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ST. JOHN FISHER

CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

September 7, 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Custodian: Lourdes (Lulu) Pasion

Office Hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays:

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays:

12 - 4 p.m. and 5 - 8 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



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I am the light of the world,
says the Lord; whoever follows me
will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

(John 8:12)

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

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 8th - 9 a.m.

– Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, September 9th - 9 a.m. – Edwin Turner ☩

Wednesday, September 10th - 9 a.m. – Rosary Apostolate (SI)
– Ranjes & George Yaqoob ☩

Thursday, September 11th - 9 a.m. – Adelino Garcia ☩

Friday, September 12th - 9 a.m. – Karen Ray Gilmour ☩

Saturday, September 13th - 9 a.m. – Emilie & Youssef Sawaya ☩

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August 31st: \$ 5,319.95
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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, 797, 863, 900, 919, 932 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:

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!



JOIN THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE IN THE SCHOOLS:

For Mother Mary, and for your love of children, can you devote 3 of your mornings, each month, to visit the classrooms and pray the Rosary with the students? Training and materials will be provided.

Please contact: Loraine Dubier 905-791-2673 or Gladys Antao 905-793-8464



NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
from 9:30 am-1 pm & 2-5:30 pm
Wednesday from 12-4 pm & 5-8 pm



SPECIAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

Save the Date: **Monday, September 15th at 7 pm**

CWL Members and all women of the parish, ages 16+ are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Kate O'Quinn, President, Toronto Diocesan Council will give a presentation on Spiritual Gifts, to reinforce that we all have been gifted by God and are called by God to recognize our own gifts as well as those of our Sisters in the League, and to reinforce that all we do in the League, we do for God. *The St John Fisher CWL will be holding elections for a new Executive in October, and this informative talk will help to get us started and will educate all women on the various roles and responsibilities.*

MANDATORY INFORMATION MEETING REGARDING THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

For those families with children wanting to receive the sacraments of *First Reconciliation/First Communion* and *Confirmation* this year, you are asked to attend a mandatory Information Meeting. We will lay out our Sacramental program and remind those in attendance of the expectations that are required of families.

This meeting is for Parents & Guardians. Children are not expected to attend. Please attend one of these dates:



Thursday, September 25th @ 7 pm

or

Saturday, September 27th @ 11 am

Meetings will be held in the Church.



TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATIONS

A significant milestone for four men currently studying for the priesthood will take place on Saturday, September 13th at 10 am. This marks the day that they will be ordained to the transitional diaconate, one of the high points in their years of priestly formation through St Augustine's Seminary and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in Toronto.

The Most Rev John A Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto, will preside at this year's transitional diaconate ordinations, at St Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

All are welcome to attend the ordinations of:

Matteo Bertozzi

Moonjun Alphonse Choi

Matthew Tulio

Victor Valdés



We invite the Catholic community throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto to continue to pray for these men and all those who are currently in formation, that the Lord may guide and strengthen them along the journey.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
This Sunday in Rome, our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has Canonized eight Blesseds to the Altars of God as Saints.

Two of these saints are Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlos Acutis – the first lived in the early twentieth century and the other is the first twenty-first-century saint.

St Pier Giorgio Frassati was born on April 6, 1901 and died on July 4, 1925. Although he was only 24 years old, he has had an impact on many of our youth and young adults. His life was one of total giving and love of the Lord. He was a lover of nature – he loved hiking, skiing, partying with his friends, but above all, attending Mass every day if possible. He came from a very prominent family (his mother was a painter and his father was the founder and director of the famous newspaper *La Stampa*), but his parents and only sister were not active practicing Catholics. However, at a young age he began to have a deep prayer life. For Pier Giorgio *“The Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin were the two poles of his world of prayer.”* St Pier Giorgio ultimately died from Polio which he contracted while serving the sick and poor in Turin, Italy.

St Carlos Acutis was born on May 3, 1991 and died on October 12, 2006. He was from an Italian family and died at the young age of 15 from Leukemia. He is the first millennial saint and is known for his computer skills. He was inspired by Steve Jobs, the former CEO of Apple and tried to live Jobs’ wisdom of *“Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living the life of someone else.”* Carlos Acutis had a deep devotion to the Blessed Eucharist and is reported to have said, *“The Eucharist is my motorway to heaven,”* and that *“with each Communion we come closer to the goal of sanctity.”* In his final years of life, he tried to visit as many places as possible where *‘Eucharistic Miracles’* had occurred and even created a website that chronicles them. I encourage all of you to visit this website and be amazed at the *‘Power of God in the Eucharist’*. <https://www.miracolieuaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html>

These two new saints can be wonderful heroes to our youth and even to us older people, but who have remained childlike in the eyes of God.

I strongly encourage parents to take time to teach their children the stories of these two wonderful young saints. I hope that our children will have a desire to be like these two Saints of God and become saints themselves on day.

BLESSINGS, Fr Liborio



MARTYRS’ SHRINE FALL GALA IN MIDLAND
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Saturday, September 20th / 5:30 pm / \$200 per ticket
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Get your tickets at: <https://martyrs-shrine.com/fall-gala/>
For more information: mjocson@martyrs-shrine.com

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Sat, September 27th at 9 am / Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, with 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/WebSept27

❸ send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write “webinar Sep 27” in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



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FROM THE HEART OF THE CHURCH

FOOD SECURITY GRANTS TO FIGHT HUNGER

As food insecurity worsens across the GTA, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto (CCAT), and two generous anonymous donors, have pledged a combined \$800,000 in Food Security Grants for 2025, building on previous commitments of \$500,000 in 2023 and \$750,000 in 2024. Living the Gospel means caring for those who are hungry and vulnerable every single day. Please help fight hunger!

We have raised \$34,068 for ShareLife. This is 103% of our parish goal of \$33,000! You may still donate by using a ShareLife envelope at the parish, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Bring your struggles to **JESUS HEALS**, a Shalom World Conferences healing program. Led by Fr Julian Studden, this event includes Holy Mass, Eucharistic adoration, spiritual talk, special prayers for healing and blessing the sick.

Tuesday, September 30th / 7-9 pm

St Marguerite D’Youville Parish, Brampton

Info/Registration: <https://conferences.shalomworld.org/> / 647-454-2094



2025 National Life Chain (Respect Life) Sun Oct 5th

St John Fisher 1:30-2:30 pm

Join your fellow St John Fisher parishioners and stand up against abortion in this one-hour prayer vigil and witnessing event for the pre-born and vulnerable.

Signs will be provided.



Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go?

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.vocationtoronto.ca



St John Fisher Council Executive Meeting

Tuesday, September 9th @ 7 pm in the Parish Hall
All members are welcome to attend.

St John Fisher Council General Meeting

Tuesday, September 16th @ 7 pm in the Parish Hall
All members and men 18+ are welcome to attend.



Anyone who does not carry the cross cannot come after me and be my disciple.

Luke 14:27

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