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 CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

March 23, 2025

3rd 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

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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:

905-790-2479 / stjohfisherssvp@gmail.com

### Toronto Vocations Office

Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director,

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

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### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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**The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
 slow to anger and  
 abounding in steadfast love.**

Psalm 103

### Our Parish Schools:

St. John Fisher / 330 Balmoral Dr / 905-793-8900

St. John Henry Newman / 698 Balmoral Dr / 905-792-2268

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.</b> – Molly Connor ☩
<b>Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.</b> – Annunciation of Our Lord
<b>Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Luigi Zanatta ☩</b> – Toronto Diocesan Catholic Women’s League Members (SI)
<b>Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.</b>
<b>Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.</b> – Brian Dubier ☩
<b>Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.</b> – Rodolfo R Crisostomo Sr & Salud Pallugna Crisostomo ☩

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GENEROUSLY

#### Offertory:



March 16<sup>th</sup>:      \$ 5,973.75



The Catholic Women’s League is selling **Italian Chocolate Easter Eggs** for \$10 each after each weekend mass. 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!



Our **Society of St Vincent de Paul** is requesting your help for the needy families in our community this Easter. If you can, please buy a Walmart gift card(s) in any denomination and put them in the collection basket OR give them directly to Fr Liborio or Deacon John after the weekend mass you attend. The SSVP will distribute them to the families in need. Please drop off your Walmart gift cards by April 12/13. Thank you for your generosity towards our neighbours in need!



#### FOOD DRIVE - APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup>

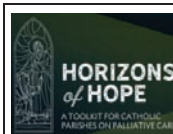
The Knights of Columbus Council 10402 will be holding a **Food Drive** in support of our St Vincent de Paul Society. We invite parishioners to bring in non-perishable food items on the weekend of April 5/6 and drop them off on the Altar (beside the Quiet Room). All donations support our local brothers and sisters in need!



**LENTEN RETREAT:** Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> / 9 am-3 pm  
\$50 / Coffee/Tea with muffins & a hot lunch included.  
Mass will be celebrated during the day.



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You are invited to join us to explore 4 modules of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (CCCCB) 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 28<sup>th</sup> National March for Life will be held on **Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** in Ottawa. The day will begin with Mass at St Leonard’s church at 5:45 am. The bus will leave right after Mass and return at about 9:30 pm. This event is organized by the Knights of Columbus and sponsored by St Leonard’s Parish. Tickets for the bus are \$45 (non-refundable) and can be purchased at the parish office (905-846-5385). Please call ahead to make sure tickets are available. For more information, please call Joe at 647-281-9212 ([joeresendes19@gmail.com](mailto:joeresendes19@gmail.com)).

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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, 83, 260, 282, 292, 360, 441, 463, 755  
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:  
❶ Name(s) ❷ Mailing Address ❸ Email Address ❹ Phone Number  
Thank you for your cooperation!



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



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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
This weekend our Seminarian, Alessandro Sousa, will be speaking to us at all the Masses about ShareLife.

I am sure that you have heard about ShareLife, but do you know how and why it all started?

Since the foundation of the Diocese of Toronto in the 1850s, there has always been a focus on helping those who most need support. Yes, Catholic social services go back to the 1950s and continues to this day. But in 1975, the Archdiocese decided to alter its normal path of helping our brothers and sisters in need and formed what we now know as ShareLife. What happened that year to have caused this? Here is a brief but important history that I found in an article that came across my desk:

*In May of 1975, the United Way of Toronto approved the admission of Planned Parenthood as a member agency. In June of that year, a meeting was held at the Chancery, outlining the position of the Council of Charities and hoping that a solution could be arrived at.*

*Planned Parenthood was asked to withdraw their application, on the understanding that they would be given serious consideration the following year. In February of 1976, the United Way made a decision to admit the Planned Parenthood Association of Toronto as a member agency. This organization's policy included counselling abortion as a valid choice for a pregnant woman.*


*To Msgr Mulvihill, and Father Paul Lennon, and our Catholic agencies, the purpose of our existence was to nurture and protect clients, and by being in an organization that supported Planned Parenthood "we would be associating with those who would eliminate one of these clients."*

*Less than a month later, Archbishop Pocock convened a meeting of the Council of Catholic Charities, and on March 19, the Archbishop formally announced the decision of the Council of Catholic Charities to withdraw from the United Way of Greater Toronto. So, ShareLife began with its opposition to abortion. The teaching of the Catholic Church is that life is to be protected from conception to natural death. God is the giver of life. Human beings are given this gift and have no right to intentionally end it as we choose through such evils as abortion or euthanasia. This is historical information that the faithful should be reminded about each year when the Share Life campaign is held.*


As you know, one of the Pillars of Lent is *Almsgiving*. I strongly encourage you to think of giving to ShareLife. Each year, I give \$10 for every year of life that the Lord has given me. This year, I will be giving \$620 and if God wants me to continue to give until I am 100, I will try to comply with His wishes and give accordingly.☺

So this year, consider ShareLife when you are planning your donations of the monetary gifts you have received from the Lord. And if you are not able to give anything this year, then please give of your prayers, so that the success of this year's ShareLife campaign will be able to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters in the many agencies ShareLife supports.

**HAPPY LENT TO ALL, Fr. Liborio**

 The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. 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)

**THANK YOU FOR HEEDING THE LORD'S CALL TO FEED THE HUNGRY:** ShareLife Sunday is March 30.

 Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$33,000**. For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall "is a lifeline for families," says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. "It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be."

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

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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.

Confession is the soul's bath.

Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again!

*St Pio of Pietrelcina*

**HIGHWAY EXIT**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

— MATTHEW 7:13 NIV

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