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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



**I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you.**

John 13:34

Toronto Vocations Office

Fr. David Twaddle, 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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Parish Telephone: 905-793-6610 / Fax: 905-793-7721

Parish Website: www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org

Parish Email: stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org

Parish Instagram: StJohnFisherBrampton



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 14th - 9 a.m.

– Charlie Clutchev & John Kukkula ☩

Tuesday, September 15th - 9 a.m. – Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday, September 16th - 9 a.m. – The Rosary Apostolate (SI)

Thursday, September 17th - 9 a.m.

Friday, September 18th - 9 a.m. – Marcelina Toralba ☩

Saturday, September 19th - 9 a.m. – Shirley Digby ☩
– Emily & Youssef Sawaya ☩
– Kinyuy Tanjo Paul ☩

Thank You
FOR
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GENEROUSLY

Offertory:



September 6th: \$ 6,084.10

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



We have raised \$51,968.45 for ShareLife.

This is 106% of our parish goal of \$49,000!

You may still donate by using a ShareLife envelope at the parish, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



SO LONG SUMMER, HELLO FALL PARISH BBQ

Sunday, September 20th at 1 pm

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus & the Catholic Women's League

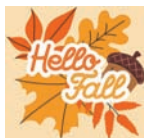


Join your fellow parishioners on the field behind the Church for burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers & refreshments. This FREE event will include activities & music. Rain or Shine.

Activities will move to the Parish Hall in case of bad weather. The only thing you need to do is SIGN UP so that enough food will be available.

Sign up this weekend. Please let us know how many family members will be attending.

Hope to see you there!



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.

www.stjohnfisherbr.archtoronto.org StJohnFisherBrampton



St John Fisher Parish is seeking a full-time **Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA)** to be responsible for initiating new ministries which will be prioritized by the Pastor and his Pastoral Council. This full-time (35 hours per week) role will primarily involve being present at the parish and will require availability to work some evenings and weekends. If you know of someone who would be a good fit for this position, please spread the word! Find out more details and how to apply in the job posting linked below:

https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/offices--ministries/administrative-offices/human-resources/files/2026-p-55_lpa_st-john-fisher-church_august-2026.pdf

MANDATORY INFORMATION MEETING REGARDING THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

For those families with children wanting to receive the sacraments of *First Reconciliation/First Communion* and *Confirmation* this year, you are asked to attend a Mandatory Information Meeting. We will lay out our Sacramental program and remind those in attendance of the expectations that are required of families. This meeting is for Parents & Guardians. Children are not expected to attend.

Please attend one of these dates:

Saturday, September 26th @ 10:30 am
or

Wednesday, September 30th @ 7 pm
Meetings will be held in the Church.



LETTER OF THANKS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CHILDREN FROM BISHOP WILLIAM SHOMALI (PATRIARCHAL VICAR FOR JERUSALEM):

Dear Father Liborio,

Thank you very much for your kind message and for the wonderful news of the generosity shown by the children of St John Fisher Parish.

I am deeply moved to learn that nearly 100 children participated and collected a total of \$6,751.25 to support children in the Holy Land, facing many challenges. This beautiful gesture is a powerful sign of Christian solidarity and a touching expression of love from young hearts for their brothers and sisters.

Please convey my heartfelt gratitude to the children, their families, the catechists, and the entire parish community. Through your guidance, these young people are learning not only the faith they celebrate in First Communion and Confirmation, but also the Gospel values of charity, sharing, and concern for those in need.

The donation will help bring hope to families and children who continue to endure difficult circumstances.

Be assured of my prayers for the children, for you, for your parish community, and for Bissonnette foundation which takes care of collecting funds for the Holy Land. I ask the Lord to reward your generosity and dedicated ministry.

-William Shomali, Patriarchal Vicar for Jerusalem





Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During my private Retreat this past June, I was able to read the new Encyclical by Pope Leo XIV. It is his first encyclical entitled *Magnifica Humanitas*, and focuses on the development of AI technology. The Pope speaks to this new technology and how we are to understand it as benefiting the human person, while also recognizing the pitfalls in its use.

Many of you might be asking what an Encyclical is and how much authority does it hold in the Catholic church? An encyclical is a letter written by the Pope directed to all Catholic Bishops in the world, so that they can be guided in their ministry of Shepherds of God's people. It is also written for all the Catholic laity to help them live out their Christian calling as followers of Christ in the Church. Finally, an encyclical is available to all people of Good Will in the world who wish to read the document as well.

An encyclical is one of the most common types of papal pronouncements, and it addresses doctrinal, moral and social issues of the time and tries to provide guidance and teaching on matters of faith and morals. Although encyclicals are not considered *infallible* statements from the Pope, yet they hold a high level of Magisterial authority. Catholics are called to give a "religious submission of the intellect and will" to its teachings. Encyclicals therefore represent a serious and binding pastoral and doctrinal guidance for Catholics, the Church, and the World.

The first encyclical, as we understand it now-a-days, was written by Pope Benedict XIV in the 1740s. There have been numerous encyclicals that have followed and each encyclical focuses on a topic that is relevant to the day. These encyclicals are very rich in its wording and a person can gain much in reading them.

An encyclical's name is often taken from the first words of the document. It is often lengthy and covers a topic of importance that the world needs to hear. Here are a few encyclicals that I would humbly suggest are *masterpieces* of written literature that speak to the issues of our past and present. These encyclicals are available to all on the numerous catholic websites, and primarily on the Vatican Website.

- Rerum Novarum: (On Capital and Labour) – Pope Leo XIII, May 15, 1891
- Pacem in Terris: (Peace on Earth) – Pope John XXIII, April 11, 1963
- Humanae Vitae: (On the Regulation of Human Births) – Pope Paul VI, July 25, 1968
- Laborem Exercens: (On Human Work) – Pope John Paul II, Sept 14, 1981
- Deus Caritas Est: (On Christian Love – God is Love) – Pope Benedict XVI, December 25, 2005
- Lumen Fidei: (The Light of Faith) – Pope Francis, June 29, 2013
- Magnifica Humanitas: (On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence) – Pope Leo XIV, May 15, 2026

I encourage you to consider reading some of these encyclicals. I am sure you will find in each of them a *treasure of great worth* and a *pearl of great wealth*.

BLESSINGS. Fr Liborio



HUMANITARIAN RELIEF – DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Nepal Mudslides: The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting donations to support humanitarian relief efforts following the devastating mudslides and flooding in Nepal. The disaster has resulted in significant loss of life, displacement and widespread damage to homes, roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure.

Colombia Earthquake: The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting donations to support humanitarian relief efforts following the recent devastating earthquake in Colombia. The earthquake has resulted in significant loss of life and injuries, displaced families and caused extensive damage to homes and critical infrastructure.



The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through trusted Catholic partners assisting those most affected. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- ① Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
- ② By phone through the Donations Processing Centre – 437-529-1287
- ③ Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

St John Fisher Church – Nepal Mudslides

St John Fisher Church – Colombia Earthquake

Please pray for those who have died, those who are grieving or displaced, and all those providing emergency assistance and support to these affected communities. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you

contact Fr. David Twaddle, Vocations Director, ArchToronto
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The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



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Mt. 18:21-35 and neither should we

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