to the most vulnerable members of our community.

Thus far, we have raised \$8,660.30 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.

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the **POPE’S PASTORAL WORKS**. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. This collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Pope’s Pastoral Works displays Christ’s love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

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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!



The greatest love story that ever happened: God’s continuing love for His people. All God asks is *“Love one another as I have loved you”*. The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts.

Priests, religious and deacons can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God’s call,

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

BIRTHRIGHT BRAMPTON BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



This weekend, baby bottles are available for you to take home and fill 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>. Please help save the lives of babies by supporting this main fundraiser for Birthright Brampton.

Please return Baby bottles on June 1st/2nd.

Knights of Columbus, St John Fisher Council

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS THIS WEEKEND! at all masses.

Knights will be at the entrance of the Church to speak with you and answer your questions. Men 18+ are welcome!



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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.

Classes are now complete.

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

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 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).



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.



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!



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



Do you have gifts and talents that you can share with our parish? Join a parish ministry today! Volunteer what you can, when you can and as often as you can.

Being God's hands and feet No contribution is too small. Training and support will be provided. We especially need:

Communion Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, & Sacristans.

Call or email the office to sign up!

International Eucharistic Congress – September 8-15, 2024

Join the Archdiocese of Toronto Delegation! Traditionally every four years, the Holy Father invites pilgrims from around the world to join in an International Eucharistic Congress. This year's event will take place in Quito, Ecuador. Limited spaces are available for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto to join with other Canadian delegates to travel to Ecuador. To learn more about the pilgrimage, visit www.archtoronto.org/iec. Registration deadline is June 6th with early bird pricing available until May 6th.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Deacon Marko Bušić / Deacon Daniel Lee / Deacon Ryan Nigli
Deacon Szymon Sorbian / Deacon Jeremy Zou

Please pray for these five men (transitional deacons at present) preparing for Ordination to the Priesthood on May 11th at St Michael's. They will serve the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Let us also continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Watch the mass live at 10 am on May 11th: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

Sunday, May 5th is **MENTAL HEALTH IN THE FAITH COMMUNITIES AWARENESS SUNDAY**. Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are encouraged to participate in this day that raises awareness in our parish communities of the importance of mental health, how we need to look after it and how important it is to get help if we are struggling. In our faith communities, people often report experiencing shame or stigma attached to mental health and mental health illness. Having open conversations about mental health issues, listening and sharing information, opens doors to seeking help and healing.

St Dymphna is the Patroness of those who experience mental affliction. Her feast day is on May 15.

MONTH OF MAY TO MARY: May is traditionally dedicated



in a special way to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. *"She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us."*

Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 176

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