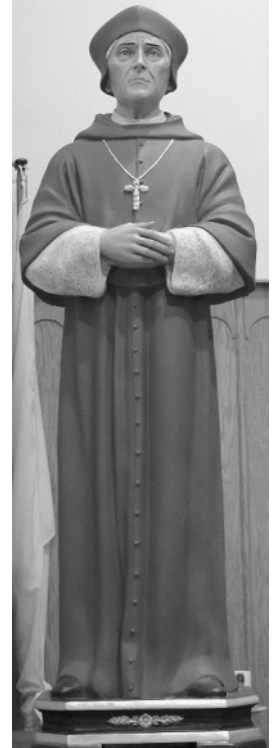


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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. / 1 - 5 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. / 1 - 5 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. / 1 - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. / 10:30 a.m. / 12 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday to Saturday: 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:

2nd Thursday of the month: 9:30-11:30 a.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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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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

Monday, September 16th - 9 a.m. –
Deceased Members of the O'Neill Family ☩

Tuesday, September 17th - 9 a.m. – Jackie Morgan ☩

Wednesday, September 18th - 9 a.m. – Herbert Jayaweera ☩

Thursday, September 19th - 9 a.m.

Friday, September 20th - 9 a.m.

Saturday, September 21st - 9 a.m. – Flordeliza Dela Cruz ☩

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September 8th: \$ 1,607
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OUR SATURDAY 9 AM MASS HAS BEGUN!

All parishioners are now able to attend a weekday Mass even on Saturday mornings.

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME CHANGE



After consultation, it has been decided to move our 5:30 pm mass to 5 pm. This change will start on Saturday, October 5th. If you are a regular Vigil Mass attendee, please take note of this upcoming change.

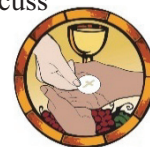
UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION! We continue to expand our database to be able to communicate with parishioners more easily. Parishioners are asked to email their contact information to stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org. Please include:
① Name(s) ② Mailing Address ③ Email Address ④ Phone Number
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FOOD DRIVE - OCTOBER 5TH & 6TH
Our St Vincent de Paul Society is asking for your support and help with their upcoming **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. We invite parishioners to bring in non-perishable food items on the weekend of October 5/6 and drop them off in the designated area in the church sanctuary. We thank you in advance for helping our brothers and sisters in need!

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MEETING – Fr Liborio would like to meet with all Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (i.e. EMHC) on **Saturday, September 21st at 10 am**. We will discuss the importance of the Ministry of sharing the Body of Christ to our brothers and sisters. If an EMHC is unable to attend, please reach out to your coordinator to let them know.



Anointing of the Sick
Anointing of the Sick for those who wish to receive this Sacrament of Healing will be available during our 9 am Mass on **Saturday, September 21st**. *Who are able to receive this Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick?* This Sacrament is meant for our Elderly brothers and sisters, as well as those who have serious physical and/or mental illnesses.

MANDATORY INFORMATION MEETING REGARDING THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

For those families with children wanting to receive the sacraments of *First Reconciliation/First Communion* (usually grade 2 or 3) and *Confirmation* (usually grade 7 or 8) this year, you are asked to attend a mandatory Information Meeting. We will lay out our Sacramental program and will speak about the expectations that are required of families.

Two dates are available. Please attend the date and time that works best for your family.



Wednesday, September 25th @ 7 pm

or

Saturday, September 28th @ 11 am



ARCHBISHOP LEO ENCOURAGES YOU TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBOUR: *"We see and feel the pain of those struggling to feed their families, and it moves us deeply,"* says Archbishop Francis Leo. *"Proverbs 22:9 reminds us, 'The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.' Our faith calls and challenges us to be the beating heart and outstretched hands of Christ himself, extending his love and compassion to those in need. Together, we will continue to bring hope and dignity to our community, to those who suffer thus making a concrete difference in the lives of our neighbours."*

We have raised \$24,763.73 towards our parish campaign goal of \$35,000. Please share your blessing by making a contribution at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.



"Who do people say that I am?" Who do you think Jesus is? The depth of our faith is rooted in our answer. Is God calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon? If you think you are being called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, Call Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
If someone were to enter your home, would they recognize you as a follower of Christ by seeing signs of your faith?

