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# ST. JOHN FISHER

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

May 18, 2025

5th 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)



**Habemus Papam**

**Pope Leo XIV**

His Eminence Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost, O.S.A.

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Successor of Saint Peter

Vicar of Christ on earth!

### 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)

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – David Miles ☩

**Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.**

**Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Souls in Purgatory ☩

**Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Sylvester P. D'Souza ☩

**Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Susan & Family

**Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Lawrence Family (SI)  
– Brian McCracken ☩  
– Roseline Antony & Souls in Purgatory ☩

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### Offertory:

May 11<sup>th</sup>: \$ 5,802.30



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, 292, 360, 463, 613, 796, 863 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:  
①Name(s) ②Mailing Address ③Email Address ④Phone 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 new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the commandment? 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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**REMINDER:** The office will be closed Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for Victoria Day and will reopen on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 50S & 60S DINNER & 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 **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](mailto:knightsforcolumbus10402@gmail.com).

### BIRTHRIGHT BRAMPTON BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Birthright Brampton has been in operation for over 28 years and is fully staffed by dedicated volunteers. We are currently assisting over 900 moms. Last year we welcomed 423 babies (15 sets of twins and 1 set of quintuplets). Some of the challenges that our moms face are financial hardship, abusive relationships, mental health, addictions, refugees, newcomers and human trafficking to name a few. Please help us to help mothers CHOOSE LIFE for their unborn child!

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>.**



**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

[stleonardyouth@hotmail.com](mailto:stleonardyouth@hotmail.com) / (647) 803 -1803

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



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Thus far we have raised \$23,043 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](http://sharelife.org/donate).





Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
**"CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!"**  
 Our Office/Rectory renovations are coming along and our staff and I thank you for your understanding with the current setup. Hopefully, you are not finding it too difficult to maneuver. We should be back to normal in a few weeks.

Here is an update on the other projects the parish will be initiating in the next few months and beyond:

- ♦The **balcony railing** needs to be raised so that it meets code to ensure that the safety of our parishioners, who go to the balcony, is confirmed. This project should be completed soon, and we will pay for it from our current, regular parish funds.
- ♦We will soon have a new **outdoor Parish sign** with a screen that will enable us to better communicate our Sunday liturgies to passersby and allow us to evangelize to those who pass our parish property as well. The Knights of Columbus (K of C) and our Catholic Women's League (CWL) have graciously donated the funds needed for this important project. Hopefully, the sign will be up and running by the end of the summer.
- ♦We are also working with the school board to reconfigure and repave our **parking lot**. We hope to have this completed by the end of the summer, before school begins. The cost of this project will be supported by our Building and Maintenance collections. Thank you to the many of you who have so graciously contributed to this past year.
- ♦We will also look into renovating our **church washrooms** to create an accessible one. This is very important so that all our parishioners can feel welcome and that we meet their basic needs when they come to church.
- ♦Finally, in the near future, when we have the funds available, we need to work on our **parish hall**. Parishioners have asked that we improve our washrooms in the hall and expand our parish kitchen so that it will be able to meet the needs of our parish functions moving forward. Part of this scope of work may include an interior passage from the parish church to the parish hall without needing to go outside. This is a major project, but we have time, and I am sure we will move forward to ensure we have a wonderful Parish facility that we can all be proud of.

Please continue to pray for me that I may lead you all as a good shepherd to Christ who is our ALL.

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

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

**PRAYER FOR THE POPE:** O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant Leo XIV, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. *ICEL 2010*

## LET US PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS:

This past Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, three men were ordained to the Priesthood for service in the Archdiocese of Toronto.



Our newest priests begin their ministry on June 25<sup>th</sup> as Associate Pastors:

- ♦Rev Jesús Fidel Añón: St David's Parish, Maple
- ♦Rev Alvin Joys: St Clare of Assisi Parish, Woodbridge
- ♦Rev James Cyfko: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Toronto

Please pray for our newly ordained priests that the Lord may strengthen them in their new ministry of service to the people of the Archdiocese of Toronto. *May our Lady protect them with her motherly mantle of love. Amen.*



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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at St Anne's Church (115 Voddan St. E.) Brampton, after the 9:15 am Mass. Need more information?**

Carlos Abug, [carlq7@gmail.com](mailto:carlq7@gmail.com) / 416-409-1384

Do you have gifts and talents that you can share with our parish? Join a parish ministry today! Volunteer what you can, when you can and as often as you can. No contribution is too small. Training and support will be provided. We especially need: **Lectors, Ushers, & Sacristans.** *Call or email the office to sign up!*



## GOD'S LOVE DISPLAYED

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *Romans 5:8 NIV*

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