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MAY 10, 2026

6TH 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:

Men 18+ / knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League:

Women 16+ / stjohnfishercwl2026@gmail.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com



If you love me, keep my commandments,
 says the Lord,
 and I will ask the Father
 and he will send you another Paraclete,
 to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

John 14:15-16

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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 11 th - 9 a.m. – Adelino Garcia †
Tuesday, May 12 th - 9 a.m. – Rory Quinn †
Wednesday, May 13 th - 9 a.m. – Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday, May 14 th - 9 a.m. – Emily & Youssef Sawaya †
Friday, May 15 th - 9 a.m. – Eduardo Dela Cruz †
Saturday, May 16 th - 9 a.m. – Gerty D'Souza † – Mary Rose Nanes Alzate † – Jean Lefko † – Daniel (Danny) Ferrao †

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Offertory:



May 3 rd :	\$ 6,254.45
Building fund	
(includes \$13,500 from our Knights of Columbus):	\$ 13,855.00
April Pre-Authorized Giving:	\$ 1,807.62
April DonateNow:	\$ 2,701.22

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, 636, 638 please contact the office. We need your information (name, address, telephone, email) for our records.



THROUGH SHARELIFE, YOU ARE THE LIGHT IN

SOMEONE'S DARKEST MOMENT: Sarah arrived at the doors of one of the Catholic Family Services agencies you support through ShareLife on a desperate afternoon with her baby cradled tightly against her chest. Fleeing an abusive home, she had nothing but the clothes on her back and a fragile hope that someone might help. Because of your generous spirit, Sarah and her baby found the safety they so desperately needed when shelters were overwhelmed.

Your kindness provided the essentials to care for her baby, the counselling to begin healing, and the support to rebuild their lives. Now she and her baby are safe, cared for, and starting to look toward a brighter future. Yet, domestic violence is on the rise and countless others like Sarah are still in need. Your compassion has the power to change many more lives. It is because of people like you that their stories do not end in fear but begin again with love.

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.



Sign Up to receive the Weekly Bulletin and other special alerts emailed directly to your inbox.

<https://stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/>



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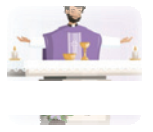
Don't forget to pick up your Paczki (Donuts) this weekend after all masses. Thank you for your support!



WALK THROUGH THE MASS Series:

Watch Fr Liborio's series of sermons on the Gift of the Mass on our website.

- 1 General Introduction to the Mass
- 2 Introductory Rites
- 3 Liturgy of the Word
- 4 Liturgy of the Eucharist
- 5 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.

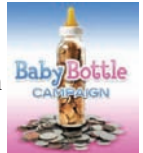
BIRTHRIGHT BRAMPTON BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Happy Mothers' Day! Birthright Brampton welcomes women facing unplanned and/or challenging pregnancies, regardless of age, race, religion, marital status or financial situation. All services are free, non-judgmental and confidential. We do not receive any government funding because of our Pro-Life status.

Our philosophy is *"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth...and the right of every child to be born."* 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.



The Lord said, *"I will not leave you orphaned."*

Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. If God is calling you, Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca

FUNDAMENTALS TO WORKING AS A STAFF PARISH YOUTH MINISTER / Saturday May 23rd from 9:30 am – 12 pm

Location TBD depending on geography of interested attendees

This workshop is designed for those across the archdiocese who are discerning or wanting more information about the fundamental expectations and responsibilities of this role.

Register by contacting: John MacMullen at the Office of Catholic Youth @ jmacmullen@archtoronto.org / 416-599-7676

Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.

www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org StJohnFisherBrampton





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate **Motherhood** and this motherhood can be understood in its multilayered expression of love.

We all have our physical mothers who said yes to the gift of **LIFE** in their wombs. These mothers of ours experienced possible mood swings and morning sicknesses, etc. They said yes to us. So, to all our mothers who gave us life, let us say a prayer on this day and ask the Lord to be gracious to them. To those mothers who are still living, may God give them peace, comfort and joy in their years and to those mothers who have passed away, may God grant them eternal peace where we hope to see them again one day in the love of God's presence.

