



Defender of the Faith

ST. JOHN FISHER

CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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+ / knightssofcolumbus10402@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League:

Women 16+ / stjohfishercwl@outlook.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

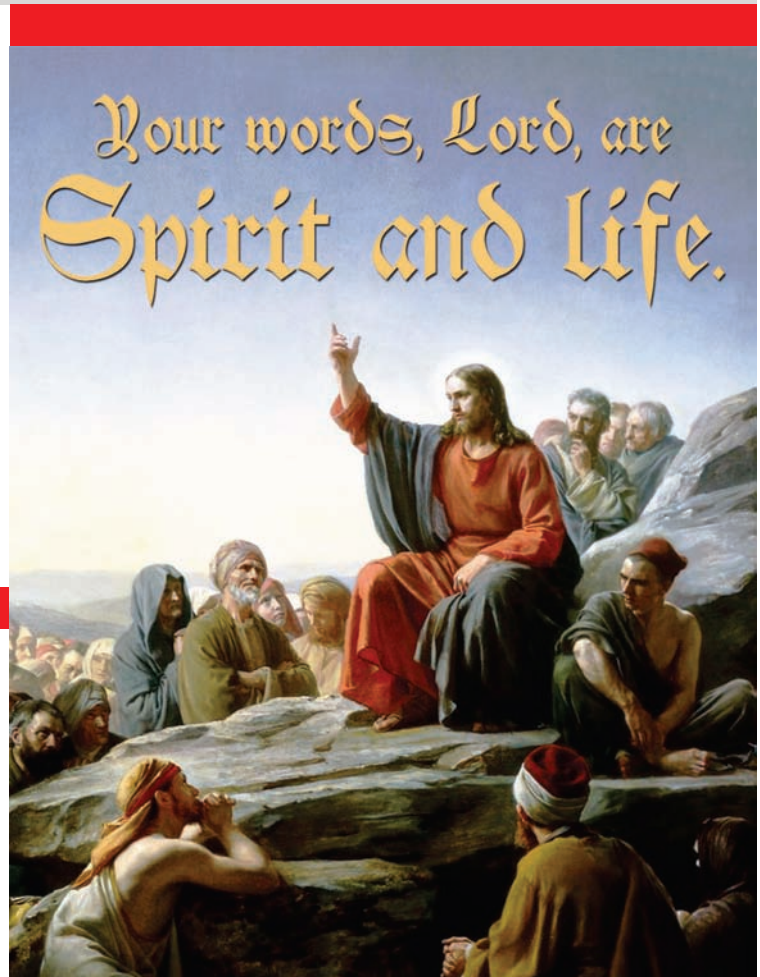
905-790-2479 / stjohfisherssvp@gmail.com

Toronto Vocations Office

Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director,

416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org /

www.vocationstoronto.ca



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. Luke 4:18

Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

Luke 4:21

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

Parish Telephone: 905-793-6610 / Fax: 905-793-7721 **Parish Email:** stjohfisherbr@archtoronto.org

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 27th - 9 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory ☩
Tuesday, January 28th - 9 a.m. – Deborah Saraceno ☩
Wednesday, January 29th - 9 a.m. – Robert Selliah ☩ – Winnifred Allison (SI) – Renaldo Pblete ☩
Thursday, January 30th - 9 a.m. – Diana Frencillo ☩ & Marie Carr ☩
Friday, January 31st - 9 a.m. – Gerard McCauley ☩
Saturday, February 1st - 9 a.m. – Ray Cottam ☩ – Souls in Purgatory ☩ – Theresamma Amirthanathan

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Offertory:



January 19th: \$ 5,765.50
Building Fund: \$ 1,836.10

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!

ATTENTION! If you are using Envelope Box 71 and Envelope Box 74, please contact the office. We need your information (name, address, telephone, email) for our records.

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:
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!



The Parish Office will be working on a Holiday Schedule for the next weeks:

Our parish office will be working on a Holiday Schedule for this coming week and will resume its normal schedule on Monday, February 3rd. This week, the office will be open only on Monday & Wednesday. We ask for your patience and understanding. If it is possible to wait, please contact our office after the 31st when we will resume our regular office hours.



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.



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



CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

This weekend, members of the Catholic Women’s League will be available after all masses to answer your questions about becoming a member of the League.

- ▶ All women aged 16+ are eligible for membership.
- ▶ Membership dues are \$35.
- ▶ Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month @ 7 pm in the church hall.



If you are interested in becoming a member, please speak to our members next weekend or email us! stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com



Saturday, February 22nd @ 6 pm (church hall)
Come out and have a fun evening of great food, entertainment, door prizes & more.

