



Defender of the Faith
ST. JOHN FISHER
 CATHOLIC CHURCH



300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

MAY 3, 2026

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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:

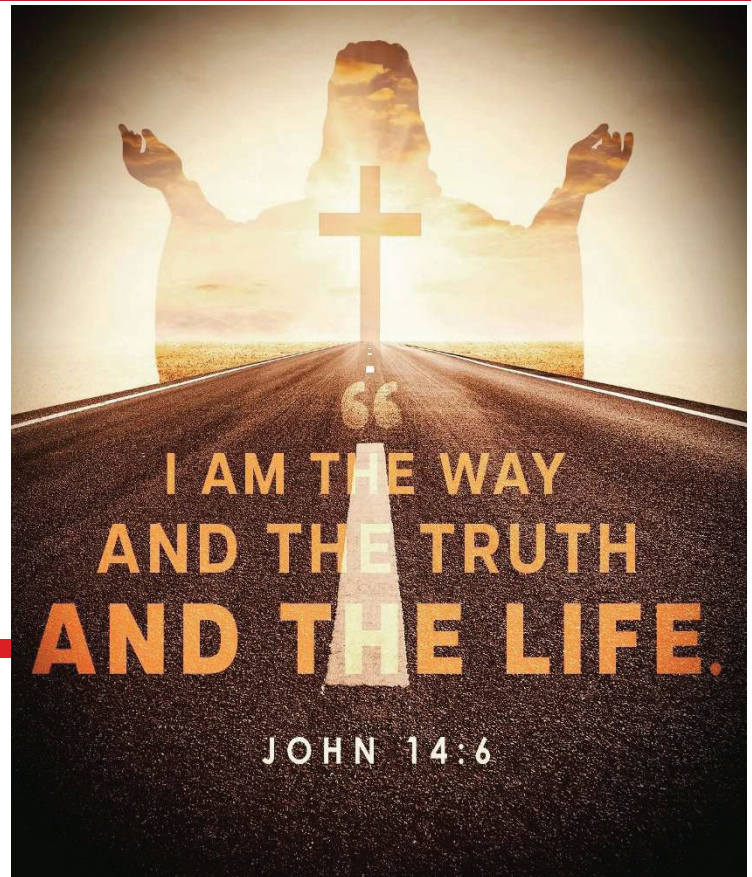
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I am the true vine and
 you are the branches, says the Lord.
 Whoever remains in me,
 and I in him,
 bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia.

John 15:1,5



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
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Parish Website: www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 4th - 9 a.m. – Sheila Francis ☩
Tuesday, May 5th - 9 a.m. – Fr Henry Hall & Fr Joseph Spigalon ☩
Wednesday, May 6th - 9 a.m. – Cynthia De Leon ☩ – Richard “Dick” Armstrong ☩
Thursday, May 7th - 9 a.m.
Friday, May 8th - 9 a.m. – Lucrezia & Joe Sgro ☩
Saturday, May 9th - 9 a.m. – Concepcion & Eusebio Pasamonte ☩ – May Margaret Divers ☩

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Offertory:



April 26th: \$ 5,095.65
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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.***

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Thus far we have raised \$29,787.60 toward our goal of \$49,000.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



“The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these...”

Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you,

Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto
416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.
www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org StJohnFisherBrampton



PACZKI/DONUT FUNDRAISER

Paczki are traditional Polish donuts, filled with custard, plum or raspberry filling. \$2 each. Pick up your donut(s) after all Masses next weekend.



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*
Available to view on our parish website
- ◆ 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*

HELP NOT HARM: TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT BILL C-218 WRITE YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TODAY!

Cardinal Leo wrote to Prime Minister Carney and all federal Members of Parliament (MPs) in the Archdiocese of Toronto asking for their support of Bill C-218 and decrying the rapid expansion of euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada. Bill C-218 is a private members’ bill currently before Parliament that would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

The letters from His Eminence are closely aligned with the Help Not Harm campaign currently underway in the archdiocese and throughout Canada. Catholics are asked to contact their Member of Parliament and asking them to support Bill C-218. A vote on the legislation is expected by late May or early June 2026.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/ko/outreach/news/archdiocesan/cardinal-leo-writes-to-prime-minister-mps--i-ask-you-to-choose-life/>

Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

BIRTHRIGHT BRAMPTON BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Birthright Brampton’s Annual Baby Bottle Campaign is their main fundraiser. Please take a few moments to sign out a bottle today after mass and take it home so you can fill it with coins, bills or cheques (payable to Birthright Brampton) and return it on June 6th/7th.

Tax receipts will be issued for any donation of \$30 or more.

Credit card donations can be made at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/birthright-brampton/>

Please help save the lives of babies by supporting this main fundraiser for Birthright Brampton. Please return Baby bottles on June 6th/7th.

On **Saturday, May 9th at 10 am**, four men will be ordained to the priesthood with the **Sacrament of Holy Orders** to serve the faithful through parish ministry in our archdiocese. Please pray for the **Class of 2026**, and all those priests who serve faithfully each day, as well as our retired priests and the many religious women serving throughout our faith community. We also invite you to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Mass of Ordination will take place at St Michael’s Cathedral Basilica in downtown Toronto. You can watch online. <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we look at the fourth and final part of the Mass called *The Concluding Rites*.

