



Defender of the Faith

ST. JOHN FISHER

CATHOLIC CHURCH

300 Balmoral Drive,
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January 11, 2026

Baptism 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+ / knightsokcolumbus10402@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League:

Women 16+ / stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com



After the Lord was baptized,
the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:

This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.

(Matthew 3:16-17)

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](https://www.instagram.com/StJohnFisherBrampton)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday, January 12th - 9 a.m. – Lhis Dela Cruz ☩ |
| Tuesday, January 13th - 9 a.m. – John Francis Mark Halls ☩ |
| Wednesday, January 14th - 9 a.m. – David Amaral ☩ – Liz Rybka ☩ – Thanksgiving (SI) |
| Thursday, January 15th - 9 a.m. – Loretta King ☩ |
| Friday, January 16th - 9 a.m. – Brian Warren ☩ |
| Saturday, January 17th - 9 a.m. – Lorraine Carvey ☩ – Hetti & Jos D'Souza ☩ |



Offertory:



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| Initial Offering: | \$ 4,576.00 |
| Jan 1 st (Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God): | \$ 5,204.80 |
| January 5 th : | \$ 5,339.05 |

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



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/>

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



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!



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).

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

No Greater Love www.ljhr.ca

Saturday, March 14th – 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Metro Toronto Convention Centre (north building)
Early Bird Price: \$39 adults/ (\$49 after Feb 1)
\$25 youth



Bus from St John Fisher, boarding at 6:40 am – cost \$15
For tickets & bus reservation, please contact:
Mary Reghelini 416-882-7330 or Zelia Cooper 416-937-2535

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

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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and with it we conclude the Christmas Season.

This feast day reminds us that we should know our baptismal day and celebrate it every year, because our Baptismal Day was the most important day of our human existence. It was on that day that we became Sons and Daughters of God. So, if you do not know your baptismal date, I encourage you to find it out and commit the date to memory from now on.

On another note; I ask that you please keep in your prayers the children of our parish who are going through their First Communion and Confirmation Catechism sessions. Let us pray that these candidates are able to come to know the love of the Lord and the Catholic Church which He instituted.

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

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/>



As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said,

"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as 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/comeesee



Of course, we all want to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and the other sacraments for our eternal salvation. If you are one of those people who love the Eucharist and want others to have the same love for Jesus in the Eucharist for their eternal salvation, we invite you to join the **SERRA CLUB OF NORTH PEEL**. Become a promoter of vocations for the priesthood and the religious life, for without priests we are deprived of God's instruments for saving souls. Serra International is a global institution aggregated to the Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations of the Holy See. Our Patron Saint is St. Junipero Serra. *We meet every 4th Saturday at St Anne's Church, Brampton, after the 9:15 am Mass. Need more information?*

Carlos Abug, carlq7@gmail.com / 416-409-1384

MANRESA JESUIT SPIRITUAL RETREAT CENTRE is founded on Ignatian spirituality which strives to provide a welcoming environment to all people, helping them to discern, experience, and contemplate God in all things, in order to contribute to a world of justice, peace and love. Vision Statement: In an environment of welcome and beauty, we commit ourselves to: Show people a way to God; Walk with the excluded; Accompany young people; Collaborate in the care of the earth – our common home.

2325 Liverpool Rd, Pickering, ON L1X 1V4 Check out their events (mostly weekend retreats) at: <https://manresa-canada.ca/events/>

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>.



POPE LEO XIV CLOSED THE HOLY DOOR OF ST PETER'S BASILICA at 9:41 am on Jan 6th thus concluding the 28th Jubilee in the history of the Catholic Church.

Jubilee Prayer: *Father* in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

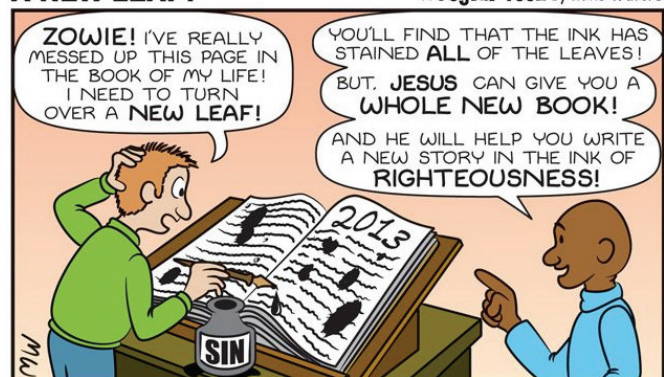
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. **Amen.**

A NEW LEAF?

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

— ROMANS 6:4 KJV

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