



Defender of the Faith
ST. JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

February 15, 2026

6th 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:

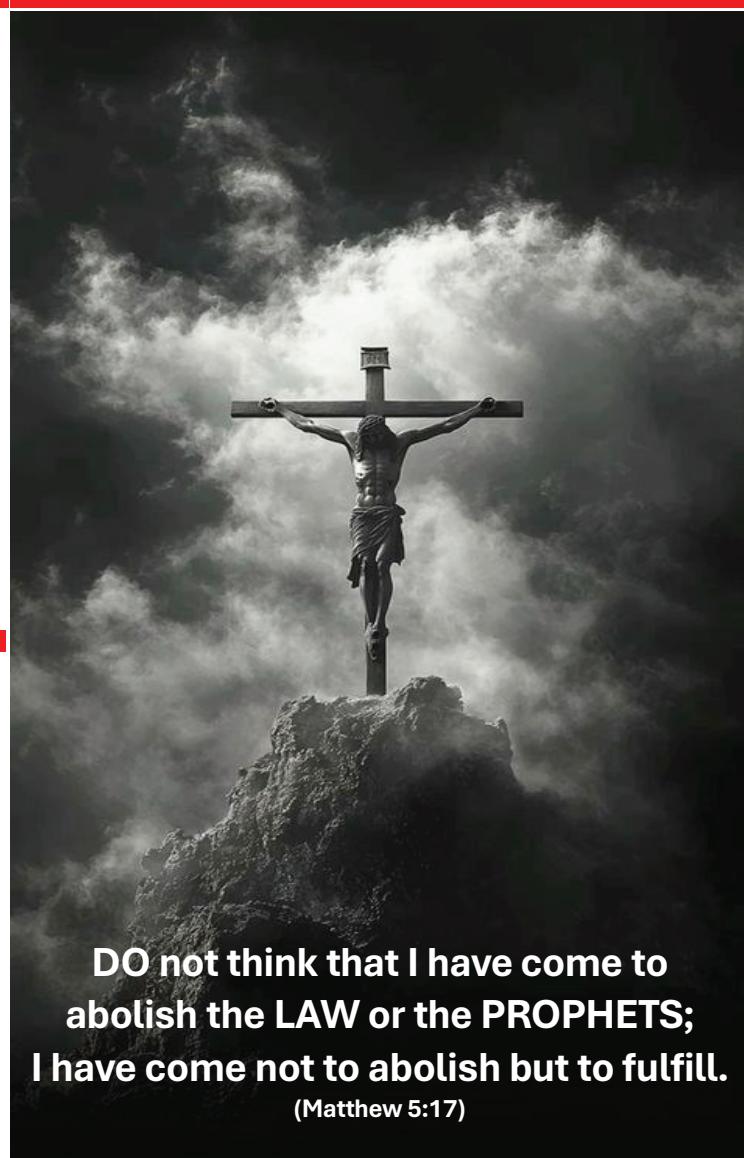
Men 18+ / knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League:

Women 16+ / stjohnfisherawl@outlook.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com



**DO not think that I have come to
abolish the LAW or the PROPHETS;
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.**

(Matthew 5:17)

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

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Parish Website: www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org

Parish Instagram: StJohnFisherBrampton



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 16 th - 9 a.m. – Albert Fernandez †
Tuesday, February 17 th - 9 a.m. – Rozero Fernandez †
Wednesday, February 18 th - 7:30 a.m. – ASH WEDNESDAY 9 a.m. – ASH WEDNESDAY 7 p.m. – ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday, February 19 th - 9 a.m. – Jim O’Grady †
Friday, February 20 th - 9 a.m. – Albertha Sandy †
Saturday, February 21 st - 9 a.m. – Ryan Gray (SI) – Robert Allison (SI) – Herminia Melliza (SI) – Amirthanathan Ponnaiya † – Maria Lourdes & Isabel Aguirre †

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Offertory:

February 8th: \$ 5,692.35

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
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:

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

 **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/>

Let your word be Yes if Yes, or No if No; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Matthew 5:37



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).

The
Season
of
Lent



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!

 “No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.”

If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God’s love 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/comesee

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>

MANRESA JESUIT SPIRITUAL RETREAT CENTRE

2325 Liverpool Rd, Pickering, ON L1X 1V4

Day Retreat for Women: Healing & Forgiveness:

How identity lies and wounds keep us stuck, and how to move forward. March 21st / 9:30 am – 4 pm

A suggested offering of \$75 per person, includes break, lunch and mass along with the program.

For more information & registration contact: Veronica
boutiquecoachingconnections@gmail.com



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
This Wednesday we begin our Lenten journey with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday**.

Although we Catholics are not obligated to attend the Ash Wednesday celebrations (our obligation here in Canada is to attend all Sundays and Christmas Day and New Year's Day), many attend our Ash Wednesday masses so that they can begin their Lenten observance with the sprinkling of *ashes* on their foreheads.

Ash Wednesday (along with Good Friday) is a day of *Fasting and Abstinence*. Fasting and Abstinence are considered two forms of official penitential practice. (A third would be the one hour fast before one is to receive communion at mass).

Here is what the Church means by Fasting & Abstinence:

Fasting: The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the age of 18-60 years to reduce the amount of food eaten in the day. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fast is broken by eating between meals and by drinks which could be considered food (milk shakes, but not milk).

Alcoholic beverages do not break the fast; however, they seem contrary to the spirit of doing penance.

Abstinence: The law of abstinence requires a Catholic aged 14 years and older to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honour of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday.

On the Fridays outside of Lent, if we choose to eat meat, we should substitute another penitential act such as saying an extra prayer for the poor or giving to charity. During Lent abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory.

Who are those who are excused from fasting or abstinence? → those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick/the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual labourers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense or causing enmity, and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

I wish you all a blessed Lent... and remember no **meat** this coming Wednesday and limit your meals so that you can observe the law of abstinence.

See you all at the Sushi bar on Wednesday... ☺

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

P.S. Our Ash Wednesday Masses are at 7:30 am, 9 am and 7pm.

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

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!



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

LENTEN RETREAT: Saturday, February 28th / 8:30 am-3 pm
\$45 / Coffee/Tea with muffins & a hot lunch included.
Mass will be celebrated during the day.



Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre /
1617 Blythe Rd, Miss, ON/ 905-278-5229 / office@qoa.ca

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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.dynamicwomensfaith.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

**CANADIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS ON BILL C-218:
NO “MAID” FOR MENTAL ILLNESS**

The Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has issued a statement strongly supporting Private Member's Bill C-218, which seeks to prevent persons whose sole medical condition is mental illness from accessing euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide (“MAiD”). Bill C-218 is expected to proceed to second reading in the House of Commons in early March 2026. You can read the full statement here: <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026-02-04-Statement-by-CCCB-PC-Support-of-Bill-C-218-2.pdf>

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