



Defender of the Faith

ST. JOHN FISHER

CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

January 4, 2026

Epiphany of the Lord

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:

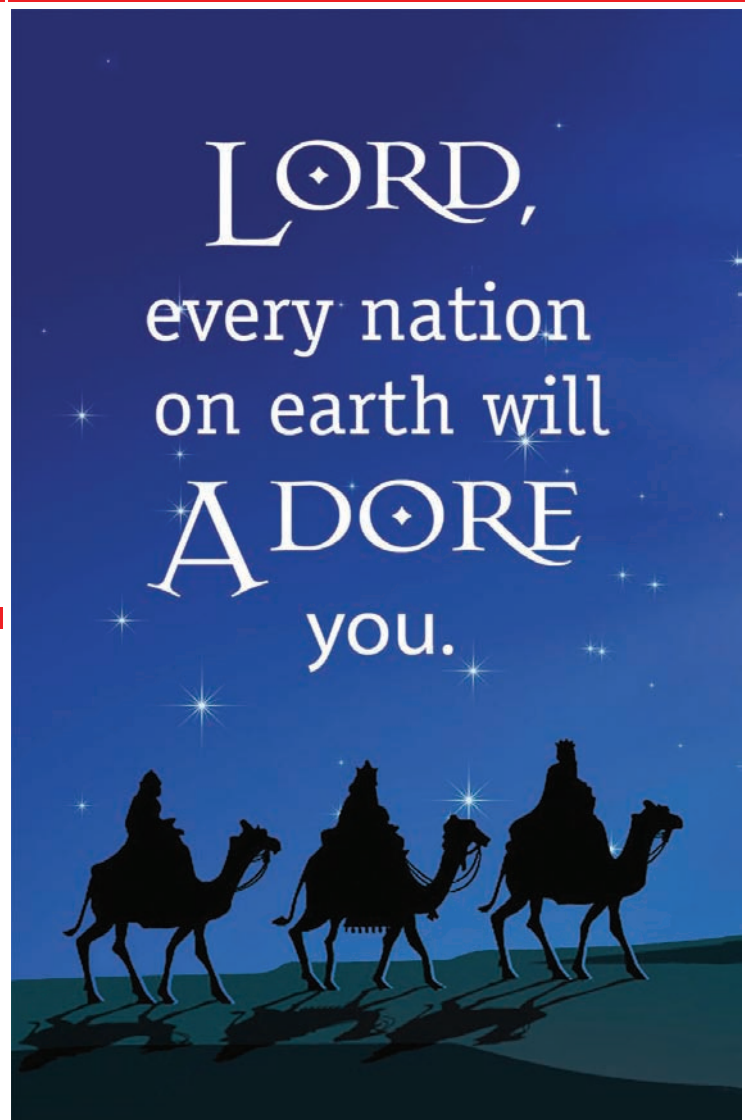
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Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 5th - 9 a.m. – John Francis Mark Halls ☩

Tuesday, January 6th - 9 a.m. – Emily & Youssef Sawaya ☩

Wednesday, January 7th - 9 a.m. – Chelsea De Vera
– Fr. Liborio Tavares ☩

Thursday, January 8th - 9 a.m.

Friday, January 9th - 9 a.m. – Joe & Lucrezia Sgro ☩

Saturday, January 10th - 9 a.m. – Adelino Garcia ☩

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Offertory:



December 22 nd :	\$ 7,193.20
Christmas Collection:	\$ 15,093.40
December 28 th :	\$ 6,458.50

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, 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.



REGULAR PARISH OFFICE HOURS RESUME ON



Monday, January 5th:

► Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
from 9:30 am-1 pm & 2-5:30 pm

► Wednesday from 12-4 pm & 5-8 pm



Catholic Women's League Members:

Elections for your NEW Executive Committee will be held on **Tuesday, January 6th** at 7 pm in the Church Hall. The list of nominees will be revealed, and you will have the opportunity to vote for the candidates. If you paid your dues in 2025, you are eligible to vote.

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



ARCHDIOCESAN ONLINE FORMATION & TRAINING FOR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:

Wednesdays: Feb 25/Mar 4, 11, 18, 25/Apr 1 / 7-8:30 pm

This program is designed for new and seasoned parish bereavement ministers. It will explore ways to begin a bereavement ministry in your parish or enhance your present bereavement ministry programs. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre homework and pass final assessment. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited.

