



Defender of the Faith

ST. JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

300 Balmoral Drive,
Brampton, Ontario,

January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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:

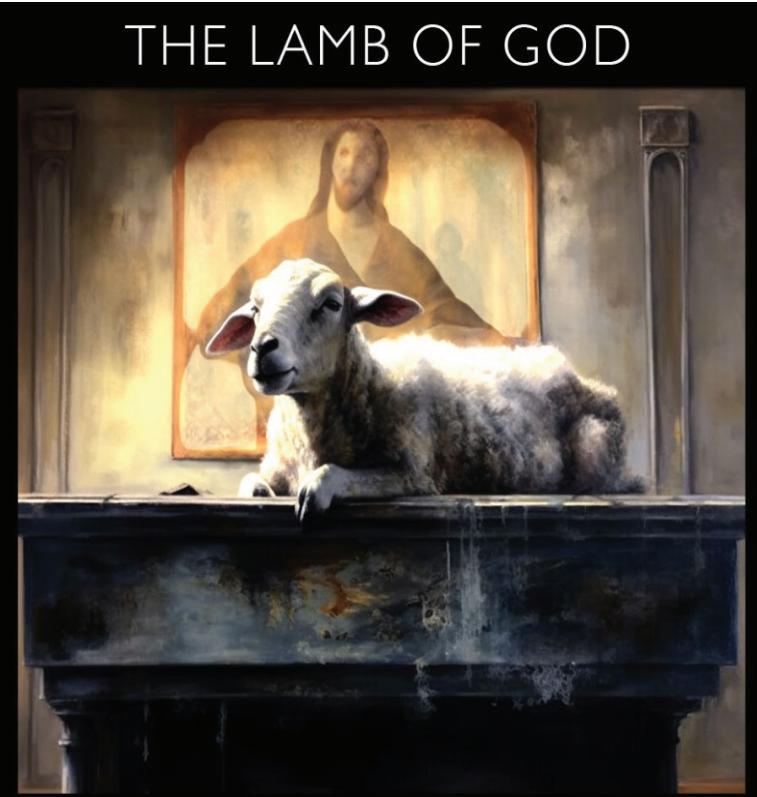
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Toronto Vocations Office

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

Parish Telephone: 905-793-6610 / Fax: 905-793-7721

Parish Website: www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org



**Here is the Lamb of God
who takes away
the sin of the world!**

(John 1:29)

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 Email: stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org

Parish Instagram: StJohnFisherBrampton



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 19th - 9 a.m.

– Elena & Franco DiGiandomenico †

Tuesday, January 20th - 9 a.m. – Bob Cordingley †**Wednesday, January 21st - 9 a.m.** – Hastings Family (SI)

– James Andrade †

– Deceased members of the Ryan & Bracken Families †

Thursday, January 22nd - 9 a.m. – Generosa Jasmin**Friday, January 23rd - 9 a.m.** – Eddie & Vida Suarez †**Saturday, January 24th - 9 a.m.** – David & Leila Hubbard †

– James Andrade †

– Nerissa & Blanche Castellino †

– Reg Digby (SI)

– Extended McCracken Family †



Offertory:

January 11th: \$ 5,314.35

Building Fund: \$ 3,021.00

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:

① Name(s) ② Mailing Address ③ Email Address ④ 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/>

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 21st. Thank you for your understanding.

DID YOU KNOW that you can donate to our local **Society of St Vincent de Paul** all year long in 3 ways?

- ① Drop loose money in the blue SSVP donation boxes located at each church exit. No tax receipt will be issued.
- ② Use the green SSVP envelopes and drop it in the box at our church. Tax receipts will be issued in February.
- ③ 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,

There will be a Come and See Discernment weekend retreat at St Augustine's Seminary for men ages 18 and older who are thinking of the Priesthood. It starts on Friday, February 27th at 6:30 pm and ends on Sunday, March 1st at 2 pm. Please refer to the announcement in this bulletin.

We need priests! And each and every one of us should do our part to encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

We should first start with prayer – this is what Jesus asks us to do. In the Gospel of Mathew, we read: *"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. '"* (Mathew 9:35-38)

Apart from praying for Vocations, we should also promote it with our words and actions. If you see a young man or a young woman whom you think might be called to be a priest or nun, don't be afraid to approach them and tell them that you think they might have a vocation. The individual might be surprised and taken aback by your words, but I can guarantee that they will think about it for at least a few seconds. And maybe these few seconds will lead to them thinking about it as a possibility that they might be called by the Lord.

Parents should also promote vocations to their children. As a priest, I can truthfully tell you that I have a very happy, joyful and fulfilling life. I know what I have given up, regarding having a wife and children – these are the sacrifices I have made in saying YES to the priesthood. But I have also gained so many graces and blessings that I would not have had if I had chosen married life. Children need to know that Priesthood and the Religious life is something to consider – they should be encouraged to discern if they are called to a religious vocation.

So, let us follow Jesus' call and ask the *"Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

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



St Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in
Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people.

Could it be that you or someone in your family is being
called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

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



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

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/>

MANRESA JESUIT SPIRITUAL RETREAT CENTRE

2325 Liverpool Rd, Pickering, ON L1X 1V4

Day of Reflection: January 26th / 9 am – 3 pm

EUCARIST-CHURCH: Where we learn a spirituality of Encounter & Service / Facilitator: Fr Charles Pottie, SJ

A suggested offering of \$70 per person, includes break, lunch and mass along with the program. 905-839-2864

Register: <http://manresa-canada.ca> **Contact:** registration@manresa.ca

The Gospel of Mark Performance: February 8th / 3-5 pm

The Gospel of Mark is the oldest written biblical gospel. This amazing story is told with modern language, but in its original form. Tom Bates, a professional actor, presents the gospel in "a simple, yet elegant performance, a strong piece of theatre." (Stephen Near, Hamilton City Magazine)

All monies collected will go towards the building of Gloria Christi Regis Centre in the Philippines, a home for abandoned and abused children operated by the Sisters of the Poor of St Catherine of Siena.

Register: Mike Hyland - gospelofmarkfundraiser@gmail.com

Suggested Offering: \$50 (Includes reception following the performance)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

Fall in Love Again! March 7-8th

Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood? Discover the Secrets to a Lasting, Supportive, and Transformational Marriage! This weekend is for couples, whether you are newlyweds or have been married for decades. It's also perfect for priests looking to deepen their relationship with their community.

QR Code for weekend info & application form → →

Queen of Apostles Renewal Center, 1617 Blythe Rd, Miss Christian & Elizabeth Arroba, 416-554-4439

416-554-7062 / christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org



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and Jesus was the Lamb of God,
does that mean that
Mary had a little lamb?



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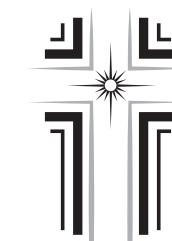
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