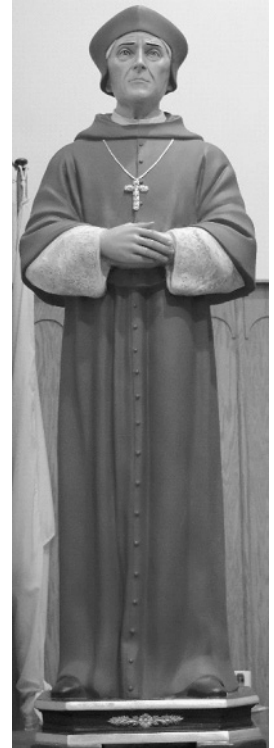


St. John Fisher Parish



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PASTOR: Rev. Liborio Amaral

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: 5:00 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: 4:00 - 4:45 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, October 28th - 9 a.m. – Jim Clutchey ☩

Tuesday, October 29th - 9 a.m. – Rudolph Allison ☩

Wednesday, October 30th - 9 a.m. – John Meader ☩
– Nerissa Castellino ☩

Thursday, October 31st - 9 a.m. – Marce & Mary Hilgerdenaar

Friday, November 1st - 9 a.m. – No Intentions
– 7 p.m. – No Intentions

Saturday, November 2nd - 9 a.m. – No Intentions

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Offertory:
October 20th: \$ 5,710.35
World Mission: \$ 2,079.00
Building Fund: \$ 1,117.00



IMPORTANT REMINDER

We thank all of you who regularly give your weekly offering using envelopes.

Please remember to write your name on the outside of the envelope every week, and especially if you are a new registrant to our parish or just new to using envelopes. We want to make sure that the envelope number matches the name so we can allocate the donation to the correct person. Thank you for your cooperation!



LIVE THE GOSPEL! We have raised \$26,639.73 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!

Please visit the parish office during regular hours to pick up your copy.



Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.
www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org StJohnFisherBrampton



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/>

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!

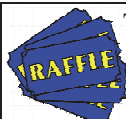
Time change for our Saturday Vigil Mass

Our Saturday Vigil Mass now begins at 5 pm.
Please take note of this **important** change.
Confessions begin at 4 p.m. (until 4:45 p.m.)

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1st - Masses: 9 am & 7 pm

On November 1st, the Solemnity of All Saints, we will have our regular 9 am Mass and we will also be celebrating an evening Mass at 7 pm. We encourage all to attend this special feast day, where we recognize our brothers and sisters who are in heaven and who are praying for us and our sanctity, that we too can become Saints like them.



The **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE 50/50 RAFFLE** is back! Tickets are only \$1 and are on sale after all masses (18+). The winner has the chance to win up to \$1,250. The other \$1,250 will go to our church. The draw will happen at the November 16th CWL Bazaar at 1 pm and the winner will be contacted directly after the draw. Thank you for your support!



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

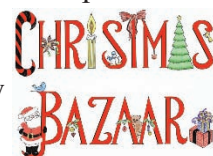
The CWL needs your help to fill our **Bazaar Bake Shop** with pies, muffins, cookies, cupcakes, brownies or anything else that your family and friends always rave about. Please package and label all baked goods, including any common allergens. Clamshell packaging is available. Email stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com if you would like a few containers or to let us know what you will be baking. Please bring your baking to the Hall on Friday November 15th from 6-8 pm. Thank you!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR




Saturday, November 16th / 9 am-1 pm

Christmas Crafts – Knitting
Baking - Religious & Gift items
Jewellery – Toonie Table – 50/50 Draw
If you have brand new or Christmas items to donate to our Bazaar, please email:



stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com or call Rosana at 905-458-5276

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!*



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). Please consider joining us to pray for the unborn members of our society whose lives are in danger. **Our parish is scheduled for October 27th and November 3rd.** Detailed information and sign-up sheets are available at the entrance of the church.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
This week our little ones will be enjoying Halloween. Children and candy seem to go together, don't they?

I know that there are those few who believe Halloween is something we should shun as followers of Christ. And yes, sometimes children dress up in inappropriate costumes – but this is not their fault, but rather the parents who should know better. But overall, I prefer to see this societal celebration as a time for children to learn and enjoy the spirit of “gift giving” – even if that simply means treats of various kinds. So, for those who are not in favour of Halloween, then for your sake, maybe skip over the rest of my Pastor's corner for this weekend and just get yourself a candy and enjoy.

