



Defender of the Faith

ST. JOHN FISHER

CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

December 7, 2025

Second 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:

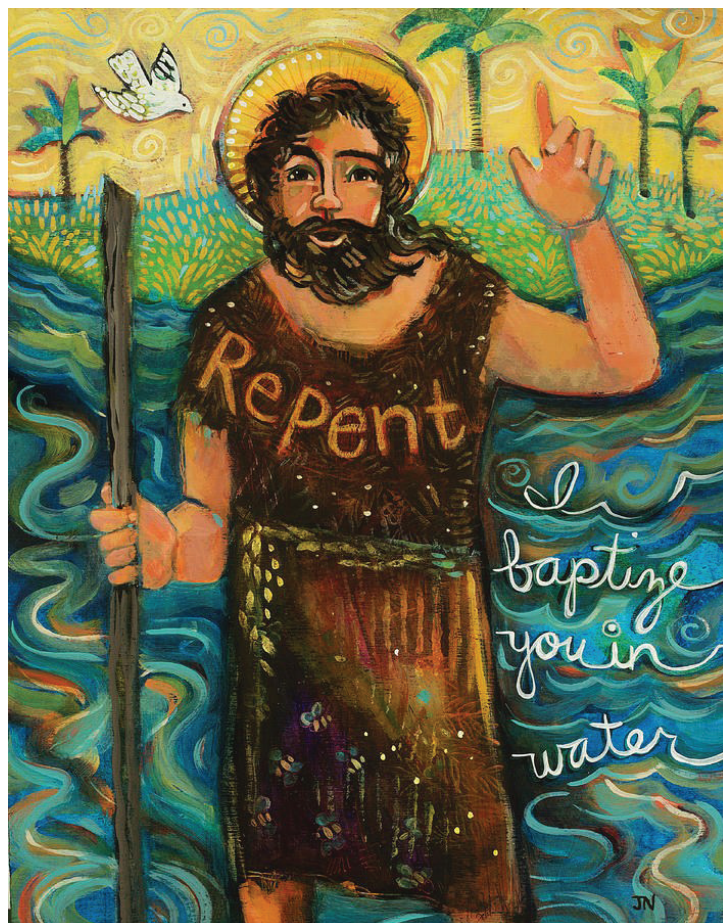
Men 18+ / knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League:

Women 16+ / stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com



Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 8th - 9 a.m.

– Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 9th - 9 a.m. – Charlie Kirk ☩

Wednesday, December 10th - 9 a.m. – Julie Rossi (SI)
– Teresa Tran ☩

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

Friday, December 12th - 9 a.m. – Sylvester P D'Souza ☩

Saturday, December 13th - 9 a.m. – Rosalind Erramuspe ☩
– Julia Briand ☩
– Deceased Members of the McCracken Family ☩

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Offertory:

November 30th: \$ 4,616.45
Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG): \$ 1,470.00

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:

❶Name(s) ❷Mailing Address ❸Email Address ❹Phone 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.



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/>



Christmas Food Drive



The Knights of Columbus are holding a Food Drive this weekend (Dec 6th & 7th) at each mass. Please bring your food donation to church. The food will be distributed by our Society of St Vincent de Paul to support families in need in our community.



Society of St Vincent de Paul Special Christmas Collection

The Society of St Vincent Paul invites you to participate in a **Special Christmas Collection** for the needy in our community.

December 6th & 7th and December 13th & 14th

Please use the cream-colored SVP envelopes at the back of the church for your donations. All donations above \$20 will receive a tax receipt in February so please remember to provide your full mailing address on the envelope.

**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



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!



Catholic Women's League Members:

Please drop off your nomination form envelope in the box by this Sunday, December 7th at 1 pm. Your Nomination & Election Committee will let you know the list of candidates by December 12th. 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



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Last weekend we had the gift of being in the physical presence of a Saint – *St Carlo Acutis* – with the First-Class relic of his hair. In case you do not know much about relics, here is a quick review.

SIGNIFICANCE OF RELICS:

Connection to the saints: Relics are seen as physical links to the saints, who are believed to be alive in heaven and able to intercede for people on Earth. Veneration honors the saint's holiness and inspires the faithful to imitate their virtues.

Emphasizing the body and soul: Relics counter the idea that only the spiritual is good, emphasizing the belief that both body and soul are good and will be resurrected. They are treated with respect and affection because they are connected to a person who is now in glory.

Biblical and historical roots: The practice is supported by biblical accounts, such as the sick being healed by touching the hem of Christ's cloak or by handkerchiefs from St Paul. This tradition continued with early Christians building churches over the tombs of martyrs.

Aids to faith: Relics are considered sacramentals - holy signs that help draw people closer to God, rather than being magical objects. They serve as a tangible reminder to pray, stay devoted, and live a holy life. A relic under a church's altar symbolizes the sacrifice of the martyrs' lives through their union with Christ's sacrifice in the Eucharist.

Categorization: Relics are categorized into three classes to indicate their level of connection to the saint:

First class Relic: Parts of the saint's body or bones.

Second class Relic: Objects the saint regularly used, such as their clothing.

Third class Relic: Any object that has been touched to a first or second-class relic, like a holy card, rosary or a piece of cloth.

I would like to thank Msgr Greg Ace for allowing us to use his Relic of St Carlo Acutis.



ST CARLO ACUTIS, PRAY FOR US!

BLESSINGS, Fr Liborio



"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly

"prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you,

Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto
416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstontoronto.ca

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/>

Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.

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YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO SHARELIFE WILL BE

MATCHED DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR! From now until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor. As we approach the end of the year, your loving support is crucial, as ShareLife-funded agencies strive to bring hope and relief to those facing their most challenging times. Jesus speaks to us through our brothers and sisters in need (cf. Mt 25:31-45). In every gift we give to them, there is a reflection of God's love. Your sacrificial gift this Advent can provide essential support and comfort to those in desperate need, showing them that they are not alone during trying times.

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.

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.



HIGHWAY EXIT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. Matthew 7:13

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