

St. John Fisher Parish

300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

Telephone: 905-793-6610 Fax: 905-793-7721

Email: stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org Website: www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org

Instagram & Twitter address: StJohnFisherBrampton

PASTOR: Fr. Regulo Imperial



Oh Come
Let us Adore Him

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 30th

5:30 p.m. – ☩Maureen Buck req by Rod, Leanne, David & Lorna

Sunday, December 31st (Holy Family)

9 a.m. / 10:30 a.m. / 12 p.m. – No intentions

Sunday, December 31st (Mary, Mother of God)

7 p.m. – Holy Hour

8 p.m. – Mass – No Intentions

Monday, January 1st (Mary, Mother of God)

10:30 a.m. / 12 p.m. – No intentions

Tuesday, January 2nd

9 a.m. – ☩Souls in Purgatory & World Peace req by the Antao Family

Wednesday, January 3rd

9 a.m. – ☩Souls in Purgatory & World Peace req by the Antao Family

Thursday, January 4th

9 a.m. – ☩Youssef Wasaya requested by the Sawaya Family

Friday, January 5th

9 a.m. – ☩Leonardo & Maria Elena Maranan req by the Family

Saturday, January 6th

5:30 p.m. – ☩Daniel Cabral Andrade req by the Andrade Family

Sunday, January 7th

9 a.m. – In Thanksgiving requested by the Antao Family

10:30 a.m. – Special Intentions for El Friede Frey & Family
requested by the Martins Family

12 p.m. – ☩Esmeralda & Romeo Yee req by Elvin & Christina Yee
– ☩Edgardo Palad



To My Beloved Parishioners:

January is named for the Roman god Janus, a doorkeeper with two faces, one looking back and the other forward. It's an appropriate symbol for us as we enter a new year.

Looking back, we thank the Lord for the wonderful things God has done for us; appreciating the grace, faith and strength He gives us to rebuild and restart; and feeling sorry for the wrong doings and bad decisions in the past year.

Looking forward to 2024, we make a resolution to rediscover our faith and improve our relationship with God and with one another; praying with a firm hope for peace throughout the world.

It is important, therefore, that we keep intact the biblical role of Mary that we hear proclaimed in our January 1st gospel. She continued to be a faithful disciple eager to learn about the will of God. There is hope for us in this role of Mary, who despite all odds continues to believe that God will do great things for her.

Mary is the Mother of God and was also a young Jewish mother who experienced the hardships, struggles and poverty of our world. Mary did not fully understand the implication of what had occurred. In this situation the Gospel tells us that Mary *"treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart."*

What does Mary model for us as we contemplate the past year and the new year before us? We all have mysteries to ponder, sorrows to absorb, hopes to nourish for ourselves, our children, and our world. Mary offers us a lens that will see everything with the eyes of faith. We have the angel's assurance to Mary, *"Don't be afraid,"* as our first response to whatever happens. We have Mary's *"Yes"*, let it happen to me as God proposes, as the perfect prayer when life is difficult. This is all God asks.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Shalom, Fr Regulo Imperial, Pastor

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph offers each of us an occasion for recognizing and appreciating the treasure of family.

Family must be very important for God. He could have sent His Son out of the blue and showed himself in our midst. God could have sent his Son from heaven riding in a cloud with angels trumpeting his coming. But no! God wanted his Son to be born as a baby and grow up in a natural way within the confine of a family. This affirms the family's importance and significance for both society and the church.

Many of us become caught up with material things and numerous tasks to accomplish and we forget to appreciate the treasure of the family. Parents: Remember to check what kind of blessed experiences you are giving your children. It is simply not enough to feed and clothe your children, we must nurture their minds and hearts and souls.

For most of us, our family is the closest thing we have to heaven. A family is where children learn right from wrong and begin to develop a moral sense, where values are taught, priorities are set and virtues are cultivated. There are two beautiful descriptions of families: ▶ It is called the *school of love* because it's where we first learn to love; and ▶ It is called the *domestic or mini-Church* because it's where we first learn about God.

HAPPY FAMILY DAY! Fr Regulo Imperial, Pastor

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

Offertory:
December 17th: \$ 6, 929.15
Building Fund: \$ 916 ShareLife: \$ 40

2024 ENVELOPES are available for pick-up at the main church entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please take your box only. Please do not use these new envelopes until January and complete the outside of the envelope for the first 3 weeks so we can verify the information. If your box of envelopes is not there, or if you would like to start using envelopes and don't yet have them, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Update
your
Information!

Please include: ❶Name(s)
❷Mailing Address ❸Email Address
❹Telephone 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!

SUNDAY MISSALS
are available to purchase for \$10 each.



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

New Year's Eve
Saturday, December 31st
7 pm Exposition & Holy Hour
8 pm Mass

New Year's Day
Sunday, January 1st
10:30 am – 12 pm



By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person.

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon.

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

Beginning Thursday January 11th, the **CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** will be meeting on the 2nd week of the month on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am in the church hall (right after the 9 am mass).