I remember as a young immigrant from Azores, when I first heard about Halloween. I thought about the joy this would bring us – that my siblings and I would be able to go door to door and people would gladly give us sweet treats of various kinds. For us this was like heaven. All we needed to do to get these treats was dress up and say the magic words “Trick or Treat” and out would come treats for our tummy's delight. Like many immigrant families we did not have much spare money to be used on treats. So, this was an opportunity for my siblings and I to stock up for the winter months to come. We would be trick or treating for as long as we possibly could - it was a mission for us! We would return at the end of the evening and place our goodies on our kitchen table. At that moment my mother would take over. She would give us our few treats for that evening (just enough not to have our tummies hurting during the night) and would pack up the rest for the days to come. I don't know how my mom did it, but we seemed to have treats for many weeks to follow.

What a joy it was to see people open their doors and have smiles on their faces as they placed treats in our pillowcases. We would make sure that my younger sister would be the first to be seen – she was young and with her beautiful smile and innocence, we would hope for an extra treat from the homeowners. This technique came in handy when my older sister and I started to be a little “too old” for Halloween. I stopped going out when I was 26 years old - do you think that was too old to still go out? Don't send nasty emails to me, because I am just joking – I stopped when I was 24 years old. HA! ☐

It's not just children who enjoy Halloween. Older people also enjoy the celebration. In my drives and walks around the neighbourhood, I see the time and effort people put into decorating their homes for Halloween. All of this just adds to the joy and celebration of the night.

I wish all our children a joyful Halloween and will be saying a prayer that the weather will be clear and warm so that our little ones can enjoy displaying their costumes and experience the smiles and kindness of people who will be giving out treats.

By the way, if you see an “older child” who looks a lot like your pastor, then be kind to him and give him an extra treat in his pillowcase. ☐

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

P.S. Just a quick reminder that on Friday November 1st, I have added a 7 pm evening Mass for **All Saints Day** in addition to our regular 9 am Mass. I hope to see many of you there to give thanks to God for all our Saints especially our favourite ones to whom we have a special devotion.

COME & SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT

Nov 15 @ 6:30 pm – Nov 17 @ 2 pm / St Augustine's Seminary
Men aged 18+ / www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee



The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer “*Son of David, have mercy on me!*”

Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need.

Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation,

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



**Dufferin-Peel
Catholic District
School Board**

The Dufferin-Peel CDSB will be hosting virtual information sessions for parents of students in Year 2 Kindergarten who may wish to consider the French Immersion program for Grade 1 in September 2025. French Immersion virtual information sessions will be hosted on: **Monday, October 28th at 7 pm OR Wednesday, October 30th at 7 pm.** To access the link to the virtual information session, please visit www.dpcedsb.org and click on Languages, French Immersion.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES in the

Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the **All Souls' Day Mass on Sat Nov 2nd at 2 pm.**

All Masses will be indoors at these locations:

- ▶ Assumption Cemetery, Miss, Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum;
 - ▶ Christ the King Cemetery, Markham, Reception Centre;
 - ▶ Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, Holy Family Mausoleum;
 - ▶ Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge,
- St Anthony's Mausoleum (It & Eng);

- ▶ Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby,
- Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum



REVITALIZATION OF OUR FAITH SPEAKER SERIES

Dr Moira McQueen, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, will be presenting her talk, **Catholic Perspectives on MAID and Palliative Care** at **St Anne's Church** in Brampton on Wed Nov 13th @ 7 pm. There is no charge, and all are welcome to attend. For more information contact Michael Petric at 289-937-9989. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 14749.



Save the date for

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 7th / 9:30 am to 12 pm

Cost: \$5 ages 4-99 / Free ages 0-3

Tickets will be on sale after all masses starting the weekend of November 2nd. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 10402 with help from the CWL.



The **BRAMPTON SANTA CLAUS PARADE** is coming to our neighbourhood on November 16th. Bramalea Road north of Queen to Bovaird and Central Park Drive (west of Bramalea Road) will be closed from 3:30 pm. Keep these closures in mind as you plan your day. The Parade will start at the intersection of Bramalea Road and Central Park Drive at 5 pm. The Parade will head north on Bramalea Road towards North Park Drive. It will then head east on North Park Drive and end at the intersection of North Park Drive & Jordan Blvd.

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