



Defender of the Faith
ST. JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

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:

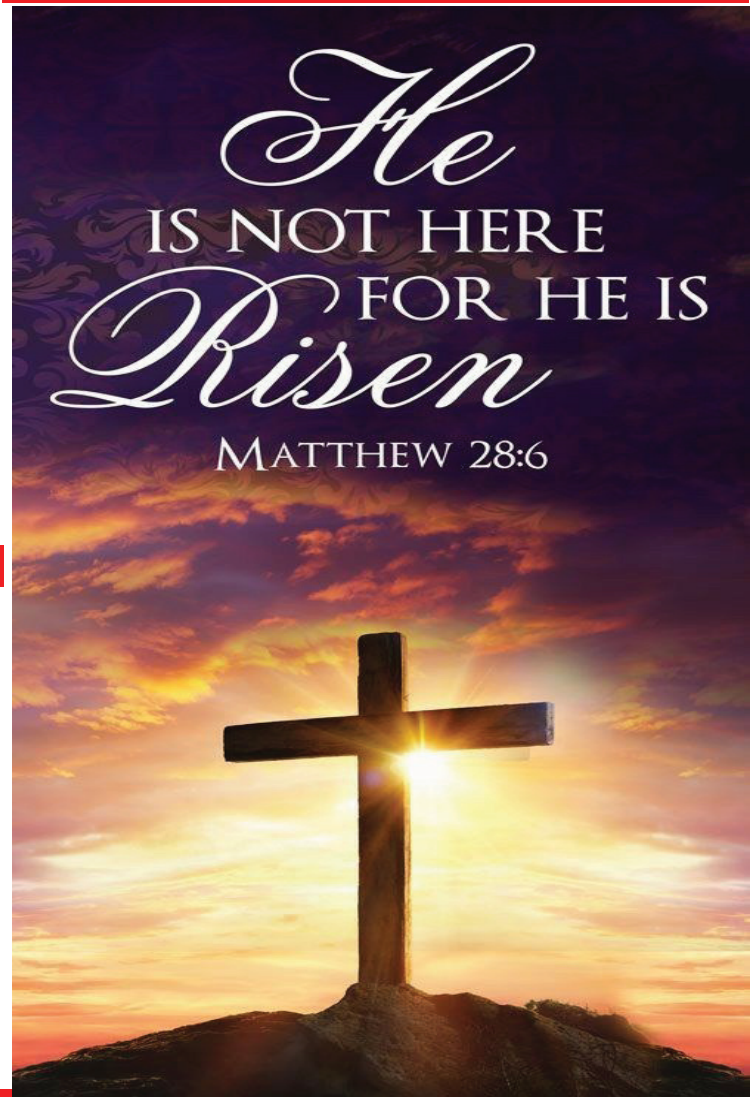
Women 16+ / stjohfishercwl@outlook.com

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 /
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

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 21st - 9 a.m.

Tuesday, April 22nd - 9 a.m. – Dawn & Family

Wednesday, April 23rd - 9 a.m. – Gladys Antao (SI)
 – David Christo (SI)
 – John Paul Jannetta †
 – Christine Villar Pineda †
 – Roberto Franco (SI)
 – Laura, Mary Donnelly & Family (SI)

Thursday, April 24th - 9 a.m. – Ethel de Rozario †

Friday, April 25th - 9 a.m. – Peter Cooper †

Saturday, April 26th - 9 a.m. – Felix & Maria Bag-O †
 – Rosario & Laurentino Acompando †

Thank You
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 GENEROUSLY

Offertory:



April 13th: \$ 6,907.60
 Building Fund: \$ 2,966.25

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. 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).



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.
www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org StJohnFisherBrampton



BUNDLE UP FOR THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL
 The truck will be at our parish to accept your donations on
Saturday, May 3rd from 9 am-5:30 pm &
Sunday, May 4th from 8:30 am-2 pm.



Accepted items: clothing, shoes & linens (bedding, drapery, towels), new toys only. **Items not accepted:** appliances, baby items, furniture, mattresses, dishes, construction material, books, video tapes. Volunteers will be available to help you unload your donations. For more information:
stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org or
<https://svdptoronto.org/wp/how-to-help/bundle-up/>

Horizons of Hope Palliative Care Toolkit for Parishes

May 6, 7, 13 & 14 / 7-9 pm each night, Church Hall

You are invited to join us to explore 4 modules of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' (CCC) 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.