NEW DATE



LAST CHANCE TO MAKE A MATCHING GIFT IN 2023

If you've been one of our parish's generous heroes in 2023, thank you. Because of you, a neighbour is healing from trauma, or is thriving as a young mother, or isn't going hungry – among the many lives your kindness has transformed.

Our parish has currently raised **\$17,597.70** towards our suggested goal of **\$21,000**.

There's still time to join our incredible chorus of heroes. If you give at sharelife.org/donate by December 31st, you will receive a 2023 tax receipt. Thank you for living the Gospel!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18-25

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD...AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF. (Luke 10:27)

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church.

Sunday, January 21st at 4 p.m.

St Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral / 455 Ferrier St, Markham
This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.



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:

Communion Ministers, Lectors & Ushers.

Call or email the office to sign up!



PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY: As we celebrate the 58th Anniversary of the Parish and

construction of our church, it is the last year of our Pastor, Father Regulo Imperial's leadership of our parish. To honour all of this, we are working with **IPC Canada Photo Services** to create a **2024 Parish Directory** – a yearbook of our parish with photos of all parishioners, families, and organizations who wish to participate. The Anniversary Committee encourages you all to join in this great project.

WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?

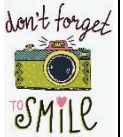
- ▶ Get to know your fellow parishioners, including those you regularly sit near to during mass, those of different generations than your own, and others who attend different mass times.
- ▶ Help Father Reg know the faces of his flock.
- ▶ Make it easier for the Church Office to know who we are.
- ▶ Increase community spirit!

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- ▶ Your photo in the directory gets you a FREE copy of the directory. If you choose to buy copies of your pictures, the prices are reasonable.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR A PICTURE?

- ▶ Volunteers will be at the back of the church after all masses to register parishioners, families, and members of parish organizations for a photo appointment in the Parish Hall. Appointments are the week of January 30th.



CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS: As part of **Marriage Sunday 2024** celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. Click the register button at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage> Sunday, February 11th at 3 pm at St Michael's Cathedral
Watch the Mass via livestream: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>



GIVE YOURSELF THE GIFT OF A JOYFUL MARRIAGE!

Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. By learning the tools of healthy communication, you can build greater intimacy.

Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. **January 19-21 (Mississauga).**

437-234-5610 or visit torontoretrouvaille.com or helpourmarriage.org

**May the LORD bless you, and keep you;
May the LORD make his face shine to upon you,
and be gracious to you;
May the LORD turn his countenance to you
and grant you peace. Numbers 6:24-26**

petvalu
your pet · your store

410 and 7 Centre

Self Serve Dog Wash
Grooming Available

905-458-0915

Mon-Sat 9-9

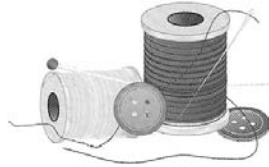
Sun 10-6

Like Us on Facebook

Pet Valu 410 and 7 Centre

Sunshine Cleaners

905-499-9844



All Garment Cleaning
700 Balmoral Dr. (Southgate Plaza)
Alterations & Custom Tailoring
on premises

Yama Hamidi
Store Owner



700 Balmoral Dr.
Southgate Plaza

Plan ahead for peace of mind.

ANDREWS COMMUNITY
FUNERAL CENTRE - BRAMALEA CHAPEL
8190 Dixie Rd.
Brampton, ON L6T 5N9
905-456-8190

Every Detail Remembered | **Dignity**SM

A division of Service Corporation International (Canada) ULC.



MST MASSAGE & WELLNESS

REGISTERED MASSAGE THERAPY

Melisa Ramkissoon, RMT

90 Eastern Ave, Unit 11B

647-564-9405

mstmassage.com

Direct Billing • Private Rate Available • Online Booking

FOR EVERYTHING REAL ESTATE



SOLDBYTHEKEYS.COM

ALVIN RODRICKS
Broker

JASMINE KANASHIRO
Sales Representative

416-856-2842

soldbythekeys@gmail.com

Right At Home Realty Brokerage

*We are active Parishioners.
A donation offered to the church
from every sale.*



5 Cherrycrest Dr, #5
905-913-8100



9886 Torbram Rd, #101
905-789-8116

NEW LOCATION!

A lifetime of smiles begins with us



www.drcriisol.com

Dr. Marianne Crisol

**THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE
YOUR BUSINESS!**



TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL 905-624-4422

**Central Park
Cleaners & Alterations**

Shirts from \$2.99
2 Pc. Suit from \$12.99
Pant & Jean Hems
from \$7.99

*Welcomes
St. John Fisher
Parishioners*

980 Central Park Dr.
North Gate Plaza
905-793-1093

**SALES REPRESENTATIVE
WANTED**

Liturgical Publications, your weekly bulletin printer has an opening for a **full time Sales Representative**.
Base Salary • Commission • Car Allowance • Travel Expenses
If you have a drive to succeed and are self-motivated,
email your resume to salesrep@parishbulletins.com



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
FUNERAL SERVICES

In keeping with your Catholic faith
www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Assumption Cemetery
905-670-8801

Queen of Heaven Cemetery
905-851-5822

Catholic Cremation Services, Funeral • Cremation • Burial 905-670-8801