



Defender of the Faith  
**ST. JOHN FISHER**  
 CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

February 9, 2025

5th 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+ / knightsforcolumbus10402@gmail.com

**Catholic Women's League:**

Women 16+ / stjohfishercwl@outlook.com

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

905-790-2479 / stjohfisherssvp@gmail.com



*Then Jesus said to Simon,  
 "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."  
 When they had brought their boats to shore,  
 they left everything and followed Jesus.  
 Luke 5:10-11*

**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:** stjohfisherbr@archtoronto.org

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



**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. – Youssef Sawaya †
- Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. – Adelino Garcia †
- Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.
- Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. – Maria deEyre †
- Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. – Savina Zanatta (SI)
- Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. – Wayne Brazeam †  
 – José Amaral †  
 – Angelina Pinlac †  
 – Marco Mallia & Rose Borg & Family †



**Offertory:**




February 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$ 6,916.10  
 Building Fund: \$ 393.25

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**ATTENTION!** If you are using Envelope Boxes 71, 188, 292, 302, 303, 319, 339, 360, 460, 484 please contact the office. We need your information (name, address, telephone, email) for our records.

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**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:  
 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!



A reminder that on **Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** our parish office will be closed for Family Day. We pray that this day may provide families with the opportunity to celebrate together in whatever way helps them recognize the gift of being part of a **Family.**

**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).




**Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 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

The Catholic Women’s League has a volunteer opportunity for teens in Grades 8 and up. At our events, we need help setting up tables, chairs, bringing items up and down the stairs, and other jobs. Students will receive a letter confirming their volunteer service. If you are interested in signing up to be on our list of volunteers, please email us at [stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com](mailto:stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com). When we need help, we will email our roster and ask who is available. 

**DOMINICAN FRIARS YOUTH INTERFAITH VIDEO CONTEST - February 5-April 15**

**Theme: Faith as a Pathway from Division to Unity**  
 High school students (aged 13 to 19 years) in the Catholic School Boards within the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual celebration of the United Nations International Human Fraternity Day (February 4<sup>th</sup>). Students are encouraged to create a three-minute video that captures this year’s theme.  
 Please adhere to the guidelines provided on our website. Start by checking the poster: <https://bit.ly/DFVCPster>. For more information: [interreligious@archtoronto.org](mailto:interreligious@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally**  
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Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
 Metro Toronto Convention Centre (north building)   
 Tickets: \$49 adults, youth \$25 [www.ljhr.ca](http://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

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I don't know about you, but my spirits are being lifted as I see the daylight growing longer each day. It seems like daylight brings the spirit up and does not weigh us down as darkness does.

The theme of light and darkness is something that the Scripture writers know all too well and refer to in their canonical works. In the very beginning of the bible, in the creation account, Genesis uses light and darkness to emphasize God's work in creation and how light is seen as good and brings existence into life from the darkness. In the New Testament, light is once again seen as the good and even Jesus says, "I am the Light of the World."

As Christians, we too are lights to the world that is often living in the darkness of sin and rejection of God and his Son, Jesus Christ. We are called in our baptism to go and share our light with others.


In each Catholic church, we have an **Easter Candle** that is blessed and lit for the first time at the Easter Vigil and brought into a darkened church. This candle, which represents "Christ our light" is lit throughout the Easter Season and whenever we celebrate Baptisms and Funerals. What wonderful symbols we have in our church that allows us to focus on the importance of Christ: He is our guide in life and lights our path towards the Eternal Kingdom with His own very Light.

In the baptismal ceremony, a small candle is lit from our Easter Candle and is given to the person being baptized (i.e. the child or an adult in the case of an RCIA candidate at the Easter Vigil). This gesture reminds us that through our baptism we "receive the Light of Christ" and are called to illuminate our world around us.

As the days become longer, let us remember that just as the SUN brightens our world and our spirits, so too does the SON OF GOD brighten our world and our spirits. And this light of Christ is far more important to us and the whole universe than any other forms of light we encounter.

**MAY GOD BLESS US AND SHED HIS LIGHT ON US ALL!**

**BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio**

 Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly.

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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



**DID YOU KNOW?** The Fish is one of the oldest Christian symbols and was used by Christians to identify themselves and each other, often in times of persecution. It was found in the Roman catacombs. The Greek word for fish is 'Ichthus', which is also an acronym for Jesus. The Greek, 'Iesous CHristos THEou Uios Soter' translates in English to, 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour'. Christ also referred to his apostles as 'fishers of men' while the early Christian writers called the faithful 'little fish'.

**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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee).  
 For more info, contact: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES SCHOLARSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

Catholic Charities is accepting applications until April 30<sup>th</sup> for their full array of Scholarships and nominations for our Community Service Awards. With five available scholarships, focusing on various areas of study and a diverse field of candidates, they are excited to support the future leaders of social services within our community. You can recognize the remarkable individuals that are actively contributing and impacting our communities with their acts of service by nominating them for one of the Michael Fullan Community Service Awards. Link to the online nomination from: <https://forms.office.com/r/K5wzr51h4Z>. All details can be found at: [www.ccat.ca/scholarships](http://www.ccat.ca/scholarships). Questions? [kquan@ccat.ca](mailto:kquan@ccat.ca) or 416-934-3401 ext. 419

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