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**ST. JOHN FISHER**  
 CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS!** ST. JOHN FISHER IS A PARISH COMMUNITY THAT BELIEVES IN THE GOOD NEWS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS ALIVE AND IN OUR MIDST. WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER BEING PART OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY. TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH DURING OFFICE HOURS.

**Parish Staff**

**Pastor:** Rev. Liborio Amaral  
**Deacon:** Dcn. John Coletti  
 Secretary: Rose Jose  
 Bookkeeper: Josephine Balbidades  
 Custodian: Lourdes (Lulu) Pasion

**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.

**Daily Mass Schedule:**

Monday to Saturday: 9 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturday: 4 – 4:45 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Baptism:**

Please call the parish office to inquire about baptisms. Baptismal instruction required.

**Marriage:**

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

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):**

Those interested in joining our Catholic Faith are asked to reach out to the pastor via the Parish Office.

**Knights of Columbus Council 10402:**

Men 18+ / knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com

**Catholic Women's League:**

Women 16+ / stjohfishercwl@outlook.com

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul:**

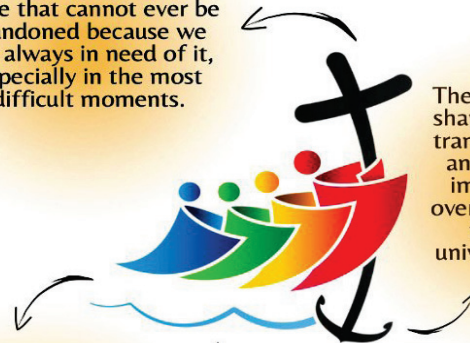
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**Fr. Matthew McCarthy**, Vocations Director,  
 416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org /  
 www.vocationstoronto.ca

**Jubilee 2025**  
 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.



The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.

**Discover the Jubilee 2025!**

Download the *jubilaum25* app



**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

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**Parish Website:** www.stjohfisherbr.archtoronto.org **Parish Instagram:** StJohnFisherBrampton

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.

Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. – David Amaral ☩

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.

Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.

Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.

Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. – Michael Matic ☩  
– Nerissa, Myron & Chris Castellino ☩

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#### Offertory:



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| January 1 <sup>st</sup> : | \$ 4,054.65 |
| January 5 <sup>th</sup> : | \$ 5,694.70 |
| Initial Offering:         | \$ 1,276.50 |

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!

**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](mailto:stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org). Please include:  
**1**Name(s) **2**Mailing Address **3**Email Address **4**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!**



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A **REMINDER** to Parents/Guardians that your Child's First Communion or Confirmation catechism sessions begin this week:

**on Thursday evening for Confirmation students and on Saturday for First Communion students.**

Please refer to the schedule you received in October, and **PLEASE** read the email that was sent to you with the reminders of the dates and times.

#### **NEEDED: Parish Finance Council**

The Archdiocese requires that Pastors have a **Parish Finance Council**. Fr Liborio is looking to form a council and is asking parishioners who have knowledge of finances to please reach out to him. If you are or have worked in the financial sector (i.e. in the banking industry or as an Accountant) or if you are or have been an owner of your own business, please consider reaching out to Fr Liborio to share your "Talents" with the parish. You can reach him by email: [lamaral@archtoronto.org](mailto:lamaral@archtoronto.org).



#### **NEEDED: Building and Renovations Committee**

Fr Liborio is hoping to form a **Building and Renovations Committee** to help him with ongoing parish building issues. If you are or have been an Architect, Engineer, Electrician, Plumber, Construction worker, or are or have been an owner of a Construction contracting company, please consider reaching out to Fr Liborio to share your "Talents" with the parish. You can reach him by email: [lamaral@archtoronto.org](mailto:lamaral@archtoronto.org).



The Catholic Women's League is pleased to announce that the **Mary Matthews Speech Contest** will be on: **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall**  
 All are welcome to come out and support the student contestants from our three parish schools.

#### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18-25** Celebrating 1,700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea

##### **DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?** (John 11:26)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.**  
 North City Church, 377 Woodbridge Ave, Woodbridge  
 This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.



As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, **"You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased."** Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious.

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 416-968-0997/ [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and with it we conclude the Christmas Season.

This feast day reminds us that we know our baptismal day and celebrate it every year, because our Baptismal Day was the most important day of our human existence. It was on that day that we became Sons and Daughters of God. So, if you do not know your baptismal day, I encourage you to find it out and commit the date to memory from now on.

On another note: This year we walk as Pilgrims of Hope. As was mentioned last week in my pastor's corner and as will be mentioned many times this year, we are celebrating a Jubilee Year. The theme and focus of this Jubilee Year 2025 is "*Pilgrims of Hope*". It has its own Official Logo that comes from the Vatican and is found in our Sanctuary banner. *Here is an explanation of the Logo:*

The logo shows *four stylized figures*, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples.



The *figure at the front is holding onto the cross*.

It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

The *rough waves* under the figures symbolize the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope.

That's why we should pay special attention to the *lower part of the cross* which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an *anchor* which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon, the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency maneuvers to stabilize the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross.

The *cross* in the logo is by no means static. It is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope.

At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in Hope), represented in green letters.

Let us continue to celebrate this Year of Jubilee with the intention of becoming great Pilgrims of Hope.

**BLESSINGS**, Fr. Liborio

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS:** Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary (25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 60+) in 2025 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited.

Register early. Click the register button at:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage>

**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at St Michael's Cathedral**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT**

The exhibit, which was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

**Sat Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am – Sun Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm**

St Margaret Mary Church, 8500 Islington Ave, Woodbridge



Come to meet and honour the Ordinandi at St Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary who with God's grace, will be ordained to the priesthood this coming Spring. This is a time for the Roman Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto to come together with their families and friends to celebrate new vocations to the priesthood and religious life amidst good fellowship and good food.

**Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> / \$100/ticket**

Reception & Cash Bar 5 pm/ Dinner 6:15 pm

Pearson Convention Center, 2638 Steeles Ave East, Brampton



Of course, we all want to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and the other sacraments for our eternal salvation.

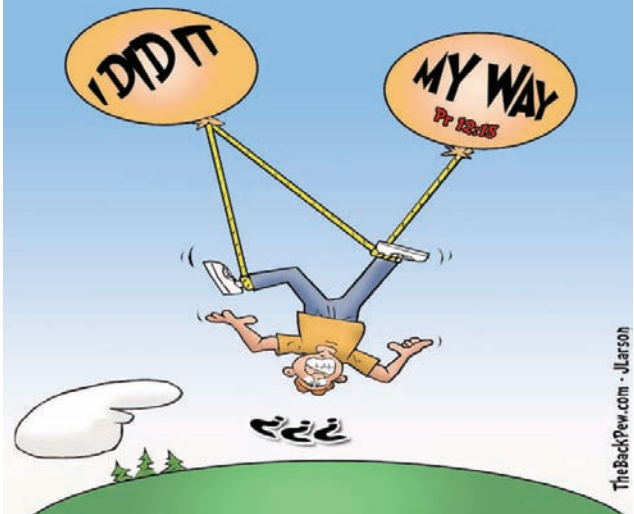
If you are one of those people who love the Eucharist and want others to have the same love for Jesus in the Eucharist for their eternal salvation, we invite you to join the **SERRA CLUB OF NORTH PEEL**. Become a promoter of vocations for the priesthood and the religious life, for without priests we are deprived of God's instruments for saving souls.

Serra International is a global institution aggregated to the Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations of the Holy See.

Our Patron Saint is St. Junipero Serra. **We meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at St Anne's Church (115 Vodden St. E.) Brampton, after the 9:15 am Mass. Need more information?**

Carlos Abug, [carlq7@gmail.com](mailto:carlq7@gmail.com) / 416-409-1384

**but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like EAGLES; Is 40:31 or ... be like this guy.**



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