



Defender of the Faith

ST. JOHN FISHER

CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

February 1, 2026

4th 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+ / knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League:

Women 16+ / stjohnfishercwl@outlook.com

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 2nd - 9 a.m. – Fr Pat Digby & Bernard Rego ☩

Tuesday, February 3rd - 9 a.m. – Theresamma Amirthanathan ☩

Wednesday, February 4th - 9 a.m. – Juliana Rybka Lancaster (SI)
– James Andrade ☩
– Fr Frank Coltsmann & Ted Carey ☩
– Sarah & Jessica Clutchey
– Alma Manuel ☩

Thursday, February 5th - 9 a.m. – Dalmacia Dela Cruz

Friday, February 6th - 9 a.m.
– David Miles & Deceased members of the Miles Family ☩

Saturday, February 7th - 9 a.m. – Emily & Youssef Sawaya ☩

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Offertory:



January 25th: \$ 3,664.70

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 182, 443, 616, 658

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 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/>

Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.

www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org StJohnFisherBrampton



A reminder that on **Monday, February 16th** our parish office will be closed for Family Day. We pray that this day may provide families with the opportunity to celebrate together in whatever way helps them recognize the gift of being part of a **Family**.

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 18th Masses @ 7:30 am, 9 am & 7 pm



with distribution of ashes.

Don't forget that **ASH WEDNESDAY** is a day of Fasting and Abstinence (don't eat meat).



JOIN US ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT:

- Mass at 9 am
- Confessions available from 6-6:45 pm
- Mass at 7 pm
- Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Sat, February 7th at 9 am / Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER: ❶ scan this QR code

❷ follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebFeb7

❸ send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar February 7" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



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/>

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)

\$49 adults/ \$49/ \$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



"Blessed are you

when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being 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



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Next weekend many people will be gathering in local restaurants, bars or in living rooms to celebrate Super Bowl Sunday.

You might be asking why I would be writing about this event since it does not involve any Canadian team. The reason is that events like the Super Bowl are good opportunities for people to get together. More and more, we see the need for people to connect with other people and not only rely on communicating over a phone/screen.

We are living in a world where social media is taking over peoples' lives – people (especially the young) now communicate over social media and not face-to-face. This is so sad because being in the physical presence of another person truly brings about authentic communication and interaction that social media cannot provide for our health and wellbeing. Sadly, the tradition of gathering “around a fire” and sharing our stories and lives with others are becoming few and far between. This lack of human contact is affecting how we are growing as social beings; we are called to share the same space in this wonderful world we live in at this time in history. Social media has its place, but it cannot replace face-to-face encounters.

We can use the example of AI to see the difference between social media and face-to-face contact. My family has been sharing old photos of us when we were young. Each photo brings us fond memories of that moment the photo was taken. But now with AI these old photos can come to life with the requests we make of the AI program. Recently one such photo came to my inbox by a nephew of mine. He took the photo of my two sisters and I when we were just 7, 5 and 3 years old. The photo was of us three on the airport tarmac in the Azores as we were waiting to board the plane that would bring us to Canada in 1969. My nephew used AI to make it look like my sisters and I were dancing to the song “Ring around the Rosie”, and it was being played in the background. At first it was exciting to see this AI rendition of that moment in time, but as hard as I tried it did not bring me any fond memories or joy. And why? Because this AI rendition lacked meaning and context for me.

When we connect with people via social media we are lacking the opportunities to form memories that will help us grow in our journey of life. However, a face-to-face encounter provides us with memories which will build us up to who we are as human beings.

God created us in His image. And we know that God is Trinity – His very being shows us the importance of being with others. We were not created to be separated from one another, but to be a community of beings. This is why an occasion, like the Super Bowl, can create an opportunity for us to grow as human beings, to form memories that will help us on our road of life.

I encourage all of you (and I include myself here) to try your very best to form face-to-face encounters with family and friends. Our encounters with others will ultimately help form who we will become.

So, this coming Sunday evening, bring on the hot wings and the various libations and let us gather to watch the Super Bowl. Now what team do I want to win? Well, since my team (*The Buffalo Bills*) has been eliminated, I don't really care - my focus will be on the chicken wings and other foods available. ☺

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.vocationstontoronto.ca/comesee

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

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: dwf2026.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

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

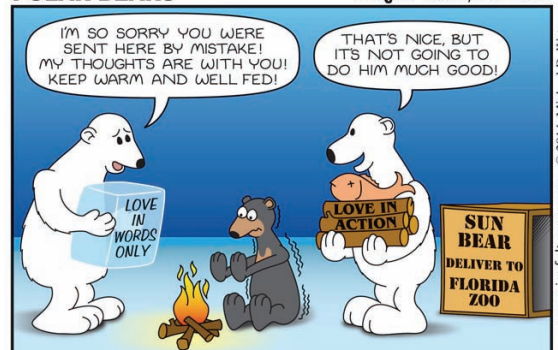
St Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd, Scarborough)

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>.

POLAR BEARS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. – 1 John 3:18

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