After we have received the precious body of Christ, we take time to dwell in His sacred presence in us. When you return to your pew, try to concentrate on what you have just received and not on the communion procession and what others are doing as they approach the altar of the Lord. This is a very sacred moment for you. If you received communion, recognize that you have God in you in the most unique and real way. Pray that you *may become what you eat*. If you have come forward for a blessing, do likewise and sense the Lord's presence in your heart... for He is there.

After a period of silence, we stand together to conclude our celebration.

The Concluding Rites can be broken into the following parts:

▶ **Prayer after Communion:** As with the Opening prayer (Collect), the presider invites us to enter into prayer (i.e. *Let us pray*). As with the opening prayer we are given a short time to offer our personal prayer to the Lord. The presider then offers one prayer which sums up all our personal prayers.

▶ **Parish Announcements:** This is the time when any announcements that affect the parish community are given. At times there is a need to have a person come forward to present the announcement in form of a short presentation or speech. The hope is that these announcements are not made from the *Ambo*, but from a different location. The *Ambo* should remain exclusively for the purpose of the *Liturgy of the Word*. In our Church we have a lectern that is specifically used for announcements.

▶ **Final Blessing:** After the announcements, the congregation is given a blessing in the name of the Triune God (i.e. *The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit*). We take this *blessing* with us as we move from our Eucharistic gathering to our homes, workplaces and schools.

▶ **Dismissal:** The Presider (and the deacon if one is present) dismisses us to go forward and live what we have celebrated together in this Eucharistic banquet of Love. The Mass officially concludes with this Dismissal.

▶ **Concluding Procession:** Although the concluding Procession is not officially part of the Mass, yet we are encouraged to remain in our pews, allowing the procession to exit. If there is a *concluding hymn* we should support the choir with our voices. A good number of parishioners remain in their pews and offer private *prayers of praise and thanksgiving* for what they have celebrated in common. We should be aware of this when we are leaving church – try to keep your conversations low in tone. But at the same time those who wish to remain and make their private prayers of thanksgiving should also be sensitive to the reality that after *mass people like to connect* with other parishioners – this too is important for the community to recognize that it is a family in Christ.

This concludes our catechetical series on the parts of the Mass. I pray that my writings have helped you to appreciate and understand all the more, what we do and why we do what we do in the celebration of the Mass.

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Fr. Liborio



29th National March for Life **Thurs May 14th** in Ottawa

The day begins with Mass at St Leonard's church at 5:45 am.

The bus will leave right after Mass and return at about 9 pm.

This event is organized by the Knights of Columbus and sponsored by St Leonard's Parish. Tickets for the bus are \$45 (non-refundable) and can be purchased at the parish office (905-846-5385). Please call ahead.

Need more Info? Joe: 647-281-9212 / joeresendes19@gmail.com

MONTH OF MAY TO MARY: May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.



"Blessed be your purity and eternally will it be, for all God is recreated in such a graceful beauty. To you Heavenly Princess, the Blessed Virgin Mary, I offer you from this day, soul, life and heart. Look at me with compassion, don't leave me, my mother. Amen." Traditional Spanish Marian Prayer

NATIONAL HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK: May 3-7

This is a national initiative to celebrate and highlight the incredible work being done to provide quality hospice palliative care across the country, while also calling for better access to this care in every community and in every setting.

<https://www.chpca.ca/awareness/national-hospice-palliative-care-week/>

The **Catholic Women's League of Canada** invites faith communities to participate in *12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care*. This initiative offers resources for parishes and individuals to pray for greater access to, and awareness of, quality palliative care. <https://www.cwl.ca/event/national-hospice-palliative-care-week/>

Registration is open for **A DAY WITH MARY** on Saturday, May 30th at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for the adults and children's catechesis for the kids.



You must register for this FREE event. <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>.

More info on the event: <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>

Our Catholic Women's League has organized a school bus for the day. Cost of bus: **\$15** per head, non-refundable.

Leaving St John Fisher @ 9 am. Returning @ 5 pm

To register for the bus, contact:

Mary Reghelini 416-882-7330 / regelinisweety@hotmail.com

Zelia Cooper 416-937-2525 / cooperzel@gmail.com

Cristina Hain 647-942-4293 / cristina12674@gmail.com

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST Join our Mary, Cause of our Joy, (Toronto Chapter) for our 52nd Magnificat Breakfast.



Treat your mother, sister, colleague or friend to an inspirational morning that includes a hot breakfast, praise and worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry, and a personal testimony of the transforming love of Christ in the life of an invited speaker. Priests are available for women wishing to avail themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Saturday May 30th / 9:30 am - 12:30 pm / Doors open at 9 am

St Benedict Parish Hall, 2194 Kipling Ave. Etobicoke, ON

Guest Speaker: Rachel Martinez / \$35

▶ Register Online and pay by Credit & Debit (service fee applies)

<https://www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat-breakfast> or

▶ Register & pay by mail. Cheque payable to Magnificat. Magnificat, c/o 11 Watercliffe Rd, Etobicoke, M9W 4E5.

Don't forget to include your name, address, phone number, email and full name of other guests you are registering.

Questions? Kathy: 647-969-9352 or magnificat.toronto.chapter@gmail.com



Saturday, May 23rd Come out to be a voice for the voiceless in Canada's largest city! Join hundreds of other pro-lifers to stand up for the rights of our youngest neighbours in the womb. Gathering rally at 10 am, and then a march through downtown Toronto. Workshops will follow at 1:30 pm.

Registration is required for the workshops. torontomarchforlife.ca

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