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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
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

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 16th - 9 a.m. – All Souls in Purgatory ☩

Tuesday, December 17th - 9 a.m. – Emmanuel Sinnathamby ☩

Wednesday, December 18th - 9 a.m. – George Rebello ☩

Thursday, December 19th - 9 a.m. – Brian Dubier ☩

Friday, December 20th - 9 a.m. – Lucrezia & Joseph Sgro ☩

Saturday, December 21st - 9 a.m. – Gord Anderson ☩
 – Vernon Gale ☩
 – Catherine Mitchell (SI)
 – Jim & Maura ☩
 – Geoffry Cooper ☩
 – Maurice Walsh ☩



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.

Thank You FOR **GIVING** GENEROUSLY

Offertory:
 December 8th: \$ 5,633.10
 Building Fund: \$ 2,268.25



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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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.



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!



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



LIVING THE GOSPEL THROUGH SHARELIFE

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. Your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

"If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way." – Kelly Mackenzie, Silent Voice

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.



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
 On this Third Sunday of Advent, we begin to look closer at the Feast of Christmas. In the Gospel, people come to the river Jordan to be baptized by John and seek guidance from him in living their lives, worthy of their newfound conversions. John responds that they are to be morally upright and not defraud anyone. John guides those who are tax collectors and soldiers (those who are shunned by the community) and reminds them that even they are called to be morally upright in their actions. 2000 years later, John continues to speak to us all and reminds us that we, too, are called to be morally upright in the lives and occupations we hold.


About 10 years ago, I remember taking a tour bus full of parishioners to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Buffalo. As we were making our way back from the Shrine, I told the parishioners that if we were boarded by a boarder agent, we should say that we did not have anything to declare. Some people purchased religious items like rosaries, and I felt that these small items would not need to be declared. Hearing no objections, I sat down in my front seat and the elderly lady sitting near me started to say that she would NOT LIE in any way. I knew her to be a saintly woman, and this attitude only reminded me that she was very morally upright. As it happened, we were all asked to vacate the bus and go to customs individually. I was next to this saintly woman as she spoke to the boarder agent and had a smile on my face as she proceeded to explain the smallest of items she bought. I saw the boarder agent anxious to have her move along, but she really wanted to tell him the "whole truth and nothing but the truth". ☐ I am sure the boarder agent was happy that her turn was complete. But little did this boarder agent know that he had been in the presence of a saint who was morally upright as St John the Baptist had advised us all to be.

I hope to see this elderly lady one day in heaven so that we can have a laugh about that trip we took together. But in the meantime, I hope she is praying for me, that I too can be a character that is always morally upright. Sadly, I still have to grow more to be perfect as she was. ☐

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio



Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Call Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

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!

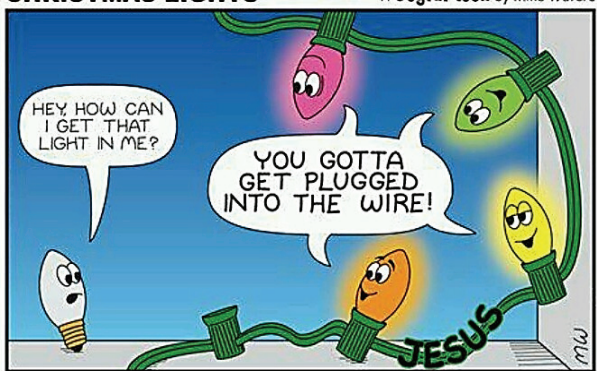
CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS: As part of *Marriage Sunday 2025* celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary 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>

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

TORONTO RETROUVAILLE
HEALTHY COMMUNICATION, INTIMACY, RELATIONSHIP
 ▶ **Fri Jan 17th - Sun Jan 19th** / Build a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcomes all couples to help get their relationships back on track.
 For info or to register: 437-234-5610 / info@torontoretrovaille.com www.torontoretrovaille.com or www.helpourmarriage.org
 Each couple is asked to make a \$600 donation to help cover the cost of the process. This one donation covers all the expenses of the weekend and the post-weekend sessions. Weekend lodging, meals and materials are all covered by this single donation. A non-refundable registration fee is required when you register for the process to confirm your accommodations. Space is limited so early registration is encouraged. 
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



HEY, HOW CAN I GET THAT LIGHT IN ME?
 YOU GOTTA GET PLUGGED INTO THE WIRE!

JESUS

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
 - JOHN 8:12 NIV

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