



Defender of the Faith

ST. JOHN FISHER

CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

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:

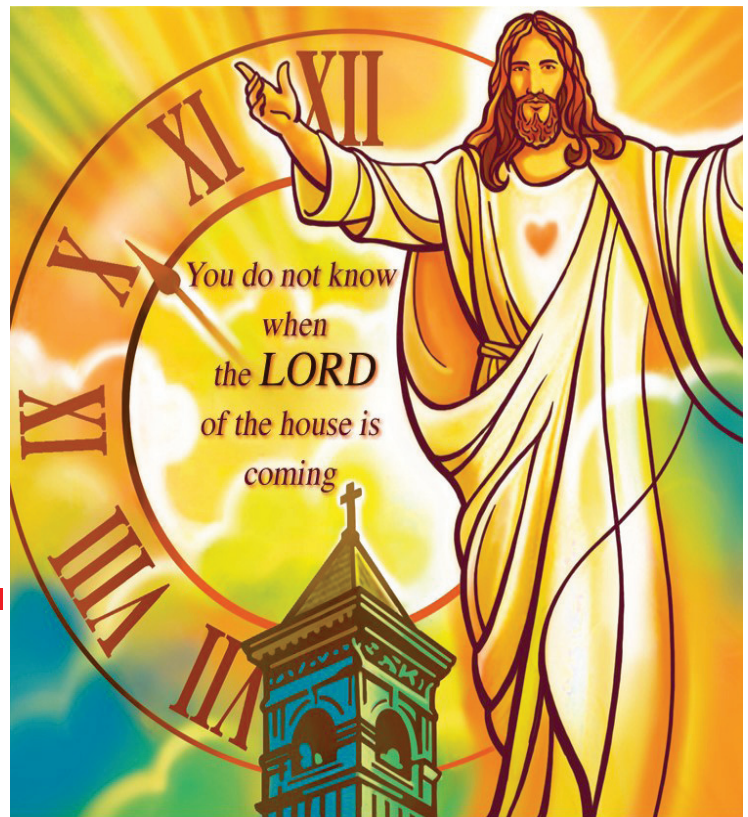
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Catholic Women's League:

Women 16+ / stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com



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Show us your steadfast love,
O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

Psalms 85: 7

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 1st - 9 a.m. – Mario Zoysa ☩

Tuesday, December 2nd - 9 a.m.

Wednesday, December 3rd - 9 a.m.

Thursday, December 4th - 9 a.m. – Patricia Percey ☩

Friday, December 5th - 9 a.m. – Helen Petate ☩

Saturday, December 6th - 9 a.m. – Rosalie Jose (SI)
– Souls in Purgatory ☩
– Emily & Youssef Sawaya ☩
– Eusebio & Concepcion Pasamonte ☩

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Offertory:

November 23rd: \$ 5,328.00
Shepherd's Trust: \$ 500.00
All Souls: \$265.00

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, 274, 292, 360, 442, 463, 613, 796, 797, 863, 900, 919 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:
❶ Name(s) ❷ Mailing Address ❸ Email Address ❹ Phone Number
Thank you for your cooperation!

2026 ENVELOPES are now available for pick-up at the entrances of the church. Please pick up any box and follow the instructions that are provided. Boxes are not attached to any name.

The benefit of using parish envelopes is to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. You might want to consider giving through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG).

PAG allows you to set up a recurring payment to our church directly from your bank account. You may also set up a regular donation using your credit card. Please reach out to the parish office and we can guide you as to how you can be signed up for PAG.



Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.
www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org StJohnFisherBrampton



The Best Gift for Jesus this Christmas is... **ADVENT RECONCILIATION**
(aka Confession)

Thurs Dec 18th: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm

Fri Dec 19th: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm

Sat Dec 20th: 10 am-12 pm and 4-4:45 pm



Confession is also available every Saturday from 4 - 4:45 pm.

Christmas Flower Donations



Purchase flowers for Christmas decor at church in honor or memory of a loved one.

We invite parishioners to bring flowers to help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. You can dedicate your flower to a loved one who has passed away by adding a small note with their names and attaching it to the flowers.

Please bring your flowers into the church from December 17th - 24th. We thank you in advance for helping us decorate our church for Christmas!

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting donations and will channel funds through our Catholic partners in the Caribbean and Asia, and other locations, as needed to support relief efforts underway in different regions.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/ko/contact-us/donations/humanitarian-relief/>



Catholic Women's League Members:

Please drop off your nomination form envelope in the box any time until Dec 7th. By Dec 12th, your Nomination & Election Committee will let you know the list of candidates by email. Please check your email regularly for updates.



