

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 - 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

905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com

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 23 rd - 9 a.m. – Jack Meader ☩
Tuesday, September 24 th - 9 a.m. – Phan Thi Hong Lien ☩
Wednesday, September 25 th - 9 a.m. – Anselm D’Mello ☩
Thursday, September 26 th - 9 a.m. – Joseph de Rozario ☩
Friday, September 27 th - 9 a.m. – Adolfo Pinlac ☩
Saturday, September 28 th - 9 a.m. – Jim & Maura Shaw ☩ – Thank you, Holy Spirit, for answered prayers (SI) – Rose Jose (SI)

FINAL REMINDER

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



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Offertory:



Correction to Sept 8 th amount:	\$ 4,774.95
Building Fund (September 8 th):	\$ 1,682.00
September 15 th :	\$ 5,172.70
Needs of the Canadian Church: \$40	Mission Co-Op: \$20

Next weekend (Sept 28/29) there will be a second collection for the **NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA**. This annual initiative helps support & assist the bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Thank you for your support of this important work.

LIVE THE GOSPEL! 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.

OUR PARISH PICTORIAL BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!

And will be available for pick up after all masses next weekend (September 28/29).



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
Thank you for your cooperation!

Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.
www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org
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Friday October 4th @ 6:30pm - On the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, Fr Liborio will be at **Blessing of the Animals** the front of the church to bless any pets you would like to bring. This short blessing liturgy is about 15 minutes. We hope to see you there with your family pets!



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!



“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, Call Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

is on **Saturday, November 16th**. We would appreciate donations of new gift items for the silent auction and twoonie table, and Christmas items. If you have items to donate, please email: stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com or call Rosana at 905-458-5276. You can drop off items on Rosana’s porch at 15 Delemere Rd.



THIS WEEK IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY! A steward is someone who receives God’s gifts gratefully, develops those gifts responsibly, shares those gifts lovingly in justice with others, and makes a return with interest to the Lord. As such, the goal of stewardship is to help increase the engagement of everyone in the life of the parish, inviting us all to become more involved in the myriad of different ways to serve one another for the glory of God. To learn more, watch this homily by Archbishop Francis Leo and then prayerfully reflect on how you may be of service to others. <https://shorturl.at/YRMgN>

FLEA MARKET & RUMMAGE SALE

St Mary’s Church Hall (66A Main St S).
Sat Sept 28th / 9:30 am – 12 pm. All proceeds to charities.
Hosted by St Mary’s Catholic Women’s League.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
This weekend, I offer the second part of the article that I presented last weekend regarding *Sacramentals*. The article was a bit long and that is why I needed to break the article into two weekends. I hope you find the final part of the article enlightening and informative.

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio




SACRAMENTALS: WHAT ARE THEY? *Author: Regina Doman*
...Sacramentals are not superstitions, holdovers from pre-Christian days, or Catholic substitutes for the longing of pagans to dance around trees and mutter spells. There is a part of us that longs for something tangible we can hold on to, something to look at, something to touch, something to sing, chant or recite, something that interacts with the senses. The sacraments, those sacred mixtures of matter and the Holy Spirit, fulfill that need. And so, in a lesser way, do sacramentals.


What is the difference between correct use of the sacramental and superstition? It has to do with an inner attitude, for superstition is second cousin to magic. The superstitious person says, *“If I sprinkle holy water here, say these prayers and cross myself, I will make God or His saints do this for me.”* But the person using a sacramental properly says, *“I want to be closer to God—to be constantly and effectively reminded of the power of His love and glory, of His protection, forgiveness and mercy. So, I will cross myself when I pass a church to remind myself of His passion. I will make a novena to ask God’s saints for their prayers. I will do these things, not because I am strong and have the power to make God and His saints do my will, but because I am weak, distractable and forgetful, and need to remind myself of True Reality.”*


So, Catholics hang crucifixes and holy images in their homes to remind them of God and His works. They cross themselves, bless themselves and their homes with holy water and oil. They pray the Angelus at noon in remembrance of the Incarnation. They kiss the Bible or holy object they have accidentally dropped.

Catholics who choose to weave the use of sacramentals into their daily lives can experience a richer, more textured Catholicism. For instance, one young father sprinkles holy water around the beds of his children and prays to God to protect them against nightmares, which sometimes are a problem in their house. Another mother I know uses blessed salt when she bakes bread for her family. Before setting out on a long trip, one youth group blesses its cars with holy oil for a safe journey. I myself have experienced peace during difficult times when I kissed or touched the Miraculous Medal I wear as a reminder of the loving protection of my Mother in heaven. The list of how sacramentals have affected my life and the lives of those I know goes on and on.

If you do not use sacramentals, consider looking into their use. Ann Ball’s excellent *Handbook of Catholic Sacramentals (Our Sunday Visitor)* provides explanations of the history and proper use of many popular and obscure sacramentals. As Christ was the invisible God made visible, so sacramentals, like sacraments, are visible signs of His invisible grace, sanctifying daily life. In a way, they are daily restatements of the Incarnation, of God made flesh, and are dwelling among us in mysterious and wonderful ways.


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.

 **Sign Up to receive the Weekly Bulletin** and other special alerts emailed directly to your inbox.
<https://stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/>

BREATHING SPACE ONLINE CAREGIVER PROGRAM
You don’t have to be alone. Breathing Space is an open 7-week support group to learn skills, develop coping strategies, and provide you support and resources in a safe, welcoming, and non-judgmental environment. 
Online (Zoom) Wednesdays from 2-3:30 pm. Starting Oct 16th
Psychoeducation Topics: Maintaining Emotional Balance; Living a Wholehearted Life While Dealing with Chronic Illness; I Matter Too: Caregiver Stress and Family Relationships; Healthcare Resources and Technology Scams Prevention; Coping with Illness, Maintaining Independence, and Self Care; Handling Pain and Suffering; Bereavement and Grief.

Information/Registration: Corina Sumaway/
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