Do our homes have crosses, paintings, statues, prayer corners, etc. that will show to others that we are Catholic? These things we treasure and put around our homes are called "Sacramentals". And what is a *Sacramental*? I read a very good article recently regarding sacramentals that I am sharing with you below. I hope you find it enlightening and informative. The article is long, so I will be sharing the second part next weekend.

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio



SACRAMENTALS: WHAT ARE THEY? *Author: Regina Doman*

"Welcome!" we said to Todd and Terry and their children, who had arrived for the first visit to our home. Our guests, dressed in the simple, modest clothes of their Anabaptist sect, knew we were Catholic—we had discussed our faith and the Scriptures with them several times, and had shared a meal at their home. But I wondered what they thought of our apartment, with a huge picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe dominating the entrance way.

They were warm and polite, but their small children stared at the Divine Mercy image in the hallway, at the icons in the bedroom, at the Mary night-light in the bathroom.

Before we left to go for a walk, Terry and I found her two oldest children in the living room, gazing in distress at the large realistic crucifix on the wall. "Look. He's hurt," their 5-year-old boy said, with a worried look on his face.

"That's Jesus," his mother said. "Remember how I told you that Jesus suffered on the cross for your sins? That's because He loves you so much."

As the child stared at the terrible wounds of the Man on the cross, the expression on his face turned from horror to awe. It was obvious to both of us that the teaching of his Christian parents had come home to his heart in a new way.

Our crucifix, icons and other articles are examples of what we call sacramentals. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church to prepare us to receive the fruit of the sacraments and to sanctify different circumstances of our lives (no. 1677).

Practically speaking, the myriad of little things that are sacramentals are the parts of catholicity that jostle against us in our everyday life, those little extras that often tell others we are Catholic. They are the images, actions and blessings that are unique to our faith; those sometimes-humble reminders of what the Catholic faith is all about, like the crucifix on our wall.


Sacramentals run the gamut from blessings of consecrated virgins to articles such as relics and rosaries. Some, such as holy water, are used by almost every Catholic. Others are more personal, such as devotionals to a particular saint.


Sacramentals have embellished the official liturgies of the Church or sprung from the cultures of different peoples and different times.

For being Catholic is more than the bare bones: attending Mass, receiving Communion twice a year, going to confession, getting confirmed, married and buried in the Church. It is even more than practicing virtues and avoiding sin. It is a way of life in which the body, its senses and spirit are intermingled.

Sacramentals, by their very voluntariness, their apparent status as extras, can supply the externals that make the Catholic way of life singular and outstanding.

Part two in next weekend's bulletin...

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. No contribution is too small. Training and support will be provided. We especially need: **Lectors, Ushers, & Sacristans.**  Call or email the office to sign up!

JOIN THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE IN THE SCHOOLS: For Mother Mary, and for your love of children, can you devote 3 of your mornings, each month, to visit the classrooms and pray the Rosary with the students? Training and materials will be provided. Please contact: Loraine Dubier 905-791-2673 or Gladys Antao 905-793-8464 

Campaign Life Coalition  **2024 National Life Chain (Respect Life) Sun Oct 6th**

NEW this year: ▶ St John Fisher 1:30-2:30 pm
Join your fellow St John Fisher parishioners and stand up against abortion in this one-hour prayer vigil and witnessing event for the pre-born and vulnerable. Signs will be provided.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE You are invited to take part in the international **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** campaign in our community. This peaceful and prayerful vigil will be held outside the Mississauga Women's Clinic at 101 Queensway Blvd from Sept 25th to Nov 3rd (7 am to 7 pm daily). **Our parish is scheduled for Sun Oct 24th and Sun Nov 3rd.** Please consider joining us to pray for the unborn members of our society whose lives are in danger. Detailed information and sign-up sheets are available at the entrance of the church.

The Bereavement Introductory Program offers both women and men a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non-judgmental. The program provides 4 weeks of psychoeducation, which assists and accompanies the bereaved in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The program resources include PowerPoint and time will be allocated for group discussion. We welcome people from all ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds.
In-person at St Marguerite d'Youville Parish / Sept 16th @ 6:30 pm
Register at: <https://nbbstmd.eventbrite.ca>



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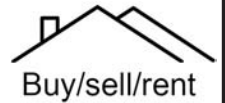


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