



Defender of the Faith  
**ST. JOHN FISHER**  
 CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

**FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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.

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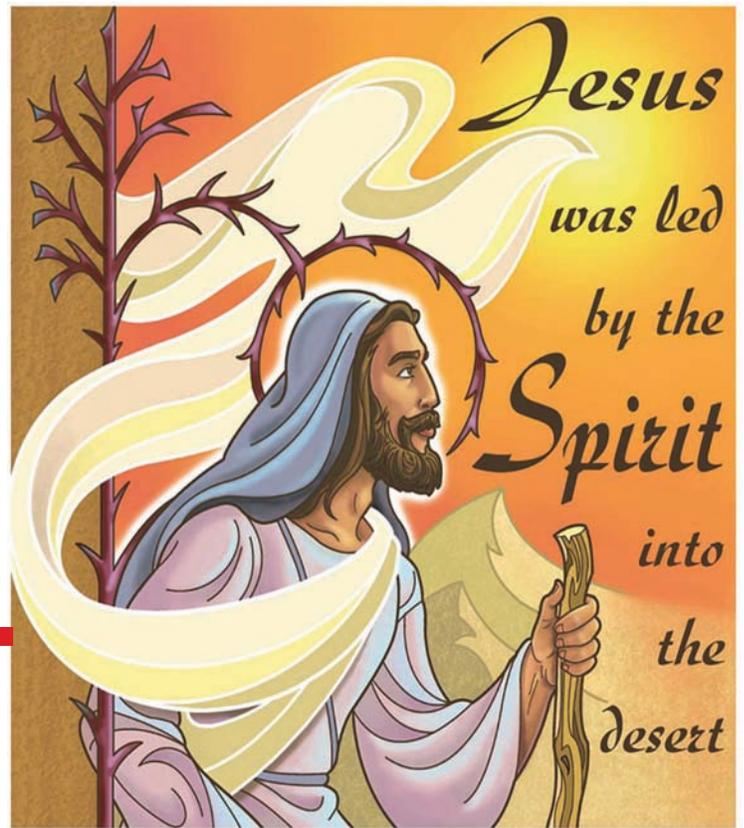
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**Society of St. Vincent de Paul:**

905-790-2479 / [stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com)



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**Man does not live by bread alone,  
 but by every word  
 that comes from the mouth of God.**

*Matthew 4:4*

**Toronto Vocations Office**

**Fr. Matthew McCarthy**, Vocations Director,  
 416-968-0997 / [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) /  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://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 Website:** [www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org](http://www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org)

**Parish Email:** [stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org)

**Parish Instagram:** StJohnFisherBrampton

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Avita Dos-Martires Lawrence ☩

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Monti Fernandez ☩

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.**  
 – All Toronto Diocesan Parish Councils CWL Members (SI)  
 – Miguel Medeira & Alexander Awdhan ☩  
 – Laura Clutchey & Mary Donnelly & Family

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Luigi Zanatta ☩

**Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.**

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Shirley Digby (SI)  
 – John Paul Jannetta & Roberto Franco ☩

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 GENEROUSLY

### Offertory:



February 15<sup>th</sup>: \$ 6,682.95

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 399, 443, 616, 620, 638, 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](mailto: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.*

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  
 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 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Church Hall*  
 Women aged 16 and over, please join us!

### CANADIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS ON BILL C-218: NO "MAID" FOR MENTAL ILLNESS

The Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) 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-CCCCB-PC-Support-of-Bill-C-218-2.pdf>

**LENTEN RETREAT:** Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> / 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](mailto:office@qoa.ca)



### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE Fall in Love Again! March 7-8<sup>th</sup>

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 → →  
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 Christian & Elizabeth Arroba, 416-554-4439  
 416-554-7062 / [christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org](mailto:christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org)



### Lift Jesus Higher Rally – No Greater Love ([www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca))

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – 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



### 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 21<sup>st</sup> / 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](mailto:boutiquecoachingconnections@gmail.com)



Dear Brothers and Sisters, I am inviting you to join me in a Lenten/Easter Retreat by taking a *Walk through the Mass*. In the upcoming months, I will speak about the parts of the Mass – these will be sermons and not necessarily homilies. In some of these I will focus on the parts of the Mass and not on the Sunday Readings. My hope is that we will all come to know more and more the gift that the Mass (Eucharist) is for us and for the World.

