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**ST. JOHN FISHER**  
 CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

**MARCH 8, 2026**

**3<sup>RD</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.

**Knights of Columbus Council 10402:**

Men 18+ / [knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com)

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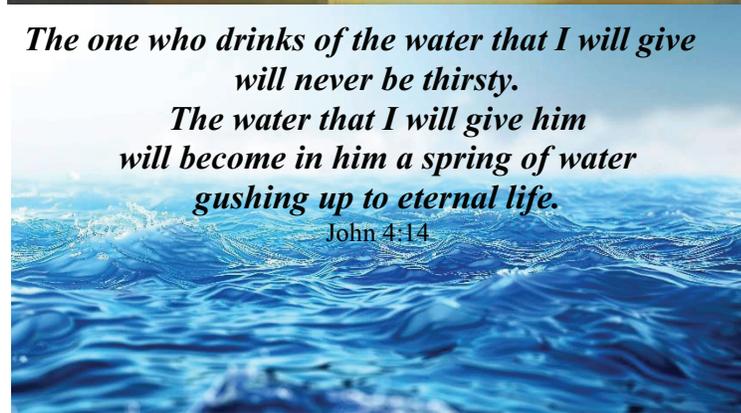
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*The one who drinks of the water that I will give  
 will never be thirsty.*

*The water that I will give him  
 will become in him a spring of water  
 gushing up to eternal life.*

John 4:14



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St. John Fisher / 330 Balmoral Dr / 905-793-8900  
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Artur Macedo ☩

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Joseph (SI)

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Adelino Garcia ☩  
– Jennifer Miles (SI)

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.** – Dion Balbesino ☩

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.**

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m.**

*Thank You*  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

#### Offertory:



February 28 <sup>th</sup> :	\$ 6,925.35
February Pre-Authorized Giving:	\$ 1,507.90
ShareLife:	\$ 350.00

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, 593, 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:  
**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.*

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

#### 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*  
Available to view on our parish website
- ◆ 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



#### FOOD DRIVE - MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup>

The Knights of Columbus Council 10402 will be holding a **Food Drive** in support of our St Vincent de Paul Society. We invite parishioners to bring in non-perishable food items on the weekend of March 21/22 and drop them off on the Altar (beside the Quiet Room). All donations support our local brothers and sisters in need!



#### EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES FOR LENT

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

The **Knights of Columbus, St John Fisher Council** will be hosting a **COMMUNITY LENTEN SOUP** on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm (after the Stations of the Cross). A modest vegetable soup will be served with buns, crackers, coffee, tea & water. Come out and gather with your community.  
***Our Knights would love to see!***

**FLOWERS FOR EASTER:** We are inviting parishioners to help us decorate our church Sanctuary for Easter. ***From Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> to Sat April 4<sup>th</sup>,*** 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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Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
On March 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have our first ShareLife Collection. Every year we have an opportunity to give what we can to those who are less fortunate and to help our young seminarians in their journey towards the priesthood.



This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ShareLife. Founded in 1976 by Archbishop Philip Pocock, ShareLife serves as the official annual charitable appeal for the Archdiocese of Toronto, rooted in Catholic social teaching to support the vulnerable and to respect and defend all life from the moment of conception until natural death. Over nearly 50 years, it has grown to fund over 40 agencies providing services to many brothers and sisters across the Archdiocese of Toronto.

**KEY HISTORICAL ASPECTS OF SHARELIFE:**

**Origins (1976):** Established by Archbishop Philip Pocock as a response to the need for supporting life at all stages and upholding human dignity.

**Mission & Evolution:** Originally created to support Catholic agencies, it has evolved into a major community-wide, faith-based fundraising effort.

**Funded Agencies:** Supports more than 40 agencies that provide services including, but not limited to, care for seniors, mental health support, services for people with disabilities, and assistance for refugees and families in crisis.

**Financial Impact:** In 2024, ShareLife reported helping thousands of individuals and families, and the 2025 campaign broke records by raising over 15.6 million.

**50th Anniversary:** In 2026, ShareLife is celebrating 50 years of *Living the Gospel* by supporting marginalized people across the Archdiocese of Toronto.

As we continue our Lenten Journey, I highly recommend that for those who can, to please support ShareLife with your financial gifts. One of the three Pillars of Lent (i.e. Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving) is to give of our abundance to those who need our help in Almsgiving. ShareLife is a wonderful way to fulfill this Pillar during Lent. I have decided to give at least \$10 for every year the Lord has given me. So, if the Lord wants me to give more money to ShareLife, He will keep me alive ☺ – and as long as I am financially able, I will continue to give to ShareLife. I invite you to consider giving to ShareLife this year. How much should you give? This is something that you should take to prayer and ask the Lord what you should give – He will let you know and I ask that you be open to what He tells you to give.

**BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio**

 *“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.”* Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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)



**THIS LENT, YOU ARE LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SUPPORTING SHARELIFE:**

Lent is a time to open our hearts, to see Christ in those who suffer and to respond with love. When someone in our parish community is struggling - grieving, alone, unsure of where to turn - your gift can transform their life. By supporting ShareLife, you can reach more people, lift more burdens, and remind our brothers and sisters that they are not alone.



*The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22.*

**Our parish goal this year is \$49,000.**

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

This weekend, our Seminarian Alessandro Sousa will be speaking about ShareLife at all masses, and how it is helping him in his journey in becoming a priest.

**SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION:** One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate these and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St Augustine’s Seminary, The Shepherd’s Trust and many others. You can find all the information and forms you will need here:



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