Attend in person or virtually.
You must register in advance to attend.
 Registration is now open: <https://tinyurl.com/rvtfe4yu>

Catholic-Women's-League **WALK-A-THON**

Saturday, May 3rd - 8:30 am

at Chinguacousy Park (Rain date: May 10th)
 CWL Members are handing out pledge forms and accepting pledges after all masses.
 You can find all the details on the church website.

MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA for

Women and children (ages 10 and up).
Saturday, May 10th from 11 am to 2 pm
 \$15 per person. Sandwiches, desserts, tea, coffee, juice.
 Wear your fascinator and dress up (if you want)! Prizes, crafts, & entertainment. Tickets on sale at all weekend masses beginning April 26/27 or contact the CWL at stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com.



JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE (Sat May 31st) to St Michael's Cathedral and St Paul's Basilica
 Leaving St John Fisher at 9:30 am and returning by 4 pm. Cost \$45 for the bus (includes gratuity to bus driver and donation to both churches). Lunch at Firkin on Yonge. Preorders and advance CASH only payment necessary for lunch and bus. Details & lunch menu available on the church website. **To register and pay, please contact CWL Organizers:**
 Cristina Hain 647-992-9293 / cristinacwlsjf@gmail.com
 Mirella Kaman 905-867-0377 / mirellakaman07@gmail.com



The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you, Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
During these last 40 days of Lent we have been fasting, praying and offering almsgiving in the hopes that we could better prepare ourselves for the great feast of EASTER.

We have journeyed together and have now reached Easter. This is the time we can celebrate our Joy that **“Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!”**

Easter Sunday is such an important day that we celebrate it for a whole week. In this Easter week, every day is like Easter Sunday. I encourage you, if you can, to join us this week at our 9 am morning Masses where every day will be Easter Sunday and where we will announce that **“Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!”**

This Easter joy is celebrated as a season in the church and it will come to an end only on Pentecost Sunday (i.e. Sunday June 12th). These next 50 days gives us the opportunity to celebrate Jesus’ Resurrection – through it we have the HOPE of gaining eternal life with the Resurrected One.

I wish you and your family a most Joyful Easter. And remember **“Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!”**

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

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=VswXVsDMHIQo8Tfj>

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


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.

©A Sunday School teacher told the Easter story to her kids and then, wanting them to use their imaginations, asked, *What do you think Jesus’ first words were when He rose from the dead and walked out of the tomb*. A little girl put up her hand and waved it around, PICK ME, she said, I KNOW, I KNOW. *What do you think he would have said?* said the Sunday school teacher. The little girl jumped to her feet and splayed her feet and arms wide open as she sang out: TA DA!

The 28th National March for Life will be held on **Thursday, May 8th** 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).

THANK YOU FOR BEING A BEACON OF HOPE
On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all.
Thus far we have raised \$8,784 toward our goal of \$33,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

 Of course, we all want to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and the other sacraments for our eternal salvation. If you are one of those people who love the Eucharist and want others to have the same love for Jesus in the Eucharist for their eternal salvation, we invite you to join the **SERRA CLUB OF NORTH PEEL**. Become a promoter of vocations for the priesthood and the religious life, for without priests we are deprived of God’s instruments for saving souls. Serra International is a global institution aggregated to the Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations of the Holy See. Our Patron Saint is St. Junipero Serra. **We meet every 4th Saturday at St Anne’s Church (115 Vodden St. E.) Brampton, after the 9:15 am Mass. Need more information?**
Carlos Abug, carlq7@gmail.com / 416-409-1384

SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION: One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds).  When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and an increased support of various archdiocesan charities such as your Parish, ShareLife, St Augustine’s Seminary, The Shepherd’s Trust and many others. For complete information and forms: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/social-justice--outreach/development-and-sharelife/home/gifts-of-securities/>
Or email: development@archtoronto.org.

International photography competition Sport in Motion organized by the Holy See’s Dicastery for Culture and Education: This competition is a unique opportunity for young photographers (under 25) to capture the transformative power of sport through the lens. Participants submit original photographs in five categories inspired by the values of hope, inclusion and humanity: Sport & Hope, Sport & Family, Sport & Ecology, Sport & Disability, Sport & Politics. The winners will have the chance to meet the Holy Father, have their photos displayed on the Holy See’s media channels and visit the Vatican Museums. Deadline: April 30th. For all details: <https://www.dce.va/it/news/2024/concorso-di-fotografia.html>

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