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MAY 17, 2026

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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:

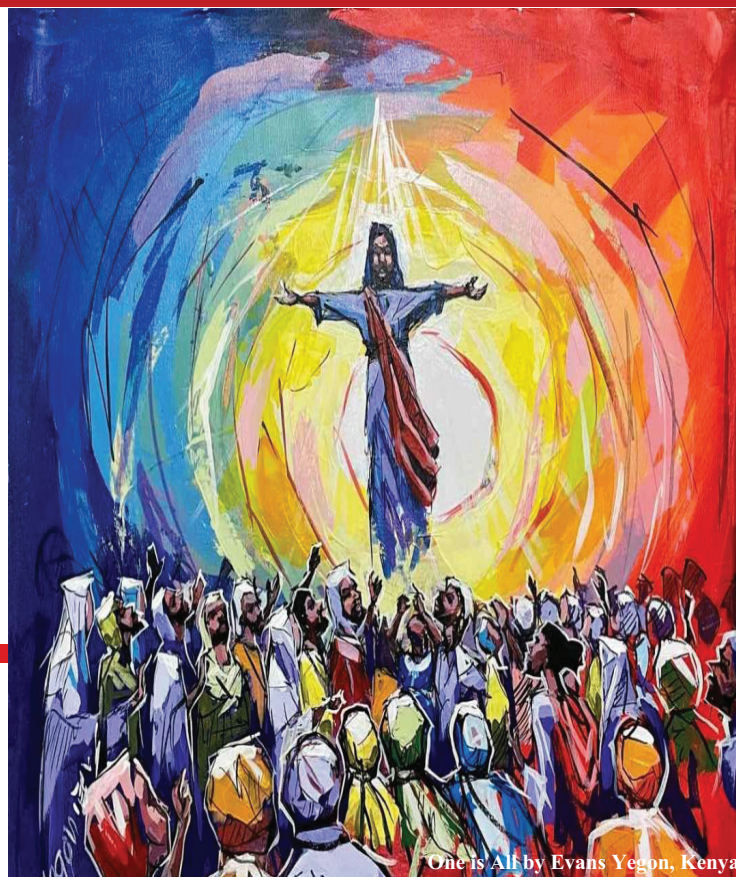
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905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssyp@gmail.com



One is All by Evans Yegon, Kenya

Men of Galilee,
 why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
 This Jesus whom you saw ascending
 into heaven will return as you saw him go,
 Alleluia.
Acts 1:11

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 18th - 9 a.m. – David Miles †
Tuesday, May 19th - 9 a.m. – Bert Ungab †
Wednesday, May 20th - 9 a.m. – Sister Mary Collette Mischniewicz & Sister Mary Camille Bet † – Vicente Quilantang & Abbie Adese † – June Emmanuel †
Thursday, May 21st - 9 a.m. – James Kennedy †
Friday, May 22nd - 9 a.m. – Joseph Kolodziejczyk †
Saturday, May 23rd - 9 a.m. – Gerty D'Souza † – Uncle Jules Fernandes † – Richard "Dick" Armstrong † – Mary Rose Nanes Alzate †

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Offertory:

May 10th: \$ 6,623.20

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

THROUGH SHARELIFE, YOU SUPPORT HUMAN CONNECTION: On the 60th World Day of Social Communication, we are invited to pause and connect with each other—for the Church, for the world, and for the future we are helping to shape together. In this moment, one truth remains clear: the Church endures because of the strength and love of parishioners like you.

Your support of ShareLife supports human connection across the world, making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in our community and beyond—funding more than 40 agencies, which help children and youth, families in crisis, seniors, immigrants and refugees, people with special needs, international development and missions, and vocations.

The third ShareLife Sunday is May 31.

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/>

Visit our website regularly to stay up to date.
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REMINDER: The office will be closed Monday, May 18th for Victoria Day and will reopen on Tuesday, May 19th at 9:30 am.

