



Defender of the Faith
ST. JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

May 11, 2025 **4th Sunday of Easter, World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

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.



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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+ / stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com

My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life,
and they will never perish.
(John 10:27-28)

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:** stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org

Parish Website: www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org **Parish Instagram:** StJohnFisherBrampton

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 12th - 9 a.m. – Youssef Sawaya ☩

Tuesday, May 13th - 9 a.m.

Wednesday, May 14th - 9 a.m. – Heather Maciver ☩
– Bonello, Micallef & Salvatore Families

Thursday, May 15th - 9 a.m. – Eduardo Cruz ☩

Friday, May 16th - 9 a.m. – Effie Goveas and Ray & Rose ☩

Saturday, May 17th - 9 a.m. – Alice Cooper ☩
– Cresencia Bastis & Fortunata Dominquez ☩

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Offertory:



May 4th: \$ 5,812.50
Building Fund: \$ 1,015.00

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. Please include:
① Name(s) ② Mailing Address ③ Email Address ④ 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 SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS

Fr Liborio, all our parishioners and the parish schools for their support and generous donation of gently used clothes, shoes & linens at our recent Bundle Up Weekend.

It is through your gracious support that we are able to serve our neighbours in need, within the community. Thank You!



Fr Liborio will be away this week from Monday to Thursday for the annual mandatory Priest Retreat in Alliston, Ontario. Fr Jan will be our celebrant for morning Masses while our Pastor is away.

BIRTHRIGHT BRAMPTON BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



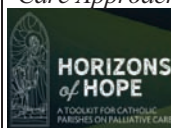
Happy Mother's Day! Birthright Brampton welcomes women facing unplanned and/or challenging pregnancies, regardless of age, race, religion, marital status or financial situation. All services are free, non-judgmental and confidential. We do not receive any government funding because of our Pro-Life status. Our philosophy is *"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth...and the right of every child to be born."* 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 14th/15th.***

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 open: <https://tinyurl.com/rvtfe4yu>



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

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 50S & 60S DINNER & DANCE

Come do the Twist – Saturday, June 21st

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 **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 this weekend.

or email knightsforcolumbus10402@gmail.com.



On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst.

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 / www.vocationstoronto.ca

Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.

www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org StJohnFisherBrampton





Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
"CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!"

How can we say **THANK YOU** to our mothers? We may use words and write poems, we can give gifts and sing songs, we can give a kiss and a hug, but our thankfulness to our mothers is still much more.

It is often said that God's greatest creation is a **Mother**, and this saying is not far from the truth. It is the eyes of our mothers we first gaze upon in love, and the first warming hug we search for in the wilderness of a foreign world we enter through the trauma of birth. Hers is the first heart beat we hear and the first love we experience.

Yes, this weekend we rightly reflect and honour our **Mothers** for who they are and the **YES** to life they gave.

I realize that there are those in our midst who did not experience great love or affection from their moms, and this is tragic, in a way. I pray that Mother Mary may, through her tender loving care and mantle of love, show you what a mothers' love truly is. I hope that for those who do not have good experiences with their mothers, may at least thank their mothers for saying **YES** to life.

I also realize that we have women who would love to have been mothers but were unable to have children. Yours is often a very difficult burden to carry and you can often feel as if you are incomplete. But I ask you to also look at Mother Mary for help and support. I further ask that you take into your hearts, spiritually, the many children in the world who are motherless – through your prayers you are able to be their mothers in spirit. I am sure that when you reach the gates of heaven, God will make known to you how you have been mothers to these faceless children who were helped by your prayers.

Finally, we lift up to God, those mothers who have already left this world and now wait for us to return to the Father's House. May God grant all our deceased Mothers eternal rest.

May you continue to have a blessed Easter Season and remember: **"CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!"**

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

(the proud son of Maria da Gloia Tavares Amaral – the best mom a son could have asked for - but I am biased of course! ☺)

SOW THE SEEDS OF HOPE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION:

The future of the Church depends on men and women heroically answering God's call. When you support ShareLife, you enable the discernment, formation and education of those who will serve in our parishes through the Office of Vocations and seminaries. Your kindness makes it possible for future priests to attend St Augustine's Seminary and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary where they learn to tend to the Lord's vineyard and work for the salvation of souls. In addition, St. Augustine's Seminary educates permanent deacons and lay people serving our parishes. Thank you for your prayers and commitment towards young people on their journeys of faith.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Vocations to the Priesthood: God our Father, From eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be the High Priest of the human race. Pour forth, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit upon our families, that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied. Lord Jesus, give us holy priests: To offer up the sacrifice of the Mass; To lead the little ones to You; To strengthen the faith of believers; To preach the Gospel to all peoples; To bring forgiveness to sinners; To feed souls the Bread of Life; To comfort the suffering & dying, and To spread Your Kingdom in our midst. Mary, Mother of our High Priest, pray for us and obtain for us an increase of holy priests. Amen.

<https://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/prayers/>



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

TOTUS TUUS (TOTALLY YOURS) is a parish-based Catholic summer camp program for Grades 1-12, in the Archdiocese of Toronto, dedicated to evangelization, faith formation, and leadership development. It is also a missionary program where young adult missionaries are formed and sent to parishes, immersing themselves in parish life and fostering faith renewal. St Leonard's parish invites families from St John Fisher to participate.



St. Leonard's Parish Totus Tuus Camp

July 20- 25 / 187 Conestoga Drive

If interested, contact Parish Coordinator: Ivana Zuvic

sileonardyouth@hotmail.com / (647) 803 -1803

Day camp (grades 1-6) \$65 / Evening camp (grades 7-12) \$35

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

- JOHN 10:27 KJV

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