



Defender of the Faith

# ST. JOHN FISHER

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

May 25, 2025

6th 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+ / knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com

### Catholic Women's League:

Women 16+ / stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com

### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.**

**I do not give to you as the world gives.**

**Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
and do not let them be afraid.**

*John 14:27*

### 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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.**

– Deceased members of the Meader & O'Neill Families ☩

**Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.**

**Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Gary Windle ☩

– Toronto Diocesan Catholic Women's League Members (SI)

**Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.**

**Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Lucrezia & Joseph Sgro ☩

**Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Joyce Jayaweera ☩

– Phil Antony Family (SI)

– Gary Windle ☩

Thank You  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

### Offertory:



May 18<sup>th</sup>:

\$ 5,010.50

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.

This weekend, there will be a **second collection** for the **POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS**. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. This collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

**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!

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!**



Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.

[www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org](http://www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org) StJohnFisherBrampton



### 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 [knightsocolumbus10402@gmail.com](mailto:knightsocolumbus10402@gmail.com).

### BIRTHRIGHT BRAMPTON BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Birthright Brampton has compassionate volunteers who give generously of their time and energy so that others will feel God's Love. We are always looking for new volunteers to journey with our moms or help in various other ways, such as sorting donations. Training is provided.

Please call our office at 905-874-0607 for more information.

Tax receipts will be issued for donations totaling \$30 or more. Credit card donations can be made at:

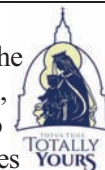
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/birthright-brampton>.

**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



### YOUR LOVE CAN HELP OTHERS THRIVE:

Mental health challenges can impact anyone, whether you're personally navigating them or supporting someone who is. These struggles transcend age and circumstance. Brenda was weighed down by shame, having battled anxiety and depression for decades. Through your support, she found a new perspective at a Catholic Family Services agency funded by ShareLife, where counselling lifted her up and allowed her to see her own worth. Your compassion is instrumental in helping others see themselves as God sees them: loving, important, and enough. Thank you for living the Gospel by helping relieve the pain of those facing silent battles.

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).



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<https://stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/>





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

This Sunday, and the following Sunday, we will be celebrating afternoon Masses at 2 pm for our First Communion Children and their families. These children and families have been faithfully attending Sunday Mass since last October and have also had the opportunity to attend catechism classes in their preparation for the Sacraments. The Parish joyfully celebrates these special events of faith where our young brothers and sisters receive Jesus (His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity) in the Eucharist for the first time.

Please keep these Children and families in your prayers these next days and ask that the Lord will instill in them a desire to continue to know Him in the celebration of the Weekly Sunday Eucharist.

Do you remember when you celebrated your First Communion? If not, try to ask your family if any of them remember and who the priest was that gave you Jesus for the first time. In my case, I received my First Communion at the Martyr's Shrine in Midland. It was a Sunday afternoon in either July or August (sadly I don't know the exact date... that's my fault) when I was in grade 2 and we went to the Shrine as a family outing with my cousins and my uncle, Fr Liborio Tavares. It was this uncle and Godfather of mine that gave me my First Communion. My uncle was able to celebrate a private Mass on one of the side altars of the Shrine and it was there that I first received our Blessed Lord.

It has now been over 50 years since I first received Jesus and every time since I am still amazed that our Lord chose to be with me in such an intimate way, that He comes within us, so that we can truly say *"God is within me"*.

I pray that all our children receiving First Communion may experience this awesomeness of being one with God every time they receive communion.

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

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio



Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to Him. How will I respond to that love? Am I being called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life? If God is calling you, Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997/ [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) / [www.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca)

☺A Sunday school teacher posed a question to her class, *"If I were to sell my house, car, donate my possessions to charity, and give all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?"* The children unanimously replied, "No."

The teacher then asked, *"If I were to keep the church clean, mow the lawn, and keep everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?"* Once again, the answer was a resounding "No."

Apparently perplexed, the teacher asked, *"Well, then how can I get into heaven?"* A quick-witted five-year-old boy piped up and replied, **"YOU HAVE TO BE DEAD!"**

## FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

**Sat, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 am / Learn:**

- ▶ How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- ▶ How to create your own legacy ▶ About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER: ❶ scan this QR code

❷ follow this QR link: [qrco.de/WebJune7](http://qrco.de/WebJune7)

❸ send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write *"webinar June 7"* in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



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## Women of the Word Toronto presents **WOUNDED HEALER II**

Join Deacon Chris Elliott and Deacon Michael Carrera along with Unbound Music Ministry and the WOW-T Team for an inspiring day. Deacon Chris and Deacon Michael will dive deeper into the theme Wounded Healer, further exploring the topic of pain and suffering, that can be redeemed and transformed through Christ, making it both fruitful for oneself and others and leading to true freedom.

**Sat June 14<sup>th</sup> / 9 am-5:30 pm / \$70**

St Francis Centre, 208501 ON-9, Caledon

<https://www.wowblessingstoronto.com/event-details/2025-retreat-wounded-healer-ii>

## DID YOU KNOW that you can donate to our local **Society of St Vincent de Paul** all year long in 3 ways:

- ❶ Drop loose money in the blue SSVP donation boxes located at each church exit. No tax receipt will be issued.
- ❷ Use the green SSVP envelopes and drop it in the box at our church. Tax receipts will be issued in February.
- ❸ Donate online at [www.ssvp.ca](http://www.ssvp.ca), direct it to St John Fisher Conference, Brampton. Tax receipt will be issued directly from SSVP.



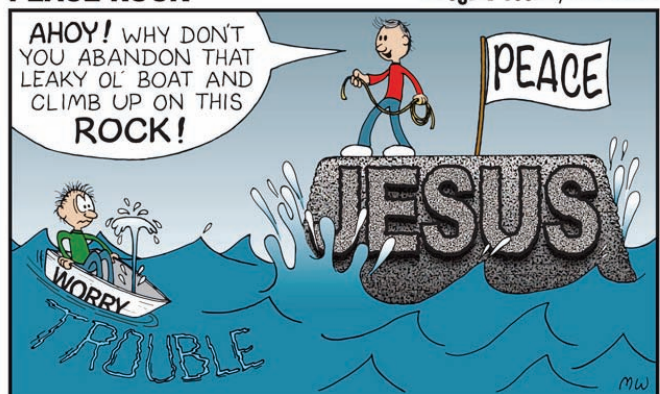
**Thank you for your generosity towards our neighbours in need!**



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).

## PEACE ROCK

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

- JOHN 16:33 NIV

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