We also know that there are mothers who have taken on the role of motherhood through adoption or through marriage. These mothers have not given us physical life, but they too have said yes to us and have taken us into their hearts (instead of their wombs). How precious this gift of adoption becomes to a child who seeks to know the love of a mother.

Then there are the mothers who have taken us on through spiritual adoption. Yes, there are a good number of women who have not been able to give birth physically or had the opportunity to adopt – these have taken on the role of being *spiritual mothers* to those children who have had no mothers. This adoption is always unknown to the mothers and the children for whom they pray, but I believe there will be a day (i.e. in Heaven) when these *praying mothers* will encounter souls who will come up to them and say, *“Thank you, mother, for praying for me while I was walking the earth, because I felt your prayers supporting me throughout my life.”* We should not forget these wonderful spiritual mothers.

Lastly, let us remember the two Mothers who are always present to us and strengthens us – Our Mother the Church and Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!!

Fr Liborio (the proud son of Maria da Gloria Cunha Tavares Amaral)

P.S. On this Mother's Day, I leave you with a beautiful story that makes us think about our life beyond this world and how God is present and always us.

In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: *Do you believe in life after delivery?* The other replied, **WHY, OF COURSE. THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING AFTER DELIVERY.**

MAYBE WE ARE HERE TO PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WHAT WE WILL BE LATER.

Nonsense, said the first. *There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?*

The second said, **I DON'T KNOW, BUT THERE WILL BE MORE LIGHT THAN HERE. MAYBE WE WILL WALK WITH OUR LEGS AND EAT FROM OUR MOUTHS. MAYBE WE WILL HAVE OTHER SENSES THAT WE CAN'T UNDERSTAND NOW."**

The first replied, *That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need, but the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded.*

The second insisted, **WELL I THINK THERE IS SOMETHING AND MAYBE IT'S DIFFERENT THAN IT IS HERE. MAYBE WE WON'T NEED THIS PHYSICAL CORD ANYMORE.**

The first replied, *Nonsense. And moreover, if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere.*

WELL, I DON'T KNOW, said the second, BUT CERTAINLY WE WILL MEET MOTHER AND SHE WILL TAKE CARE OF US.

The first replied *Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?"*

The second said, **SHE IS ALL AROUND US. WE ARE SURROUNDED BY HER. WE ARE OF HER. IT IS IN HER THAT WE LIVE. WITHOUT HER THIS WORLD WOULD NOT AND COULD NOT EXIST.**

Said the first: *Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist.*

To which the second replied, **SOMETIMES, WHEN YOU'RE IN SILENCE AND YOU FOCUS AND LISTEN, YOU CAN PERCEIVE HER PRESENCE, AND YOU CAN HEAR HER LOVING VOICE, CALLING DOWN FROM ABOVE.**

LET US PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS:

On Saturday May 9th, four men were ordained to the Priesthood for service in the Archdiocese of Toronto.



They begin their ministry on June 24th as Associate Pastors:

- ◆ *Rev Matthew Tuanquin Tulio*: St Patrick's Parish, Mississauga
- ◆ *Rev Moonjun Alphonse Choi*: Merciful Redeemer Parish, Mississauga
- ◆ *Rev Victor Valdés*: Blessed Trinity Parish, Toronto
- ◆ *Rev Matteo Bertozzi*: St Wilfrid's Parish, North York

Please pray for our newly ordained priests that the Lord may strengthen them in their new ministry of service to the people of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

May our Lady protect them with her motherly mantle of love. Amen.

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

TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE Saturday, May 23rd 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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MARTYRS' SHRINE CENTENNIAL GALA Wed June 3 / 5:30-10 pm
Bellvue Manor (8083 Jane St, Vaughan) \$200

The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs has been serving millions of pilgrims for the past 100 years and continues to raise funds for the revitalization of the church & grounds. His Excellency Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic, The Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, will attend the evening filled with 4 interactive themed displays, performances, and sample appetizers from different eras and concludes with an elegant dinner. <https://martyrs-shrine.com/centennial-celebration>



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