



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



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

**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



**The Lord is my light  
 and my salvation.**

*Psalm 27*

**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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. – David Nedd ☩
Tuesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. – Dave Davidson ☩
Wednesday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> – Youssef Sawaya ☩ – Souls in Purgatory ☩
Thursday, March 20 <sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.
Friday, March 21 <sup>st</sup> - 9 a.m. – Lucretia & Joseph Sgro ☩
Saturday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 9 a.m.

Thank You  
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Offertory:




March 9<sup>th</sup>: \$ 5,355.20  
Building Fund: \$ 1,620.00

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 Boxes 52, 260, 282, 292, 360, 441, 463 please contact the office. We need your information (name, address, telephone, email) for our records.

**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!

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

Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.  
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The 5 pm Saturday Choir welcomes new singers. We practice at 4:15 pm before the mass. And, if you are an advanced piano player (Grade 6 piano or higher) and are interested in learning what's needed to play for mass, we welcome you also! Please contact Michelle: 416-828-8071 (call/text).

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



**JOIN US ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT:**  
▶ Mass at 9 am  
▶ Confessions available from 6-6:45 pm  
▶ Mass at 7 pm  
▶ Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm



The Catholic Women's League is selling **Italian Chocolate Easter Eggs** for \$10 each beginning next weekend. Cash is the easiest way to buy these treats. You may also etransfer your payment to [stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com](mailto:stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com) before the weekend and then pick up the Eggs after the mass you attend. Please use *eastereggs* as the password. Once we receive your etransfer, we will confirm that we have received your payment. Thank you for your support!



**Lift Jesus Higher Rally: Power from On High**

Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> / 9 am-5:30 pm [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)  
Tickets: \$49 adults, youth \$25  
Metro Toronto Convention Centre (north building)  
Bus from St John Fisher, boarding at 6:30 am / Cost \$15  
For tickets & bus reservation, please contact:  
Mary Reghelini 416-882-7330 or Lorraine Carvey 647-855-8980



You are invited to join us to explore 4 modules of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' (CCCB) Horizons of Hope (HOH) series. It intends to share the truth about the *Palliative Care Approach* with participants through scripture reflection and sharing of theological and medical perspectives.

Please save the dates and plan to join us:  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> / St John Fisher Hall @ 7 pm  
Further details for registration will be coming soon in March.

The Archdiocese's Office for Refugees is excited to launch the **2025 REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM FOR PARISHIONERS**. This initiative supports parishioners in sponsoring family members who have been forced to flee their homeland because of war, violence, or persecution and who need resettlement. If you are a parishioner interested in sponsoring a family member, *please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting with the pastor*. Please note that interested parishioners will be asked to provide the necessary funds required by Immigration Canada for sponsorship. The Refugee must currently reside outside of their Country of Origin/Citizenship.

**SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION:** Consider supporting the Archdiocese of Toronto with a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). You pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. You can find all the information and forms you will need here: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/social-justice--outreach/development-and-sharelife/home/gifts-of-securities/> Or email: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).



☺ It's the third Friday of Lent, and the faithful parishioner walks through pouring rain past hamburger huts and steak houses into the monastery at Mount Angel and requests shelter. He's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had. After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He's met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis." "I'M VERY PLEASED TO MEET YOU. I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL DINNER. THE FISH AND CHIPS WERE THE BEST I'VE EVER TASTED. OUT OF CURIOSITY, WHO COOKED WHAT?" Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar." The man turns to the other brother and says, "THEN YOU MUST BE . . ." "Yes, I'm the chip monk."



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
On this day (i.e. March 16<sup>th</sup>), my family arrived in Canada in 1969.

Although I was just shy of my 6th birthday, I still remember that day and the plane ride here to Toronto. My memory has stored sights, sounds and even smells of that day. I cannot explain why these memories are stronger in me than the other days that followed – maybe it was because this flight was so lifechanging that these memories have remained.

On this important day in my life and the life of my mom, dad and two sisters, we took off with two suitcases in hand and very little money in my dad's pocket from San Miguel, Azores. I am sure all of you know where the Azores is located, but for those few souls who have not yet heard of or know where God's vacation home is ☐, the Azores is in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean between Portugal and Newfoundland. It is made up of 9 volcanic Islands, and the biggest Island is the one I was born on (so ends my geography lesson☐). Our first flight was on a small plane that took us to another Island that had a bigger runway. And from there we jumped onto a bigger plane that took us to Montreal. From the short flight from Montreal to Toronto, I remember the smell of the cabin of the plane, and I can still see in my mind's eye, the interior of the cabin as if it were a flight I took two hours ago.

The days after we landed in Toronto, we experienced snow and the freshness of the cold air. Yes, we were now in Canada and experiencing the end of its winter season. A week or so later I remember the experience of going to kindergarten as a child and having my first taste of cold milk from those small cartons that open on one corner – that taste is also a vivid memory in my mind.

These memories have remained with me and have helped me to be a proud Canadian and yet also proud to be Portuguese. They have helped me understand the plight of the immigrant and the fear of going to a new country. And yes, these memories have helped me to appreciate the sacrifice made by my mom and dad so that we, their children, might have a better life.

During this Lenten Season, we are called to *remember* the great gift that the Lord has given us in his suffering, death and resurrection. And the church helps us remember with signs and symbols. In our liturgies, we bring in the senses so that we can touch, hear, see and smell the *Sacred*. I pray that this Lenten Season will bring for you God's memory in your mind, heart and soul.

HAPPY LENT, Fr. Liborio



Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration.

We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives.

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)

## HIGH SCHOOL COME & SEE DAY RETREAT

Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 3 pm

hosted by the Office of Vocations at St Augustine's Seminary.

The Office of Vocations is hosting a high school day retreat for high school men, in grades 11 & 12. This retreat is designed to help young men cultivate a deeper prayer life & relationship with the Lord. Seminarians will offer reflections on practical aspects of faith. This retreat will offer opportunities for communal prayer, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & socializing. Lunch will be provided.

Register online at: [www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomesee).

For more info, contact: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**A DAY WITH MARY** is a new archdiocesan event.

It will be celebrated on Saturday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We will gather from all corners of the Archdiocese, at Villanova College in King City

to participate in Mass and pray the Rosary. Our devotion to Our Lady will grow deeper through a keynote address for the adults and children's catechesis for the kids. Consider joining the Cardinal Archbishop and so many others who love the Blessed Mother. More information will follow in the coming weeks. *Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!*



**YOU EXTEND THE HANDS OF CHRIST TO THOSE IN NEED:**



ShareLife Sunday is March 30.

Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$33,000**.

Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need: the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**MARTYRS SHRINE SPRING GALA – Wed June 11<sup>th</sup> / 5:30-9 pm**

@ Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane St, Vaughan

<https://martyrs-shrine.com/spring-gala> / 705-526-3788 / 855-526-3788  
[communications@martyrs-shrine.com](mailto:communications@martyrs-shrine.com)

**REDEMPTORIS MATER MISSIONARY SEMINARY:**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fundraising Dinner** in support of the formation of future priests for the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Paramount EventSpace, 222 Rowntree Dairy Rd., Woodbridge  
Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> / Hors d'oeuvres @ 6 pm / dinner @ 7:30 pm

Tickets: <https://rmms23dinner.eventbrite.ca> OR [www.rmmstoronto.org](http://www.rmmstoronto.org).  
More info: Fr Tomasz Skibinski 416-264-9477 ext. 1.

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