



Defender of the Faith
ST. JOHN FISHER
 CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

MARCH 1, 2026

2ND 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.

Knights of Columbus Council 10402:

Men 18+ / knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com

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Women 16+ / stjohnfishercwl2026@gmail.com

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Parish Website: www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, March 2nd - 9 a.m. – Santan Antao †
- Tuesday, March 3rd - 9 a.m. – Juliette Coelho †
- Wednesday, March 4th - 9 a.m. – Jeannette Morgan (SI)
 - James Andrade †
 - Nicasio Jasmin †
 - Avita Dos-Martires Lawrence †
- Thursday, March 5th - 9 a.m. – Stanley Kosteledki †
- Friday, March 6th - 9 a.m. – Santiago & Brigida Mendoza †
- Saturday, March 7th - 9 a.m. – Editha Dela Cruz †

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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. Please include:
 ①Name(s) ②Mailing Address ③Email Address ④Phone 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!

Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.
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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

WALK THROUGH THE MASS Series:  Fr Liborio will be giving a series of sermons on the Gift of the Mass. These sermons will be given during the homily period on the following Weekend Masses:

- Feb 28/Mar 1 – General Introduction to the Mass
- Mar 14/Mar 15 – Part One: Introductory Rites
- April 11/ Apr 12 – Part Two: Liturgy of the Word
- Apr 25/Apr 26 – Part Three: Liturgy of the Eucharist
- May 2/May 3 – Part Four: Concluding Rites

 **EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES FOR LENT**

- ◆Wed March 25th: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm
- ◆Thurs March 26th: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: We are inviting parishioners to help us decorate our church Sanctuary for Easter.  From **Sunday March 29th to Sat April 4th**, we invite you to bring your potted flowers of lilies, mums, hydrangeas, etc., to the church anytime. You can bring your flowers to the parish office or the sacristy. If you wish to donate these flowers on behalf of a loved one who has passed away, please include their name on a piece of paper and place it inside the potted plant donation. We thank you in advance for helping us make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter.

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HEROIC MEN 
A CALL TO BUILD UP HEROIC MEN OF FAITH THIS LENT
 Starting on March 1, the Heroic 30 Challenge kicks off – inviting men on a 31-day journey featuring a different daily motivational video from Catholic leaders. With a focus on prayer, the aim is to help bring God back into viewers' daily routines. The challenge was inspired by Calgary Bishop William McGrattan's encouragement to make March a month of renewal for men. Through the guidance of St Joseph, their vision is to form and strengthen men – encouraging them to embrace God's vocation in their lives. Topics will range from embracing fatherly protection and heroic protection to fortitude in adversity and prudence in decision-making.
heroicmen.org



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend I am starting a catechism series of our *Walk through the Mass*.

The Eucharist is, as the Second Vatican Council called it, the “*source and summit of the Christian life*”. I believe from the bottom of my heart that if we want to know, love and serve the Lord in this life, so that we can be with him in the next, we need to know, love and serve the Lord in the Eucharist. But sadly, many Catholics have no idea of the great *treasure* that is theirs in the Eucharist. If we come to know more and more about this *Sacred Liturgy* we call the Eucharist, I believe we will be able to know God. So, these catechetical sermons on the Mass are meant to strengthen our faith and belief in the **GREATEST TREASURE** we hold in our Catholic Church.

The Mass (Eucharist) can be divided into four main parts:

- ① The Introductory Rites
- ② The Liturgy of the Word
- ③ The Liturgy of the Eucharist
- ④ The Concluding Rites

This weekend I will focus on the general points of what we call the Mass.

When we gather together, here in the church of St John Fisher, we are making present the events of 2000 years ago in Jerusalem. These events are made present as REAL as they were in the time of Jesus. We are eyewitnesses to the Last Supper. We are standing at the foot of the cross as Jesus dies for us. We are present at the Resurrection. We become *eyewitnesses* to these events to an unbelieving world. The Eucharist is the *Everlasting Echo* that is heard in every ear of the *Believer*. When we attend mass on Sundays (or at the Saturday evening vigil), we fulfill the Third Commandment to *Keep the Sabbath Day Holy*.

Throughout the centuries the Mass has been celebrated in different locations, but its structure has basically remained the same as we celebrate it now. I think that is amazing – after 2000 years we are still celebrating the Mass as our brothers and sisters did. When we celebrate the Mass, we are just doing what Jesus commanded us to do at the Last Supper.

In the Early Church, Christians would go to the Synagogue on the Sabbath (Saturday) and on Sunday morning they would gather again to celebrate the Eucharist.

The Mass was first celebrated in people’s homes. (These homes would often be those of the rich because they would have the physical space to hold the Mass.)

These early Masses would be celebrated by the Apostles or their representatives (those who would later be identified as the Bishops of the church).

When it was dangerous to celebrate the Eucharist in public it was then celebrated in private (like the Catacombs in Rome).

In the early 4th century, the Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of Rome and with this Churches started to be built. In these new Churches, Altars would have bones of saints and martyrs. The Churches were constructed to represent the sacred place where heaven meets earth. Churches became a Catechesis for those who could not read or write, through its architectural design, paintings, statues, etc.

Much more could be said about the history of the Mass, but I hope this small historical reflection can help us appreciate all the more, the celebration of the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*.

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio



Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God’s Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister,

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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 4th 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 or call Carlos at 416-409-1384.

The Parish Outreach Facilitator at **MARY CENTRE** 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 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 23rd at 7 pm at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Register before Monday, March 9th: bit.ly/3NlAscN. For information: ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org / 437-529-1765.



☺**YOUR LENT JOKE FOR THE WEEK:** A man moved into a tiny town in Northern Ontario, walked into the pub and promptly ordered three beers. The bartender raised his eyebrows, but served the man three beers, which he drank quietly at a table, alone. The next evening the man again ordered and drank three beers at a time. Soon the entire town was whispering about the Man Who Orders Three Beers. Finally, a week later, the bartender broached the subject on behalf of the town. I DON’T MEAN TO PRY BUT FOLKS AROUND HERE ARE WONDERING WHY YOU ALWAYS ORDER THREE BEERS AND DRINK THEM ALONE? *I guess it’s a bit odd*, the man replied. *You see, I have two brothers. One lives in Ireland and the other in Australia. We promised each other that we would always order two extra beers, whenever we would partake, as a way of keeping up the family bond.* The bartender and the whole town were pleased with his answer and with his love for his family and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the town.

Recently, the man came in and ordered only two beers. The bartender served them with a heavy heart. Word flew around the town quickly. Prayers were offered for the soul of one of the brothers. The next day, the bartender said to the man, FOLKS AROUND HERE, ME FIRST OF ALL, WANT TO OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOU FOR THE DEATH OF YOUR BROTHER. The man thought for a moment then replied, *You’ll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It’s just that I gave up drinking for Lent.*



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