Menu: Penne with meat or vegetarian tomato sauce, bread, butter, salad, dessert, water, pop, coffee, tea.

Tickets are on sale at the back of the church after all masses.
▶ Adults: \$15 ▶ Children (6-12): \$10 ▶ Ages 5 & under: Free



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☺A burglar broke into a home and was looking around. He heard a soft voice say, *Jesus is watching you.* Thinking it was just his imagination, he continued his search. Again, the voice said, *Jesus is watching you.* He turned his flashlight around and saw a parrot in a cage. He asked the parrot if he was the one talking and the parrot said, “Yes”. He asked the parrot what his name was and the parrot said, “Moses”. The burglar asked, *What kind of people would name a parrot Moses?* The parrot said, “The same kind of people who would name their German Shepherd, Jesus.”☺



Dear Brother & Sisters in Christ,
This Wednesday, January 29th at 7 pm, Frank Cardinal Leo will celebrate a Regional Mass at St Mary's Parish, with the focus on the Jubilee Year as a faith community. Several priests will be available to hear confessions starting about 1½ hours before the Mass. A reception will follow.

Since this will be the closest Jubilee Year Regional Mass to our parish, I encourage you to consider attending if you are able and avail yourself of the opportunity to go to confession so that you can receive the Indulgence that this Mass will provide you with.

Below is the list of other Regional Masses and Celebrations (also found on our Archdiocesan Website).

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

**REGIONAL MASSES AT JUBILEE CHURCHES
CONFESSION BEFORE & RECEPTION AFTER**

Western Region:

Wed Jan 29 @ 7 pm - St. Mary's Parish, Brampton

Northern Region:


Tues Feb 4 @ 7 pm - St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg

Eastern Region:

Wed Feb 19 @ 7 pm - St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough

Central Region:

Tues Feb 25 @ 7 pm - St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York

 You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part?
If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997/ [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto: vocations@archtoronto.org) / www.vocationstoronto.ca

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS: Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 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 9th at 2:30 pm at St Michael's Cathedral

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

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING (ZOOM) WEBINAR

Saturday, February 1st @ 9 am / Zoom
Learn: ▶ How to avoid problems: in your Will, with the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection ▶ How to create your own legacy ▶ About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

- 3 Ways to Register:** ① scan the QR code
② follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebFeb01
③ send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto: Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "webinar February 1" in the title line and your name(s) in the body of the message.



Tuesday, March 18th / \$100/ticket

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

Pearson Convention Center, 2638 Steeles Ave East, Brampton

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 15th at 9 am – Sun Feb 16th at 2 pm

St Margaret Mary Church, 8500 Islington Ave, Woodbridge

JUBILEE OF YOUTH

Join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time!
Young Adults (19 - 39)

 Jul 23 - Aug 5 2025

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 [youth@archtoronto.org](mailto: youth@archtoronto.org)



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TOTUS TUUS TORONTO: Do you have a desire to give yourself totally and radically for Jesus? Join this life-changing mission! Totus Tuus Toronto invites post-secondary students and recent graduates to discern the call to serve young people this summer. Apart from receiving a fair wage, the true value of this experience is growing in virtue and your relationship with God.



The opportunity involves a three-month commitment from June to August. After a month of training and formation, these leaders are sent out to serve as missionaries in parishes. Share your love for God in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. The deadline to apply is January 31st.

Apply to be a missionary today!

Deadline is January 31, 2025

www.totustuuistoronto.ca



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY VIRTUAL TRAINING

This annual archdiocesan training will be offered online on Thursdays, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 from 7-8:30 pm. It is designed for new and seasoned parish bereavement ministers and will explore ways to begin a bereavement ministry in your parish or enhance your present bereavement ministry programs. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass final assessment to receive full training. There is no cost to attend but registration is required. Capacity is limited. Register early. <https://bit.ly/BMT-RegisterFebMar2025>. Questions? Saulina Amaral, [samaral@archtoronto.org](mailto: samaral@archtoronto.org) or 416-834-3400 x 518.

HORIZONS OF HOPE is a program developed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to help us make informed decisions about end-of-life issues. In response to the increasing promotion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) and recent efforts to broaden its eligibility, the Archdiocese has requested all parishes to implement this program. As Catholics, it is vital for us to understand the Gospel of Life and the Church's teachings on this important topic, so we can better support our loved ones and those in our faith community. **This program will be coming to St John Fisher in May!** <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/horizons-of-hope-a-toolkit-for-catholic-parishes-on-palliative-care/>



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