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OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 5 p.m.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

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

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4 - 4:45 p.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday to Saturday: 9 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:

2nd Thursday of the month: 9:30 - 11:30
a.m. in the upper room of the church hall

TORONTO VOCATIONS OFFICE

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

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS!

New Parishioners are asked to register.
Cards are available at the back of the church.

BAPTISM:

By appointment only.
Baptismal instruction required.

MARRIAGE:

Archdiocesan policy requires making
arrangements one year prior to the date of
marriage. Preparatory course is required.

COMMUNION SERVICE:

For the sick. Contact the Rectory.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10402:

Men 18+ /
knightsforcolumbus10402@gmail.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Women 16+ / stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS:

St. John Fisher / 330 Balmoral Dr / 905-793-8900

St. John Henry Newman / 698 Balmoral Dr / 905-792-2268

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT




MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, December 2nd - 9 a.m. – Youssef Sawaya ☩
- Tuesday, December 3rd - 9 a.m. – Don Gomes ☩
- Wednesday, December 4th - 9 a.m. – Charlie Wylie ☩
– Alzira Pinto ☩
– Carole Pitcher ☩
- Thursday, December 5th - 9 a.m. – Luis Mascarenhas ☩
- Friday, December 6th - 9 a.m. – Hubert & Helmutrude Krampert ☩
- Saturday, December 7th - 9 a.m. – Anna Nguyen Thi Tao
– Lucrezia & Joseph Sgro ☩
– Leo & Agnes Walsh ☩
– Carole Pitcher ☩



Please note our **NEW** Office Hours:
Mondays, **Tuesdays**, Wednesdays and
Fridays from 9am to 5pm
(closed for lunch from 12-1 pm).

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:
①Name(s) ②Mailing Address ③Email Address ④Phone Number
Thank you for your cooperation!

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!



Offertory:
November 24th: \$ 5,353.60



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!

OUR PARISH PICTORIAL BOOKS ARE HERE!

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

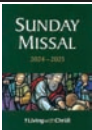


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<https://stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/>




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



2025 ENVELOPES are now available for pick-up. Boxes are not attached to any name. There is no need to look for your name and/or box number. In January, when you begin using these new envelopes, please write your name & address on the outside of the envelopes for a few weeks as we register the box to you and allocate your donation for your income tax receipt. 



Our **Society of St Vincent de Paul** is requesting your help for the needy families in our community this Christmas Season. If you can, please buy a Walmart gift card (or cards) in any denomination and put them in the collection basket OR give them directly to Fr Liborio or Deacon John after the weekend mass you attend. The SSVP will distribute them to the families in need. Please drop off your Walmart gift cards by December 14/15. Thank you for your generosity towards our neighbours in need! 



The Best Gift for Jesus this Christmas is... **ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

(aka Confession)

Tues Dec 17th: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm

Wed Dec 18th: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm

Thurs Dec 19th: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm



Confession is also available every Saturday from 4-4:45 pm.



Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24th
5 pm – 7 pm – 9 pm

Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25th
9 am – 10:30 am – 12 pm

New Year's Eve
Tuesday, December 31st
5 pm

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



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
 On this first weekend of Advent, we hear Jesus speak in the Gospel about the End Times. In the Apostles Creed that we recite every weekend right after the homily, we proclaim the words “*from there he will come to judge the living and the dead*”. Our faith tells us that Jesus Christ will come again – when this will happen, only God the Father knows.

There have been times when individuals and groups have predicted the end of the world and the Coming of Jesus. And of course, each time they have been wrong. We should not be searching for voices, or groups that predict the end of the world. If we do, we are then being led astray. We do not need to worry about the day that the Lord will return – we should be **praying** for that day.

Do you pray for the end of the world to come? As persons of faith, we should be praying that the Lord may come and come quickly! When we pray for the Second Coming, we are really praying that we will be able to be with our Lord in Heaven – and we pray that we do not have to wait any second longer than necessary.

If people do not pray for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, it might be because we are not ready in regard to our “**Faith**”. If our faith is weak, then this means that we fear encountering the Lord for whatever reason. If this is the case, then we need to do some soul searching and ask ourselves why we would not want to see Jesus Christ face to face. If we are still struggling with some sin(s) in our lives, then we need to tackle these sins head-on and ask the Lord for the grace to be healed of them. As people of Faith, let us desire to see the end of the world we know and welcome the New Life in Christ to begin. Let us be able to truly say with all of our being,

“COME LORD JESUS!”

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

WHAT IS ADVENT?

- ♫ A season of hope, preparation, expectations & celebration.
- ♫ The advent wreath is a popular symbol used as the focus of prayer throughout the season.
- ♫ Candles mark the steps in our Advent journey.
- ♫ Advent means *a coming or arrival*.
- ♫ As we prepare for Christ’s birth, we also remember the events that surrounded the Lord’s coming long ago; celebrate his coming among us today and look forward to his final coming in glory.
- ♫ Through prayer, spiritual reading, acts of charity, and participation in Eucharist, Advent helps us to expand the meaning of our lives, so that we are not ends in ourselves, but a people who seek Christ as our hopeful end and joyful fulfilment.

-Archdiocese of Toronto infographics



LIVE THE GOSPEL! We have raised \$26,739.73 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.



“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life.” Are worldly cares dragging you down?
 Be a follower of the Master.

If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, Call Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS: As part of **Marriage Sunday 2025** celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri 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 2025. Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2025 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 9th at 2:30 pm at St Michael's Cathedral

Watch the Mass via livestream: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

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>

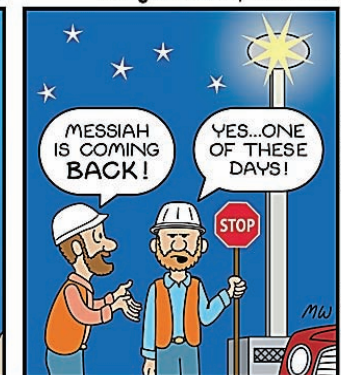
SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION: One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate these and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax 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



ONE OF THESE DAYS...

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

— LUKE 2:8-9 NIV

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