A DAY WITH MARY Sat May 30th at Villanova College (King City)
If you have reserved a seat on the school bus that has been organized by our Catholic Women's League, you can pay the \$15 cost by e-transfer to: cooperzel@gmail.com.
Bus leaves St John Fisher @ 9 am & returns @ 5 pm.

This weekend, there will be a **second collection** for the **POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS**. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. This collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

FLOWERS FOR PENTECOST

Pentecost is next weekend (May 23/24).
If you would like to donate some flowers to decorate our Sanctuary for the Feast of Pentecost, please bring your flowers (preferable red) to the church or office before Friday May 22nd. Thank you!

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

BIRTHRIGHT BRAMPTON BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Birthright Brampton has been in operation for over 29 years and is fully staffed by dedicated volunteers. We are currently assisting well over 700 moms. Last year we welcomed 317 babies (11 sets of twins and 1 set of triplets). Some of the challenges that our moms face are financial hardship, abusive relationships, mental health, addictions, refugees, newcomers and human trafficking to name a few. Please help us to help mothers **CHOOSE LIFE** for their unborn child! 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.

What some Saints say about the Ascension of Our Lord:

ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO: No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven... For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him.

POPE ST LEO THE GREAT: The Ascension is not only about Our Lord's Divinity ascending into Heaven, but also about our humanity being admitted to seat itself at the Right Hand of the Father in Heaven!

ST JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA: When we meditate on the Ascension, we should humbly ask God, to give us the grace, to strip ourselves of our sins and defects. Then we shall be able to fly towards Him with love and hope.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
This weekend our younger brothers and sisters, who have been preparing to receive our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist for the first time, will be celebrating this sacred moment in their lives.

I wonder how many of us have memories of our first communion? In my case, I was able to receive my first communion at the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland. I recall that it was a wonderful sunny Sunday and my uncle, Fr Liborio Tavares, came to celebrate a private mass with my cousins. Because it was a family outing and it was hot that day, I did not wear the typical suit with the arm ribbon. That's right, I did not have a suit and tie and was not wearing black shoes – from my limited recollection, I was wearing your normal summer outfit. I think I was wearing shorts and a nice comfortable shirt (it might have even been white, but I cannot recall).

What I do vividly recall from my first communion long ago was my 3-year-old cousin Michael (whom we called Mikey), making a big scene that he too wanted to receive communion. It got so bad that my uncle (Fr Liborio Tavares) had to give him an unconsecrated host for him to quiet down. Like my cousin Mikey, we should also desire to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Let us pray for our young brothers and sisters who will be receiving their First Communion this Sunday afternoon, that they may continue to desire to receive our Blessed Lord every Sunday.

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Fr Liborio



Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life,

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



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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PROTECT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT BILL C-218

Every human life is a sacred gift from God. We are called to accompany those who suffer, to uphold their dignity, and to ensure they receive authentic care, compassion and hope. Mental illness requires treatment, support and love – never abandonment or the offer of death. Many of us know someone living with mental illness – a family member, friend, neighbour, or colleague. At this critical moment, let us raise our voices in faithful witness to the Gospel of life.

You are invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to quickly and respectfully contact your federal Member of Parliament, urging them to support Bill C-218. This legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

Without this amendment, MAiD will be available for mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

<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.



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? Contact Carlos: carlq7@gmail.com or 416-409-1384

A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL TO OUR CHURCH is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan. Bequests are NOT just for the wealthy! Consider including your parish or any of the archdiocesan charities or departments in your Will. Let your Will reflect your Catholic values. We have a free estate planning guide to help you make your plan. The Archdiocese of Toronto also maintains a list of advisors across the GTA who are available to assist in your estate planning and the preparation of a Will. Please contact us at Development@archtoronto.org for a list of Catholic estate advisors in your area. Remember about the importance of using the correct legal names when arranging bequests or other planned gifts.

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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