The Knights of Columbus, St John Fisher Council

welcomes men 18+ to join them. The Knights raise money for local charities and assist in the Church. Please consider becoming a member! knightsforcolumbus10402@gmail.com

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, 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!

Our Society of St Vincent de Paul needs new members to help them continue their good work. Please consider joining them. stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com



Sign Up to receive the Weekly Bulletin and other special alerts emailed directly to your inbox.

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



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
This weekend we begin a new Liturgical Calendar with the beginning of the Season of Advent. The Church has a three-year cycle (A, B and C) – In Year A the focus is on the Gospel of Mark, in Year B the focus is on the Gospel of Matthew and in Year C the focus is on the Gospel of Luke. We have just completed Year C and we now move to Year A.

The Church has 5 Seasons throughout the Liturgical Year.

- ① **Advent** is the first Season and begins our Liturgical Year. The priest wears purple vestments and it is four weeks long. The fourth week of Advent is often not a full seven days long because Christmas day rarely lands on a Sunday.
- ② Following the season of Advent, we have the Season of **Christmas** and the priest wears white vestments. The length of the Christmas season varies from two to three weeks and ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.
- ③ The third Season is **Lent** and the priest wears purple vestments. It begins with Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days; remember that Sundays are not considered Lenten days.
- ④ Following Lent we have the Season of **Easter**. The priest wears white vestments, and it lasts about 50 days.
- ⑤ The final Season is called **Ordinary Time** and it is the longest season. The priest wears green vestments. It first appears following the Christmas season for a number of weeks; it pauses for the Seasons of Lent and Easter and then continues again until the end of the Liturgical Year which concludes with the Feast of Christ the King.

As we begin this season of Advent, let us prepare ourselves for the season of Christmas – but let's not move into the joy and celebration of Christmas right away. Instead, let us use this Advent time to prepare our hearts for the Coming of the Lord.

BLESSINGS, Fr Liborio



"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks."

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



YOUR GIFT TO SHARELIFE WILL DOUBLE IN VALUE!

From now until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor. ShareLife-funded agencies and Food Security Grant recipients are responding to families facing difficult situations, comforting seniors with fellowship, distributing meals to our neighbours in need, and so much more.

Your sacrificial gift this Advent makes this support possible. You offer immediate relief, restore hope, and remind your brothers and sisters in Christ that they are not alone; that there is a family of faith who cares deeply for them.

Please share your blessing by making a contribution at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Georges Vanier Catholic School / 28 Finchgate Blvd
Wednesday, December 3rd from 6 - 8 pm

Vendors welcome. Please contact us.

Parishioners, please join us in festive cheer.

Local vendors, Crafts, Jewelry & More

For more information, please contact: GeorgesVanierInfo@dpcdsb.org



FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2026

Theme: *"The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."* (Eph 4:13)

Write a 500-word essay that explores the theme and win great prizes! Deadline to enter is January 12th. High school students (ages 13-19 years) are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. More details at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION: One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate these and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherd's Trust and many others.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/social-justice--outreach/development-and-sharelife/home/gifts-of-securities/>
Or email: development@archtoronto.org



WHAT IS ADVENT?

⌄ A season of hope, preparation, expectations and celebration. ⌄ The advent wreath is a popular symbol used as the focus of prayer throughout the season. ⌄ Advent means *a coming or arrival*.

⌄ The four candles mark the steps in our Advent journey and symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love, each representing a vital aspect of our spiritual preparation for Christ's coming.

⌄ **Hope:** calls us to trust in God's promises and anticipate His arrival with faith, reminding us of the prophetic hope expressed by Isaiah. ⌄ **Peace:** emphasizes reconciliation and the peace that Christ brings to our hearts and the world, echoing the angel's message of peace at His birth. ⌄ **Joy:** celebrates the joyful anticipation of Christ's coming, often highlighted by the lighting of the pink or rose candle, symbolizing the joy of the Gospel and the approach of Christmas. ⌄ **Love:** underscores God's infinite love manifested in the Incarnation, urging us to emulate Christ's love through our actions & preparations.

⌄ As we prepare for Christ's birth, we also remember the events that surrounded the Lord's coming long ago; celebrate his coming among us today and look forward to his final coming in glory.

☺ **Going the wrong way in the Advent Rush:** While a man had gone out driving to do some Christmas shopping, his wife had been watching TV when she heard the traffic reporter say, *"Be very careful while driving on the 410 today. There is a motorist driving the wrong way!"* His wife called him on the cell phone to warn him, and his reply was: *"I KNOW. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF THEM OUT HERE."*

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