



Defender of the Faith

ST. JOHN FISHER

CATHOLIC CHURCH

300 Balmoral Drive,
Brampton, Ontario,

January 25, 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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:

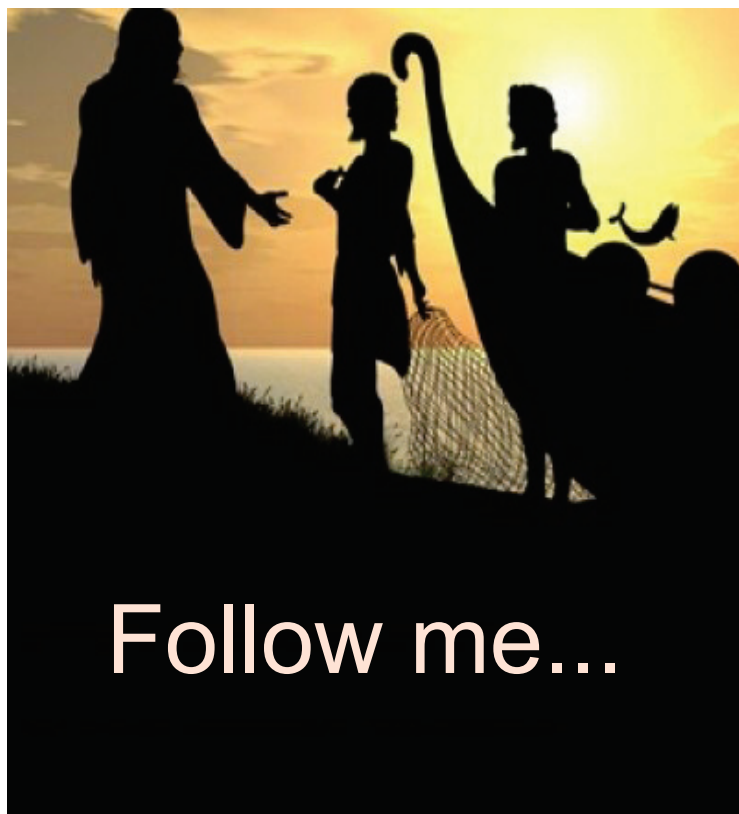
Men 18+ / knightssofcolumbus10402@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League:

Women 16+ / stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com



Follow me...

The Lord is my light
and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

(Psalm 27)

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)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 26th - 9 a.m. – Fay O'Neill & Lorraine Carvey ☩

Tuesday, January 27th - 9 a.m. – Cecil & Patti ☩

Wednesday, January 28th - 9 a.m. – Winnifred Allison (SI)
– Eileen & Charles Daigle ☩

Thursday, January 29th - 9 a.m. – Peter Antao ☩

Friday, January 30th - 9 a.m. – John & Helen Polts ☩

Saturday, February 1st - 9 a.m. – Lorraine Carvey ☩

Thank You
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GENEROUSLY

Offertory:



January 18th: \$ 5,585.20

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.

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



The Knights of Columbus St John Fisher Council 10402 thanks all the students who participated in our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Judging was a challenge because all entries were great!

Congratulations to: **POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**

Grades 1&2		Grades 3&4	
1 st	Carmela Cyrus	1 st	Freya Catahina
2 nd	Royce Chethalan	2 nd	Marco Ferrace
3 rd	Shanelle Yatawara	3 rd	Britney Cornelia Davey

Grades 5&6		Grades 7&8	
1 st	Jeremiah M	1 st	Alyssa Loder
2 nd	Yenci	Kindergarten	
3 rd	Aria Lauza	1 st	Raffaella Maccamus



Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed 2026 as the **FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR, a Special Year of St Francis**

to commemorate the 800th death anniversary of St Francis of Assisi. Until January 10, 2027, the faithful can obtain this grace under the usual conditions – sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope – by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St Francis anywhere in the world.

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



“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

If God is calling you,

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



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On January 25, 1992, I was ordained to the Diaconate and entered the first degree of ordained ministry.

In our Catholic Church we have three levels (degrees) of ordained ministry that forms the Sacrament of Holy Orders – Deacon (Diaconate), Priest (Presbyterate) and Bishop (Episcopate).

Let us ask *Google* to distinguish these three degrees:

THE THREE DEGREES:

Deacon (Diaconate): The first level, focused on service (the word *deacon* means *servant*), assisting bishops and priests, and serving the community in charity, word, and worship (e.g., baptizing, witnessing marriages, visiting the sick).

Priest (Presbyterate): Co-workers with bishops, ordained to preach, shepherd the faithful, and celebrate the sacraments, especially hearing Confessions and celebrating the Eucharist (Mass).

Bishop (Episcopate): The highest level, receiving the “fullness of the priestly ministry” to teach, govern, and sanctify the people of God, continuing the apostolic ministry.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS:

Apostolic Succession: Bishops maintain a direct lineage to the Apostles through ordination by other bishops.

Hierarchy: Priests and deacons assist the bishop in his mission, with priests sharing in Christ’s priesthood and deacons in His ministry of service.

There are also two types of Deacons – **Permanent and Transitional**. A permanent Deacon is one who is Ordained to the Diaconate and goes no farther. Almost all deacons who serve in parish across the Archdiocese of Toronto are what we call *Permanent Deacons*. This is what Deacon John is. But a Transitional Deacon is one who will be continuing towards the Presbyterate. Seminarians, like our own Alessandro, will first be ordained Transitional Deacons, and then soon after will be ordained priests.

When I was Ordained a Transitional Deacon on January 25, 1992, I was honoured to have my uncle and Godfather, Fr Liborio Tavares, vest me at this Ordination celebration. And after the Ordination, which was held at St Augustine’s Seminary (St John’s Chapel), my immediate family, grandmothers and Godfather, went to the Mandarin Restaurant on Yonge Street. I hear that they will be closing this Mandarin site, and I am thinking of going back today with my remaining immediate family, to remember and celebrate what happened 34 years ago. This will mean driving into the city, finding parking, dealing with traffic, and paying a hefty bill for all who attend, etc.

On second thought, I think I will just stay in and save my money, and gas and just celebrate on my own. ☺

Please continue to pray for me, Deacon John Coletti and our Seminarian Alessandro Sousa.

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS: A HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCED OR SEPARATED PARENTS

This retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents’ relationship to their deepest origin and identify as God’s beloved, capable of great love.

Friday, May 15th at 6 pm to Sunday, May 17th at 3:30 pm

St Augustine’s Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd, Scarborough)
Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$325/person (\$225 for students), includes meals, lodging and retreat material.

Limited subsidies available: lgwtoronto@proton.me. Space is limited. Register: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2026>.

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

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

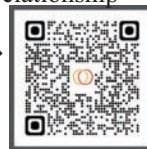
Fall in Love Again! March 7-8th

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



DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH

Catholic Women’s Conference

Saturday, March 21st from 9 am – 4 pm

Le Treport Banquet Hall, Mississauga

Register: www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

Tickets: dwt2026.eventbrite.ca / Earlybird \$79 before Feb 14)

Keynote Speaker: Johnnette Benkovic Williams Internationally acclaimed Catholic speaker, author, television and radio personality. EWTN Executive Producer – Host of Women of Grace

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