



Defender of the Faith
ST. JOHN FISHER
 CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

MARCH 22, 2026

5TH 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+ / knightsforcolumbus10402@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League:

Women 16+ / stjohnfishercwl2026@gmail.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com



Winning English poster by Alexa, grade 7 student from St. Edward CES, YCDSB

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

Parish Telephone: 905-793-6610 / Fax: 905-793-7721

Parish Website: www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org

Parish Email: stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org

Parish Instagram: StJohnFisherBrampton

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 23rd - 9 a.m.

– Deceased Members of the Cahan & Clutchee Families ☩

Tuesday, March 24th - 9 a.m.

Wednesday, March 25th - 9 a.m. – ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD

Thursday, March 26th - 9 a.m. – Alice Andal Romano ☩

Friday, March 27th - 9 a.m. – Joyce Rosario ☩

Saturday, March 28th - 9 a.m. – Alice Andal Romano ☩

- Brian Dubier ☩
- Winifred O’Keefe ☩
- Braedan Wilson ☩
- May Margaret Divers ☩

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Offertory:



March 15th: \$ 5,514.90

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
75, 399, 443, 616, 620, 638

please contact the office. We need your information
(name, address, telephone, email) for our records.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS application period is now open for a full array of Scholarships and nominations for Community Service Awards. Each scholarship will be granted in an amount of up to \$5,000 and is open to applicants living, studying or working within the Archdiocese of Toronto. Each Community Service Award will recognize achievement in the human services sector and meaningful service to a local community within the Archdiocese of Toronto, with a \$1,000 award.

For all details go to: <https://ccat.ca/scholarships-and-awards/>.
Deadline for all scholarships and awards is April 30, 2026.



SHARELIFE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

SHARELIFE SUNDAY IS THIS WEEKEND:

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Special collections will be taking place. 2026 marks 50 years since Archbishop Philip Pocock made a bold and compassionate decision that would shape our community for generations: the founding of ShareLife. Building on a legacy of charitable giving in the Archdiocese of Toronto that stretches back to 1927, Archbishop Pocock launched ShareLife in 1976—an appeal rooted in the belief that every life matters, at every stage. Today, his vision lives on through more than 40 ShareLife-funded agencies providing unconditional care to people in need—regardless of religion, background, or circumstance and through people like you who make their work happen.

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.



Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.

www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org StJohnFisherBrampton



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

FOOD DRIVE – THIS WEEKEND!

The Knights of Columbus Council 10402 is holding a **Food Drive** in support of our St Vincent de Paul Society.



We invite parishioners to bring in non-perishable food items this weekend 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 25th: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm
- ◆ Thurs March 26th: 10 am-12 pm and 6-8 pm

Lenten

Soup
&
Fellowship



The *Knights of Columbus, St John Fisher Council*

will be hosting a **COMMUNITY LENTEN SOUP** on Friday, March 27th 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 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.

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

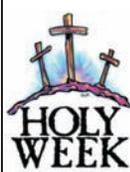
◆ Mar 14/Mar 15 – *Part One: Introductory Rites*

◆ 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*

The complete schedule for Holy Week is available on the parish website and Instagram account.



- ▶ Palm Sunday Vigil: Sat March 28 @ 5 pm
- ▶ Palm Sunday: March 29 @ 9 am, 10:30 am & 12 pm
- ▶ Holy Thursday: April 2 @ 7:30 pm
- ▶ Good Friday: April 3 @ 3 pm
- ▶ Easter Vigil: Sat April 4 @ 8 pm
- ▶ Easter Sunday: April 5 @ 9 am, 10:30 am & 12 pm



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, the Financial Report to the Faithful for the 2025 fiscal year is in our bulletin. As you know, we have completed a number of projects that were needed this past year. Our Office is renovated and it has now become very functional and welcoming. We also paved our parking lot with the school board and I believe you would agree that it looks beautiful (that's if we can say a parking lot is ever beautiful ☺). Recently we installed our new Parish Sign and it has become a beautiful tool to evangelize. If you have any suggestions of short sayings or jokes (they need to be clean of course) then please pass them on to us.

There are still a number of projects that parishioners would like to have completed. One of the top items is to renovate our washrooms to make them accessible to our full community of the faithful including those with accessibility issues. There is also the desire to renovate the parish hall so that it can be more welcoming and functional for the needs of today. We would like to add a multi-media setup so that we can have *Family Movie Nights*, and sports viewing events like the *Toronto Blue Jays series games* and *Toronto Maple Leaf's Stanley Cup games* - Oops, that is just wishful thinking on my part ☺.

