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OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays, Tuesdays, 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*
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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

Georges Vanier / 28 Finchgate Blvd / 905-792-2251

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, December 9th - 9 a.m.** – Teresa Tran †
- Tuesday, December 10th - 9 a.m.** – Ralph Pietrangelo †
- Wednesday, December 11th - 9 a.m.** – Special Intention
 - Eleanor Gott †
 - Jose C Yap
 - Adelino Garcia †
 - Maurice Walsh †
 - Ramon & Presentacion Paule †
- Thursday, December 12th - 9 a.m.** – Sylvester D'souza (SI)
- Friday, December 13th - 9 a.m.** – McCracken Extended Family
- Saturday, December 14th - 9 a.m.** – Geoffrey Cooper †
 - Placido Hoang Trung (SI)
 - Daniel Cabral Andrade †
 - Repose of the Souls in Purgatory †

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:
 ❶ Name(s) ❷ Mailing Address ❸ Email Address ❹ Phone 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!*

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!

Thank You
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Offertory:
December 1st: \$ 6,235.85
Building Fund: \$ 1,650.00
Catholic Women's League: \$ 1,100.00

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.

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

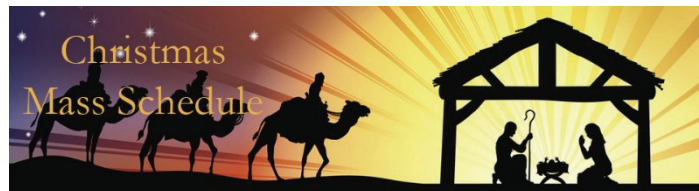
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<https://stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/>

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.

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

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.

Confession is the soul's bath.
 Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again! *St Pio of Pietrelcina*



Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24 th 5 pm – 7 pm – 9 pm	Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25 th 9 am – 10:30 am – 12 pm
New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31 st 5 pm	New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1 st 9 am – 10:30 am – 12 pm



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
On this second Sunday of Advent, the Gospel focuses on the figure of John the Baptist.

At one point in the Gospel (not the one we read this Sunday), Jesus is asked to comment on his cousin, John. Jesus answers with these thought-provoking words, *“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist...”* What made Jesus say these profound words and why would John be considered the most important person to have ever been born? The answer is found in what John does to prepare the way of the Lord. John’s whole life was directed to identify the ONE.

In the movie “The Matrix” the storyline revolves around the search for the ONE who will be able to bring freedom to those who are captive in the machine world. The person who first identifies the ONE (Neo) is the character, Morpheus. Morpheus points him out and believes to his core that Neo is the ONE for whom they have been waiting.

If we were to use this movie as our guide, we would say that John the Baptist is Morpheus and Jesus is Neo. Like Morpheus, John points to the ONE at the river Jordan because he believes that Jesus is the ONE with all his being. He believes it to the point of losing his head at the hands of Herod.

John the Baptist is a critical figure in Salvation History because he shines a spotlight on Jesus and directs his followers to follow Jesus who is the ONE, and for whom John is *“not worthy to untie the thong of his Sandals.”* Let us also follow the ONE every day and thank John the Baptist for pointing him out when he came 2,000 years ago.

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio



YOUR COMPASSION BRINGS LOVE AND CARE TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED!

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 1st until year end, your contribution to our parish’s ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. When you give to ShareLife, you support agencies like Mary Centre. Here’s how your contribution makes a difference for the work of this agency:

“Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts in building a good life, and also providing a safe place for people with a developmental disability to stay so that their families/caregivers and themselves can get some needed respite.”

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Metropolitan Archbishop of



Toronto, the Most Rev Francis Leo who will be elevated to the College of Cardinals this weekend, on December 8th. Pope Francis will

hold a Consistory for the creation of the new Cardinals at the Vatican. Cardinal-elect Leo is one of 21 new Cardinals from around the world. *“I am humbled and honoured to receive this appointment from the Holy Father. I pray and rely on the prayers of the faithful in Toronto that I will be a worthy servant of the Lord Jesus in fulfilling my responsibilities as a member of the College of Cardinals and to continue in my primary role as shepherd of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto. I entrust to the Blessed Mother Mary, myself and this new ministry of service to the Universal Church and to the Successor of St. Peter, the Pope.”* -Cardinal-elect Francis Leo



Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”?

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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/>

“God always answers: maybe today, tomorrow, but he always answers, in one way or another. Prayer is a question of patience, of supporting the wait. Now we are in the time of Advent, a time that is typically of expectation; of expectation of Christmas. We are in waiting. But all our life is also in waiting. And prayer is always in expectation, because we know that the Lord will answer.” Pope Francis

Father Mark Curtis: Canada’s Singing (Anglican) Priest presents **Coming Home to the Heart of Christmas**
Sun Dec 22nd @ 7 pm - Free Will Offerings
St Paul’s Presbyterian Church, 723 Balmoral Dr



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