Register by February 23rd: <https://bit.ly/BMT-Register2026>
More info: formation@archtoronto.org/437-900-4287

BILL C-9 - ACTION STILL REQUIRED

Amendments to Bill C-9 include the possible removal of the long-standing "good faith" religious-text defense in the Criminal Code. Catholics are encouraged to reach out to their Member of Parliament regarding Bill C-9. For more details and links, refer to Cardinal Leo's December 5th statement: <https://bit.ly/CardinalLeoBillC9>.

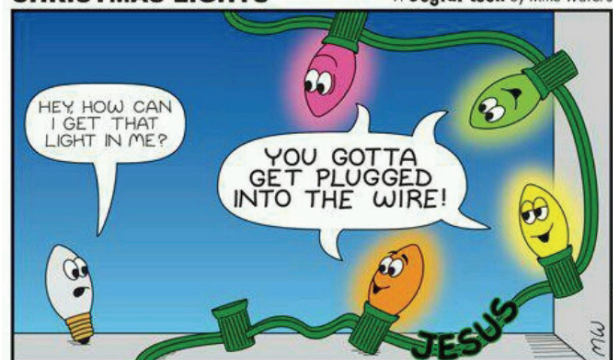


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<https://stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/>

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12 NIV



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Merry Christmas! Yes, we are still in the Christmas season, even though much of the world around us is now taking down Christmas decorations and turning off the bright lights. However, we continue to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour until next Sunday when we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. It is then that the Christmas Season comes to an end.

So, continue to wish family and friends a Merry Christmas until next weekend. And if you have outdoor Christmas lights, Christmas trees and decorations in your home, then consider keeping them on display until the end of next weekend.

Allow me to thank our wonderful volunteers who have shared their gifts and talents during this Christmas Season: those who ministered in our liturgies and those who ensured that our church was setup and clean for the liturgies.

All of us have received from God various types of gifts and talents and we need to find ways to share them with the community of St John Fisher parish. I encourage you to discern what gifts and talents you have received – take time in prayer and ask the Lord how He wishes you to share them with others. We need you and your unique gifts and talents.

Finally, allow me to thank all those who have graced me with their best wishes, hearty greetings, Christmas cards and gifts of various types. (I have enough wine now until Easter! ☺). I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart, for your kindness and love.

I love you all and consider you my *"Family in the Lord"*.

May you continue to have a Wonderful Christmas Season and a renewed Happy New Year!!!

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

P.S. Let's hope that the Maple Leafs will surprise us (and God) and start winning – HA! HA!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18-25

THERE IS ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT, JUST AS YOU WERE CALLED TO THE HOPE OF YOUR CALLING (Ephesians 4:4)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. **Sunday, January 18th at 4 p.m.**

Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto

This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS: Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 60+) in 2026 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited.

Register early. Click the register button at:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage>

Sunday, February 8th at 2:30 pm at St Michael's Cathedral

Watch the Mass via livestream: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.

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I think your lights might be too bright this year.

MESSAGE FOR WORLD PEACE DAY 2026

"Peace be with all of you:

towards a 'disarmed and disarming' peace."

is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the World Day of Peace 2026. Here is an excerpt:

Dear brothers and sisters, whether we have the gift of faith or feel we lack it, let us open ourselves to peace! Let us welcome it and recognize it, rather than believing it to be impossible and beyond our reach. Peace is more than just a goal. It is a presence and a journey. Even when it is endangered within us and around us, like a small flame threatened by a storm, we must protect it, never forgetting the names and stories of those who have borne witness to it. Peace is a principle that guides and defines our choices. Even in places where only rubble remains, and despair seems inevitable, we still find people who have not forgotten peace. Just as on the evening of Easter, Jesus entered the place where his disciples were gathered in fear and discouragement, so too the peace of the risen Christ continues to pass through doors and barriers in the voices and faces of his witnesses....

May this be one of the fruits of the Jubilee of Hope, which has moved millions of people to rediscover themselves as pilgrims and to begin within themselves that disarmament of heart, mind and life.

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2026

Deadline to enter your 500-word essay 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>



"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

COME & SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT

Fri Feb 27 @ 6:30 pm – Sun Mar 1 @ 2 pm / St Augustine's
 This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to

priesthood at our seminary. Men aged 18+

Online Registration: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

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