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 CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

March 30, 2025

4th 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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**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:**

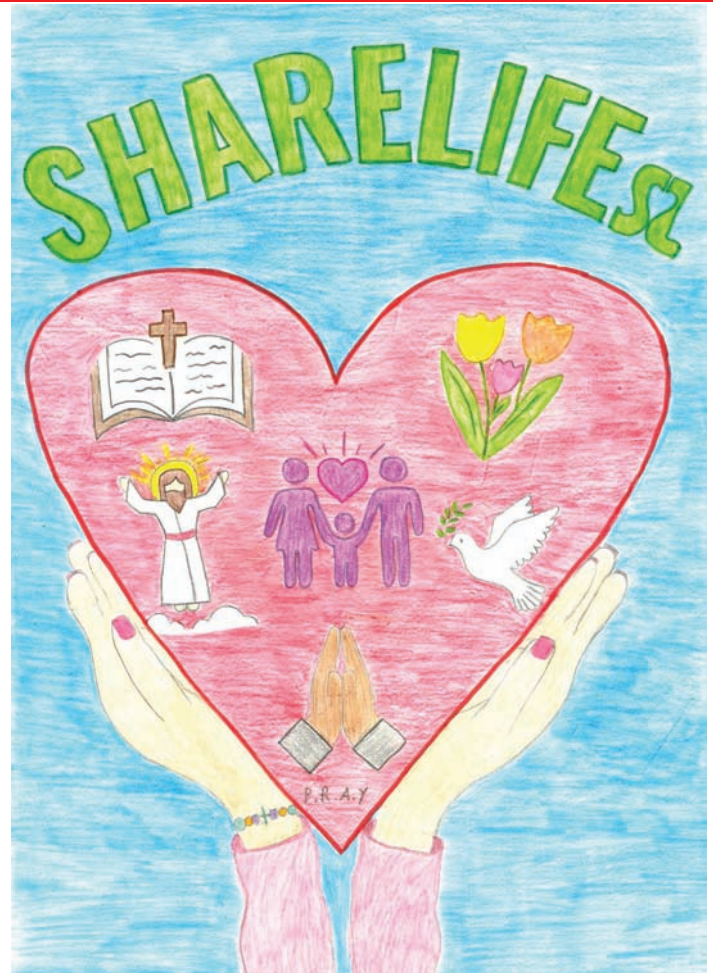
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**Catholic Women's League:**

Women 16+ / stjohfishercwl@outlook.com

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

905-790-2479 / stjohfisherssvp@gmail.com



17th Annual ShareLife Poster Contest Winner:  
 Madison, Grade 6 student at St Mary Catholic School, Nobleton.

**Toronto Vocations Office**

Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director,  
 416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org /  
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**Our Parish Schools:**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Camilla Landskroener †

**Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> - 9 a.m.**

**Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9 a.m.**

**Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9 a.m.**

**Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.**

**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Atty Felix Barcena Sr & Milagros Barcena †

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 e-transfer 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 e-transfer, we will confirm that we have received your payment. Thank you for your support!



**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 *Knights Table*. 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). Thank you!




*Thank You*  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

**Offertory:**  March 23<sup>rd</sup>: \$ 7,074.85


**THIS WEEKEND IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY!**  
Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$33,000**. ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way.  
As a family of faith, we lift each other up from our lowest moments. Nick's life had an easy start – he came from a good home, where he was raised with a strong work ethic, and he welcomed a son. But living with a mental illness, he struggled more than some. Deep inside, he felt like something was missing, and he devastatingly fell into addiction. With your helping hand, he rose up through the DARE Program at Good Shepherd.  
"By the grace of God, I am still alive," he proclaims. "I'd love to be able to give back what was so freely given to me. I am taking roles of service, giving back as much as I can. I was afraid I'd never be able to feel the way I feel. I am very grateful that I have been given this opportunity to be sober." Thanks to your support, he is no longer just surviving—he is thriving, with a heart full of hope and a future filled with promise.  
Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

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 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.

*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

**EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES FOR LENT**  
♦ Tues April 8<sup>th</sup>: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm  
♦ Wed April 9<sup>th</sup>: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm  
♦ Thurs April 10<sup>th</sup>: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm

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**I will get up and go to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.**  
*Luke 15:18*



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
 Next weekend, our Knights of Columbus is having a food drive to support Knights Table. Knights Table is a local charity that has been helping to alleviate hunger in our neighbourhood for over 29 years. We ask you to consider bringing in non-perishable food items and placing them at the right side of the altar. I would like to thank in advance all of you who will help with this fundraising initiative.

Another way to help those in need is by donating to our own Society of St Vincent de Paul. Please read below how you can donate to this worthy organization.

**EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES FOR LENT:**

Next week, I have made myself available for about 12 hours to hear confessions in preparation for Lent.

- ♦ Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm
- ♦ Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm
- ♦ Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm

*I hope you will avail yourself of the opportunity to go to confession before Easter.*

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



**CORRECTION:** Our *Society of St Vincent de Paul* is **NOT** collecting Walmart gift cards at this time.

**DID YOU KNOW** that you can donate to our local *Society of St Vincent de Paul* all year long in 3 ways:

- 1 Drop loose money in the blue SSVP donation boxes located at each church exit. No tax receipt will be issued.
- 2 Use the green SSVP envelopes and drop it in the box at our church. Tax receipts will be issued in February.
- 3 Donate online at [www.ssvp.ca](http://www.ssvp.ca), direct it to St John Fisher Conference, Brampton. Tax receipt will be issued directly from SSVP.

**Thank you for generosity towards our neighbours in need!**

**HELPING OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN THE HOLY LAND**

I have been blessed to know the brother of the Auxiliary Bishop of Jerusalem, Bishop William Shomali. Bishop William's brother, Joseph, currently lives in Montreal and has been instrumental in gathering support from Canadians to help the people of the Holy Land through the charitable organization, Fondation Bissonnette. Bishop William Shomali produced a short video explaining the organization and the support they have provided in the Holy Land. I encourage you to please watch this video and learn about how you might be of support to your brothers and sisters in the Land where Jesus lived. It is also posted on our website. <https://youtu.be/WpFWwAA9xso?si=VswXVsDMH1Qo8Tff>

I invite you to please remember the people of the Holy Land in your prayers – prayer can do amazing things for those who need our support and encouragement. May God bless our brothers and sisters of the Holy Land.

*Fr. Liborio*

Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.

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## HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

<b><i>Palm Sunday Vigil Mass:</i></b> Saturday, April 12 @ 5 pm
<b><i>Palm Sunday Masses:</i></b> April 13 @ 9 am, 10:30 am, 12 pm
<b><i>Holy Thursday Mass:</i></b> April 17 @ 7:30 pm
♦ <b><i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></b> until 10 pm
<b><i>Good Friday Service:</i></b> April 18 @ 3 pm
♦ <b><i>Stations of the Cross:</i></b> April 18 @ 7:30 pm
<b><i>Easter Vigil/Holy Saturday Mass:</i></b> April 19 @ 8 pm
<b><i>Easter Sunday Masses:</i></b> April 19 @ 9 am, 10:30 am, 12 pm



Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person?

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)



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.

**MARCH FOR LIFE** 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

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