



Defender of the Faith
ST. JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

February 8, 2026

5th 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



As someone who claims the name of Jesus,
you are called to season the world with
your salt and shine your light into it.

(Chris Tiegreen)

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 9th - 9 a.m.

– Tony Hamma † & Prayers Requested

Tuesday, February 10th - 9 a.m.

– Fr Frank Coltsmann & Ted Carey †

Wednesday, February 11th - 9 a.m. – Judy MacLean †– Adelino Garcia †
– Hastings Family (SI)
– Souls in Purgatory †**Thursday, February 12th - 9 a.m.** – Antonio & Asuncion Gadil †**Friday, February 13th - 9 a.m.** – Joe & Lucrezia Sgro †**Saturday, February 14th - 9 a.m.** – James Andrade †– Betty McGhie †
– Savina Zanatta (SI)
– Lorraine Carvey †
– Angelina Pinlac †

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

CWL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 24th at 7 pm in the Church Hall

Women aged 16 and over, please join us!

**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



“*You are the light of the world.*” Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, 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

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.

Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.

www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org StJohnFisherBrampton**Springs of Hope (Catholic Infertility Lay Organization)**

is a space where couples journey together on the challenging path of infertility. These encounters serve as a vessel for a deep renewal in our relationships with our spouses, selves, and God. We are a recognized lay association through the Archdiocese of Toronto who offer prayer and support to those on the journey of infertility. We adhere to the Catholic Church's teaching on family planning including, the area of reproductive technologies. The group meets virtually the second Thursday of each month. Please be advised that you will need to submit a form online including your email for connection with the group. The sessions are free. <https://rhfertilitycare.com/support-group>



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Marriage Sunday is this weekend and the Archdiocese asks us to focus on marriage.

In my 34 years of priesthood, I have seen a big shift regarding marriage. When I was a young priest, it would be common to have one, two, or even three weddings on most Saturdays throughout the year. Now if a parish has 10 to 15 weddings a year, that is considered a lot. In these 34 years of priesthood, I have also seen a shift from couples getting married to just living together. And if couples decide to marry at all (where at least one is a Baptized Catholic), they decide to have their wedding outside the church – either at city hall, a Banquet facility, a Park Pavilion, or on a beach overlooking the sunset in a destination down south, etc.

One can rightly ask, why are couples choosing to live together, or get married outside of the church? I think there are a number of reasons for this trend, and it stems from a lack of knowledge of what Marriage is all about. There is a growing ignorance of the importance of Marriage and why it should be celebrated in the church. In their ignorance many Catholics do not see the importance of what God, in His Church, can provide for a couple in their union of love.

I cannot say everything there is to say about marriage in this short *Pastor's Corner* but the following words might help clarify the idea for us Catholics.

► All Baptized Catholics who are entering into marriage are obligated to have their marriage celebrated in a Catholic church.
 ► Even if one's fiancé(e) is a non-Catholic or a non-Christian (Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish) they are still obligated to marry in the church.
 ► If a Catholic decides to marry outside the Church, their marriage is not recognized by the Church, and they are seen as *living in sin* – and their marriage is exempt from the graces and blessings that come from the Sacrament of Marriage.
 ► If a Catholic decides to live with their partner and not enter Marriage, they are in fact *living in sin*.

The phrase *living in sin* can sound harsh, but this is what Jesus Christ himself states in the Bible. I can understand if a Christian decides to believe that the Church is WRONG on this matter. But how can a believing Christian say that Jesus Christ is WRONG in the words he himself states in the Gospels.

The Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, speaks about the plan of God that a man should not be alone and that a man is to leave his father and mother and cling to a woman in Marriage. Marriage brings about the fruitful ground where children are begotten and raised in an environment of unconditional love.

Couples who enter into Marriage should also know that they give witness to the world of the true meaning of *commitment, fidelity, sacrifice*, and all that marriage asks of one man and one woman, who decide freely to be as one in their journey of life.

Finally, the Church extends its loving support to those who have lost a spouse or have experienced the pain and suffering of a broken relationship. If you need assistance during these difficult days, please seek out the various programs and resources that the Church provides in our parish and throughout our diocese so that we may accompany you through the healing process.

I wish all married couples God's blessings upon you as you continue to live out your Sacramental Vows.

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

P.S. If any of you are not married in the church, or living together, please do not hesitate to reach out to me so that we can see how we can rectify your situation through the church's guidance. Please don't delay in reaching out to me – I am here to help you.



CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS:

Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026.

Sunday, February 8th at 2:30 pm at St Michael's Cathedral
 Watch the Mass via livestream: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

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

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – FEBRUARY 11TH

(Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV's Message for World Day of the Sick 2026)

Let us raise our prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, asking her to assist all who suffer and are in need of compassion, consolation and a listening ear. Let us seek her intercession with this ancient prayer, that has been invoked in families for those living with illness and pain:

Sweet Mother, do not part from me. Turn not your eyes away from me. Walk with me at every moment and never leave me alone. You who always protect me as a true Mother, obtain for me the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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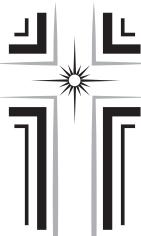
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