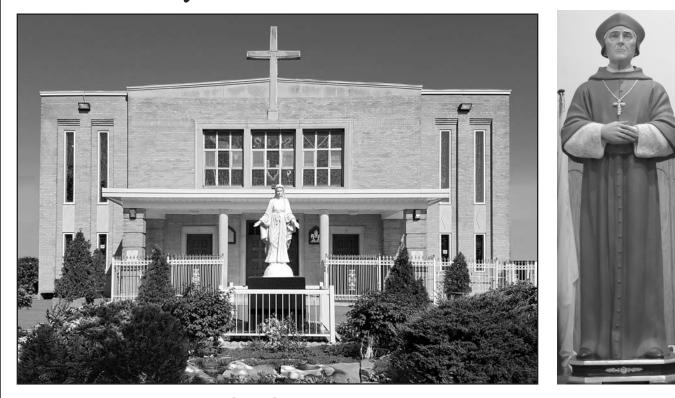
St. John Fisher Parish



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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.

EUCHARISTIC 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:

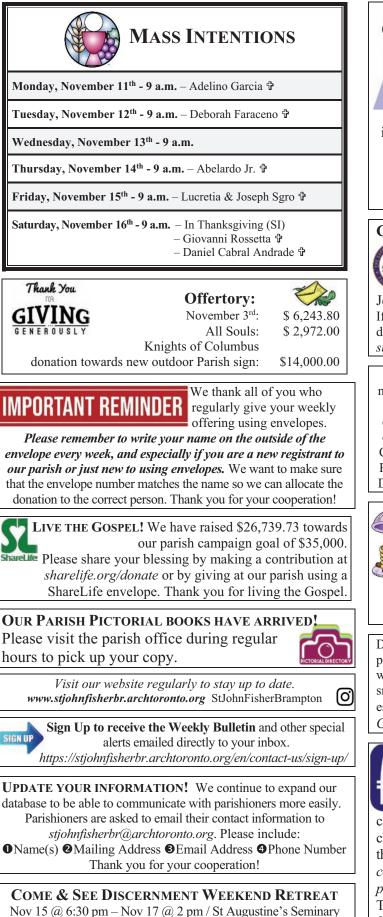
For the sick. Contact the Rectory.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com

PARISH SCHOOLS:

St. John Fisher, 330 Balmoral Drive St. John Henry Newman, 698 Balmoral Drive 905-792-2268 Georges Vanier, 28 Finchgate Boulevard

905-793-8900 905-792-2251



Men aged 18+ / www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee



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

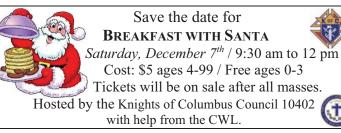
rave about. Please package and label all baked goods, including any common allergens. Clamshell packaging is available. Email stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com if you would like a few containers or to let us know what you will be baking. Please bring your baking to the Hall on Friday November 15th from 6-8 pm. Thank you!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday, November 16th / 9 am-1 pm

Christmas Crafts – Knitting Baking - Religious & Gift items Jewellerv – Twoonie 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

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.



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!*

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. They have been instruments in living out a "faith in action". Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. On November 16 & 17, there will be a second collection for the SHEPHERDS' TRUST which supports our priests to help them live their retirement years with dignity. This trust fund is a tangible way to care for those who cared for us and to give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Pastors' Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I will be away from the parish from this Monday, November 11th until Thursday, November 21st for some time of relaxation and rejuvenation. I will be travelling with my priest classmate and I will try to stay off my phone and computer as best I can during this time off. (Since I guide people to try to unplug themselves from work when they are on holidays, I should heed my own guidance).

Taking time off is something I am very grateful for. I realize that many of you are not able to take time off. Many of you work so hard that you even have two jobs and that it is almost impossible to take a few days off. This is why I don't like to share much about where I will be going and what I will be doing while I am away. I am sure you don't want to hear about me bungee jumping off the Eiffel Tower, or running a marathon across the Great Wall of China, or even swimming across the Atlantic. But I can assure you that I will not be forgetting to celebrate my daily Masses and saying my prayers (because if I did my mom would hit me with her soft slippers ^(C)). Please be assured that you will be with me at these times – as your pastor I have promised to keep you in my prayers and I will!

So, when I return from my time off and if you ask me where I have gone, please forgive me if I am not so forthcoming. I will say that I went to a place where I could "smell the roses". Please do not consider this a negative response from me, but rather a heightened sensitivity to those, our brothers and sisters, who are currently not as fortunate as I am to take time off.

That being said, I hope while I am away you will enjoy our visiting priest who will be celebrating all of the upcoming weekday and Sunday Masses. I have asked Msgr Alfred Grima to come and celebrate all our Masses while I am away. He was pastor of this parish for over 25 years and is now justly enjoying his retirement years. And the great thing is that I don't need to tell him what switch turns what on – he knows St. John Fisher like the back of his hand!

I will miss you all while I am away – the question is will you miss me? \bigcirc

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

P.S. Remember our CWL Bazaar happens next Saturday (Nov 16th) in the parish hall. They promised me that if they make over \$1 million, they will give it ALL to the parish. HA!

Each November, the Church asks us to remember in a special way those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen How are you contributing to the treasury? God knows what gift we give to Him in love. Let us then be faithful to whatever vocation God calls us to live. Does Jesus want you to give your life to the Church? If you think that God is

calling you serve Him as a priest, religious or deacon, Call Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTER Fall Retreat Day Programs

• Nov 25: Day of Retreat Meditating on the Last Things (Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell)

► Dec 7: Advent Retreat

Dec 14: Bereavement Day of Retreat

For info or to register: 905-278-5229 / www.qoa.ca 1617 Blythe Road Mississauga ON L5H 2C3

Cost: \$45 / 8:30 am-3 pm

Day retreats include: talks, Holy Mass, and an opportunity for prayer and reflection. Morning coffee/muffins and a hot lunch will be served.

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2025 Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

Please read John 11:17-43 for full understanding. Write an essay and win great prizes! Deadline to enter is January 13th. High school students (ages 13-19 years) are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a 500-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. More details at: *https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward*

SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION: One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate these and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherd's Trust and many others. https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/social-justice-outreach/development-and-sharelife/home/gifts-of-securities/ Or email: development@archtoronto.org.

TREASURE CHEST A Jogful 'toon by Mike Waters

...that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. - Colossians 2:2-3 $_{\rm NIV}$