Many Saints have spoken about the gift that is the Mass (Eucharist). Here are but a few of them that speak about the great value of the Holy Mass:

**St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio):** *“It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass.”*



**St Thomas Aquinas:** *“The celebration of Holy Mass has the same value as the Death of Jesus on the Cross.”*

**St Alphonsus Liguori:** *“Even God Himself could do nothing holier, better, or greater than the Mass.”*

**St Bonaventure:** *“The Mass is a compendium of all God’s love, of all His benefits to men.”*

**St Jean Vianney (Cure d’Ars):**

*“If we knew the value of the Mass we would die of joy.”*

**St Carlo Acutis:** *“The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven.”*



**St Jean Vianney (Cure d’Ars):**

*“We should consider those moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament as the happiest of our lives.”* (This is the quote I plan to have for my funeral holy card.)

Please consider inviting family members, who do not go to mass on a regular basis, to join you for the next couple of months to join us on our *Walk through the Mass*. They might decline your invitation, but at least you would have tried and this is what *Evangelization* is all about.

Isn’t it?

**BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio**

*P.S. I will start my Walk through the Mass retreat on the weekend of March 1<sup>st</sup>.*



Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting.

*Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you?* If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997/ [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) / [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**LENTEN REFLECTION WITH SACRED ART** All are invited to attend an online Lenten reflection using works of sacred art and the *Via Matris*, led by Les Miller, author of *Northern Lights*.

**Wed Feb 25 from 7 to 8:30 pm**

There is no cost, but registration is required.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/LRSA-RegisterFeb2026>

CONTACT: [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org) or 437-900-4287



**WHAT ARE SERRA CLUBS?** We promote the priestly and consecrated life. Without priests, no Eucharist and the Sacraments. Here in the GTA, we co-host (with St Augustine’s Seminary) the Annual Ordinandi Dinner, hold the Annual Bishop’s Altar Servers Award ceremony, among many other Serra Club activities. Serra International is the only Association aggregated to the Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations instituted by Pope Pius XII. Hence, great spiritual benefits can be gained by being a Serra Club member. We meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month after the 9:15 am Mass at St Anne’s Church, 115 Vodden St. E., Brampton. Interested? Email [carlq7@gmail.com](mailto:carlq7@gmail.com) or call Carlos at 416-409-1384.



Catholic Charities’ first completed podcast series for 2026 is out! The *Insights and Encounters podcast* continues with its latest series, **VOICES OF FAITH: CONVERSATIONS ON PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY**, sharing meaningful stories of faith lived out in real life. This series brings together diverse voices, each offering a unique perspective on walking with God. Through personal stories, reflection, and honest conversation, we invite listeners to listen deeply, grow in understanding, and be encouraged by the many ways faith finds expression in our world today. <https://www.speaker.com/podcast/insights-and-encounters--6075902>

**MARY CENTRE** has hired a Parish Outreach Facilitator who is available to support adult individuals with a developmental disability and their families as they consider their future. The Centre has been offering support services for adults with developmental disabilities for over 35 years, including providing respite care and creating personalized programs to help them with Building a Good Life.

For more information, visit <https://www.marycentre.com/> or contact Dolly Ducepec at [dducepec@marycentre.com](mailto:dducepec@marycentre.com) or 416-630-5533. Mary Centre is a member agency of Catholic Charities and supported by ShareLife.

You are invited to a **TEACHING SEDER** organized by the Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto (CJDT), of which the Archdiocese of Toronto is a member. This is an opportunity for Christians to experience this Jewish ceremonial meal firsthand. This post-biblical tradition of a structured ritual meal tells the story of the Exodus through prayers, sacred readings, and ceremonial foods. The themes of freedom, redemption, and God’s saving grace create a profound experience for dialogue and fellowship between our faith communities.



**Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm** at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Register before Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>: [bit.ly/3NIAscn](http://bit.ly/3NIAscn). For information: [ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org) / 437-529-1765.

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