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# ST. JOHN FISHER

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

May 4, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

**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:

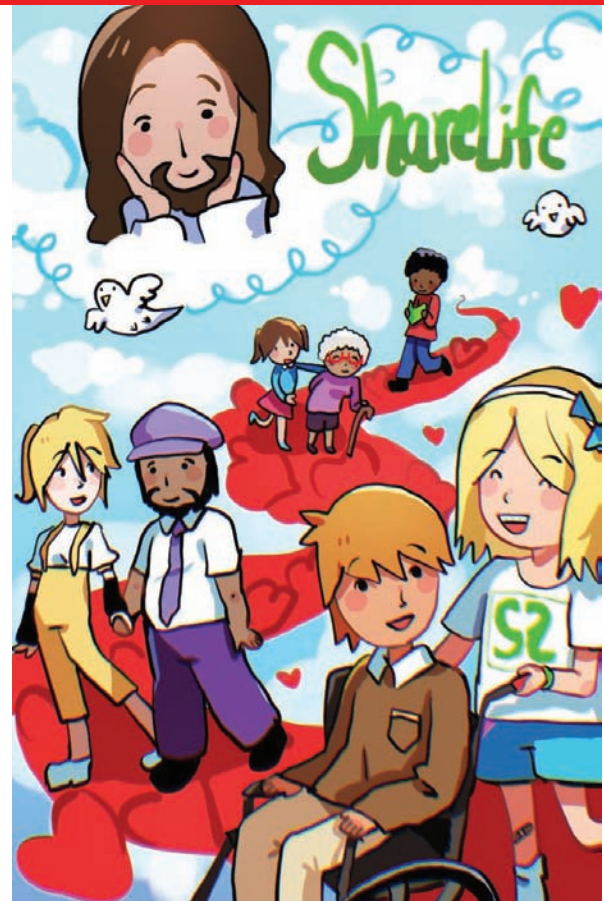
Monday to Saturday: 9 a.m.

### 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+ / [knightsforcolumbus10402@gmail.com](mailto:knightsforcolumbus10402@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)

17th Annual ShareLife Poster Contest 2nd Place Winner:  
Emily, Grade 8 student at Holy Spirit Catholic School, Aurora

### 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

Georges Vanier / 28 Finchgate Blvd / 905-792-2251

**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](https://www.instagram.com/StJohnFisherBrampton)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Deceased members of the  
Kukkula & Landskroener Families †

**Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.**

**Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Marcelo & Florenda Cloma †  
– Shirley Christo (SI)  
– Francis Crispo & Herminia Yamson †

**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Carmen & Merito Urgel †

**Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Effie Goveas †

**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Africa Guevarra †  
– Adelino Garcia †  
– All Souls in Purgatory †

Thank You  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

#### Offertory:

April 27<sup>th</sup>: \$ 6,961.25



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, 463, 613, 755, 796  
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:

❶Name(s) ❷Mailing Address ❸Email Address ❹Phone 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).

#### BIRTHRIGHT BRAMPTON BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



This weekend, baby bottles are available to take home and fill with loose change, bills or a cheque (payable to Birthright Brampton). Tax receipts will be issued for donations totaling \$30 or more. Credit card donations can be made at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/birthright-brampton>.

**Please help save the lives of babies by supporting this main fundraiser for Birthright Brampton.**

**Please return Baby bottles on June 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>.**

#### 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' (CCCC) 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>

#### 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)

#### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE

#### 50s & 60s DINNER AND DANCE

**Come do the Twist – Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

hosted by the Knights of Columbus

& Catholic Women's League.

Cocktails @ 6 pm/Dinner @ 7 pm / \$50 per person/ ages 19+

St John Fisher Parish Hall (300 Balmoral Drive)

**Menu:** Caesar & mixed green salad, vegetable rice

& herb-roasted potatoes, mixed seasonal vegetables,

roast beef au jus, bbq chicken in bbq sauce,

vegetarian pasta primavera, tea, coffee, dessert.

**Cash bar:** beer, wine & spirits: \$5 each/ pop & water: \$1 each

**Tickets on sale beginning May 17<sup>th</sup>.**

To pre-order, email [knightsforcolumbus10402@gmail.com](mailto:knightsforcolumbus10402@gmail.com).





Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
**“CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!”**  
 This week should see the start of our Office renovation. This renovation is necessary to provide safety for our staff and a distinct separation between the office and the rectory.

The work will take about 6 weeks. During this time, people will not be able to use the main Office door. Our parish Office will temporarily relocate to the rectory – in the dining room, next to the living room and kitchen. But don't worry! I will be sure to remove all my wine bottles, so that the staff will not be tempted ☐.

To access the temporary office, we will use the side walkway (left of the main office door) that leads to the rectory backyard. The back door will have a doorbell with a camera and speaker so that people can announce their arrival and our staff will come to meet you at the back door.

During the renovations, we encourage parishioners to contact us by email or call our parish office so that the face-to-face visits can be limited. This will provide safety to parishioners and staff while the construction is happening. We will try our best to meet your needs while the construction is happening, and we apologize in advance for any inconvenience this will cause.

In the meantime, may you continue to have a blessed Easter Season, and remember:

**“CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!”**

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

**SHARELIFE: LIVING THE GOSPEL BY PROVIDING FOR THOSE IN NEED:** On the second ShareLife Sunday, we call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St Michael's Homes. For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up.

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).

**MONTH OF MAY TO MARY:** May is traditionally dedicated



in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. *“She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us.”*

Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate, no. 176

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 ([joeresendes19@gmail.com](mailto:joeresendes19@gmail.com)).



How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus?

Could it be as an ordained or 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)



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