



Defender of the Faith

# ST. JOHN FISHER

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy 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](mailto:knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com)

### Catholic Women's League:

Women 16+ / [stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com](mailto:stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com)

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

905-790-2479 / [stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com)



### Pope Francis: 1936 – 2025

May God grant him Eternal Rest and  
may his soul and the souls of the faithful departed  
Rest in Peace.

### Toronto Vocations Office

**Fr. Matthew McCarthy**, Vocations Director,  
416-968-0997 / [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) /  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://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

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**Parish Telephone:** 905-793-6610 / Fax: 905-793-7721 **Parish Email:** [stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org)

**Parish Website:** [www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org](http://www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org) **Parish Instagram:** StJohnFisherBrampton

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Deceased members of the  
Cahan & Clutchey Family ☩

**Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Constance Uddenberg (SI)

**Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Claudio & Felipe Bag-O ☩  
– Toronto Diocesan Catholic Women's League members (SI)

**Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - 9 a.m.** – James & Karen Payne ☩

**Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Dominico Tran Nguyen ☩

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9 a.m.**

Thank You  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

### Offertory:



Good Friday: \$ 4,775.00  
Easter Sunday: \$ 14,277.85

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, 613, 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).

### Archdiocese of Toronto's Volunteer Appreciation Week:



**Volunteers Make Waves** - April 27-May 3

This is a time of appreciation and celebration of every volunteer and the positive impact each of their contributions make to our parish communities. Collectively, these efforts are amplified and resonate throughout our parish communities, creating ripples and sparking waves of positive change and exemplify John 7:38: "Rivers of living water will flow from within him".

**THANK YOU** for your tireless work as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choirs, Collection Counters, Ministry Leaders, to the faith-affirming efforts of Catechists, and Baptismal Preparation teams, and so many other volunteers.

### BUNDLE UP FOR THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The truck will be at our parish to accept your donations on  
**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am-5:30 pm &**  
**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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' (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.



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8:30 am**



at Chinguacousy Park (Rain date: May 10<sup>th</sup>)

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

or contact the CWL at [stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com](mailto:stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com).



**JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE** (Sat May 31<sup>st</sup>) 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](mailto:cristinacwlsjf@gmail.com)

Mirella Kaman 905-867-0377 / [mirellakaman07@gmail.com](mailto:mirellakaman07@gmail.com)



Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life? If God is calling you, Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997/ [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) / [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)





Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
**"CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!"**  
 This weekend we celebrate  
**Divine Mercy Sunday.**



I think all of us have seen the image of the Divine Mercy. But do we know its history? Here is a short summary from the internet.

The humble origins of the Divine Mercy devotion originate with a poor and uneducated nun in Poland, St Maria Faustina Kowalska. There was nothing particularly remarkable about this young woman, but Jesus chose her to communicate an important message of mercy from Him to the world.

On the night of February 22, 1931, while St Faustina was in her cell at the convent (in Plock, Poland), Jesus appeared before her in a wondrous apparition. He was wearing a plain white garment with red and white rays emanating from His chest. As she recounts in her diary, St Faustina received the following message from Jesus:

*"Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.' I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."*

St Faustina was not an artist, but in 1933, when she was restorated to the town of Vilnius in what is now modern-day Lithuania, she was introduced to Kazimirowski by her confessor, Father Michael Sopoćko, and he painted the original image under the direction of St Faustina and Father Sopoćko.



The painting was completed in 1934. On Good Friday in 1935, St Faustina received further instruction from Jesus to dedicate the image and venerate it publicly on the Sunday after Easter. This marked the first time the image was revealed to the public.

A few months after the image was made available for public veneration, St Faustina received another vision from Jesus, this time of the Divine Mercy chaplet, which is an equally important aspect of the Divine Mercy devotion. The Divine Mercy chaplet is routinely prayed at 3 pm by the faithful all around the world in remembrance of Our Lord's passion.

St Faustina died in 1938, from what is believed to be tuberculosis. Five years after her death, another rendition of the Divine Mercy image was painted by the Polish artist Adolf Hyla. That image resides in Krakow, while the original image can still be found in Vilnius today.

I encourage you to read up on this great Saint and the significance of the painting. You may wish to even read her diary of her visions with Christ. If you are looking at increasing your prayer life, I encourage you to consider saying the Divine Mercy Chaplet once a week or even better, daily. Like the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet can be said anywhere – while you are driving, walking, in silent prayer or even better, reciting it as a family.

May God bless you and remember:

**"CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!"**

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio



## YOU ENSURE A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN:

As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides a refuge for at-risk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education, and employment guidance. Thanks to your compassionate heart, young people like David can move from a life on the street to a life with a future. David first found safety in the emergency shelter and later moved into a transitional housing program, where he formed a life-long bond with his mentor, whose kind heart and patient guidance inspired David to pursue and complete post-secondary education.

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you for living the Gospel!

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](https://sharelife.org/donate).

## 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.

## 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



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

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