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ST. JOHN FISHER
 CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

February 2, 2025

Feast of the Presentation 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+ / stjohnfisherawl@outlook.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com

*My eyes have seen your salvation,
 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
 and for glory to your people Israel. Luke 2:30-32*

Toronto Vocations Office

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

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:** stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org

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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 3rd - 9 a.m. – Fr Frank Coltsmann †

Tuesday, February 4th - 9 a.m. – Quang Trinh †

Wednesday, February 5th - 9 a.m. – Dalmacia Dela Cruz †

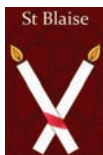
Thursday, February 6th - 9 a.m. – David Miles †

Friday, February 7th - 9 a.m. – Lucretia & Joseph Sgro †

Saturday, February 8th - 9 a.m. – Joan Fernandes †

FEAST OF ST BLAISE – BLESSING OF THROATS

On Monday, February 3rd, we will celebrate the Feast of St Blaise at our regular 9 am Mass. After the Mass, there will be an opportunity for those who wish to have a blessing of their throats.



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Offertory:



January 26th: \$ 6,138
Building Fund: \$1,491

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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!



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.

CWL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 3rd at 7 pm in the Church Hall

Women aged 16 and over, please join us!

If you are interested in becoming a member, please come to our meeting and find out what we are about. Need more information? Email us at 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



Sign Up to receive the Weekly Bulletin and other special alerts emailed directly to your inbox.

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

Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.
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Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Power from On High

Saturday, March 2nd - 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Metro Toronto Convention Centre (north building)

Tickets: \$49 adults, youth \$25 www.ljhr.ca

Bus from St John Fisher, boarding at 6:30 a.m. – cost \$15

For tickets & bus reservation, please contact:

Mary Reghelini 416-882-7330 or Lorraine Carvey 647-855-8980



The Knights of Columbus St John Fisher Council 10402 would like to congratulate the 71 students who participated in our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. All entries were wonderful, and judging was a challenge. Congratulations to: **POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**

Grades 1&2

1st John Joseph
2nd Aria Mastrantoni
3rd Olivia Pasqualino

Grades 3&4

1st Avery Gomes
2nd Alanah Sookram
3rd Yeuci Julieth Figueroa

Grades 5&6

1st Aleena Rowe Ullero
2nd Alyssa Snow Leva
3rd Alyssa Loder

Grades 7&8

1st Evelyn Joseph
2nd Hannah Ade Kogo
3rd Blessing Marfo



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
 During this Jubilee Year you will hear speak of Indulgences. So, it is important for us to understand what an Indulgence is and why we should desire to attain these indulgences.

Below is the information that the Archdiocese of Toronto has provided for us. (*Year of Prayer/Plenary Indulgence*)

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

❶ **What is an indulgence?** ▶ An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.[81]

▶ An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin.[82]

▶ Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead.[1]

▶ In our humanity, weak and attracted by evil, certain residual effects of sin remain. These are removed by the indulgence, always by the grace of Christ, who, as Saint Paul VI wrote, “is himself our ‘indulgence’”.[2]

❷ **What is the Jubilee Indulgence?** ▶ The Jubilee Indulgence, thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy. It is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God’s mercy.[3]

▶ All other Indulgences previously granted remain in force.

❸ **How is the Jubilee Indulgence obtained?** ▶ All the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin (cf. Enchiridion Indulgentiarum, IV ed., norm. 20, §1), who are moved by a spirit of charity and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory.

❹ **What are the ways in which a plenary indulgence can be obtained?** ♦ Pilgrimages ♦ Pious Visits to Sacred Places ♦ Works of Mercy and Penance

❺ **What are the specifications for pilgrimages?**

- ▶ At any sacred Jubilee site, devoutly participate in:
 - ♦ Holy Mass ♦ A ritual Mass for the conferral of the sacraments of Christian Initiation or the Anointing of the Sick
 - ♦ a celebration of the Word of God
 - ♦ the Liturgy of the Hours ♦ the Way of the Cross
 - ♦ the Marian Rosary ♦ the recitation of the Akathist hymn
 - ♦ a penitential celebration with individual confession
- ▶ In Rome: visiting at least one of the four Major Papal Basilicas:
 - ♦ Saint Peter ♦ Saint John Lateran ♦ Saint Mary Major
 - ♦ Saint Paul Outside the Walls
- ▶ In the Holy Land: visiting at least one of the three basilicas:
 - ♦ The Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem
 - ♦ The Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem
 - ♦ The Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth



No prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you, Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

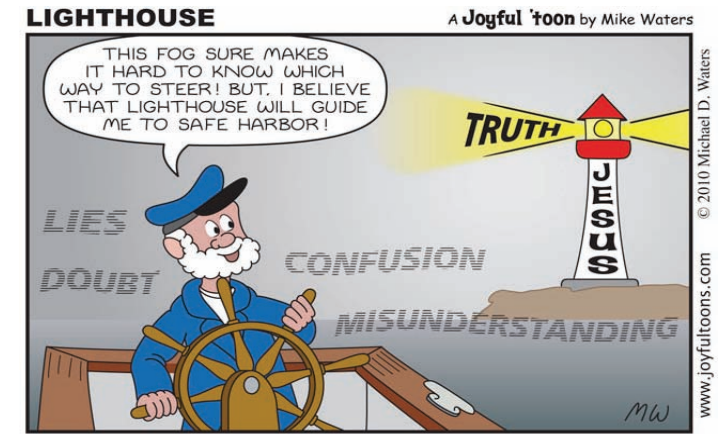
Mary Matthews Speech Contest (sponsored by the CWL)
Sunday, February 2nd at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall
 All are welcome to come out and support the student contestants from our three parish schools.

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.
 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/>

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 lifetime! Young adults (19-39)
 July 23-Aug 5 / Rome, Italy / ✉ youth@archtoronto.org
 If you are able to make a donation to the Office of Catholic Youth, go to: ocytoronto.org and click DONATE

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 or 416-834-3400 x 518.



I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. — JOHN 12:46 NIV

COME & SEE WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREAT
 hosted by the Office of Vocations for men aged 18+ at St Augustine’s Seminary.
Friday, March 14 at 6:30 pm until Sunday, March 16 at 2 pm
 This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.
 For more info, contact: vocations@archtoronto.org

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