I have also expressed the need to hire a parish *Pastoral Assistant* who could help me with the many programs we would love to start up like a Youth Group, Social Committee, Fellowship Sunday Committee, etc. Our parish is too small to have an Associate Pastor, so this role would be a wonderful gift to the parish.

As you can see, there is still much for us to do as we continue our daily walk with the Lord.

All that we have completed would not be possible without your weekly financial support. If we are to move forward with other parish initiatives we will continue to need your financial support. I am sure that you will continue to give as you have been giving and for this, I greatly thank you.

My Finance Council and I would like to thank each and every one of you who have donated to the church this past year. I pray that all of you may continue to feel that our St John Fisher Parish is alive and living out its mission to spread the Good News. Please continue to give what you can and if you are able to increase your weekly donations even by a dollar, that would be a great help and allow us to work all the more on the needs and wishes of parishioners.

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? 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 / www.vocationstoronto.ca

HIGH SCHOOL COME & SEE DAY RETREAT

Saturday, March 28th – 9 am – 3 pm

The Office of Vocations (St Augustine's Seminary) is hosting a high school day retreat for high school men, in grades 11 & 12. This retreat is designed to help young men cultivate a deeper prayer life & relationship with the Lord. Seminarians will offer reflections on practical aspects of faith. This retreat will offer opportunities for communal prayer, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & socializing. Lunch will be provided.

Register online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomeesee.
For more info, contact: vocations@archtoronto.org

ST JOHN FISHER PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1 - December 31, 2025 (with 2024 comparatives)

RECEIPTS	2025	2024
Offerstory Collection	355,197.99	290,411.08
Christmas & Easter	21,818.00	15,250.85
Other Parish Collections	10,000.65	6,421.10
Baptisms / Funerals / Marriages	4,700.00	5,475.00
Mass Offerings / Intentions	8,035.00	7,886.00
Building Fund Donations	77,759.76	65,241.57
Article Sales: missals/ votive candles	21,815.45	13,811.81
Other Receipts, incl HST Rebate	64,507.77	37,063.63
Rental & Interest Revenue	1,544.29	2,359.46
KOC / CWL Contributions	16,500.00	34,100.00
Special Diocesan Collections, incl ShareLife	66,381.35	52,658.00
Insurance Claim Receipts	152,493.69	0.00
Chancery Investments Redeemed	90,087.35	0.00
Chancery Family of Faith Fund Redeemed	7,062.34	0.00
Government Grants	7,500.00	0.00
New Other Loan	100,128.41	0.00
Total Receipts	1,005,532.05	530,678.50

EXPENDITURES	2025	2024
Payroll Expenses	169,791.54	172,851.08
Church Operating Expenses	12,122.71	15,381.79
Property Insurance & Utilities	25,695.72	34,881.63
Property Maintenance & Repairs	136,843.19	35,410.70
Mass, Liturgy, Choir Expenses	23,149.74	11,429.95
Rectory & Hall Expenses	11,362.45	20,114.19
Articles for Resale	11,157.70	2,758.16
Other Disbursements, incl HST Paid	58,619.02	39,595.59
Archdiocesan Assessments	76,821.00	51,829.00
Disbursement of Diocesan Collections	66,511.35	52,388.00
Property Additions / Restorations	359,133.02	59,974.04
Furnishings / Equipment	3,909.79	2,884.79
Chancery / Family of Faith Invested/Reinvested	90,228.42	203.06
Government Grant Payment	7,484.20	6,501.79
Principal Loan Repayments	0.00	70,438.91
Interest Payments on Loans	0.00	1,920.52
Total Expenditures	1,052,829.85	578,563.20

NET CHANGE	-47,297.80	-47,884.70
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Supplemental Information:

Opening Cash Balance	131,575.39	179,460.09
Closing Cash Balance	84,277.59	131,575.39
Outstanding Loans at Dec 31	100,128.41	0.00

Major Expenditures this year included:

- ◆ New speakers and microphones for church
- ◆ Parking lot and retaining wall repairs
- ◆ Office renovations
- ◆ Electrical and flooding repairs offset by insurance proceeds
- ◆ New sign for front of Church – to complete in 2026

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says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.**
(John 11: 25, 26)

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