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ST. JOHN FISHER
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300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

25TH 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+ / knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League:

Women 16+ / stjohnfishercwl2026@gmail.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

905-790-2479 / stjohnfisherssyp@gmail.com



**Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.**

Acts 16:14

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

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 21st - 9 a.m. – Flordeliza dela Cruz †

Tuesday, September 22nd - 9 a.m. – Shirley Digby †

Wednesday, September 23rd - 9 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory †

– Joan Clare Simone †

– All Toronto Diocesan Parish Councils CWL Members (SI)

Thursday, September 24th - 9 a.m. – Luigi Zanatta †

Friday, September 25th - 9 a.m. – Shirley Digby †

Saturday, September 26th - 9 a.m. – Cynthia Harris †

– Celsa Monteclaro Hain †

Thank You
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Offertory:



September 13th: \$ 6,265.35

Building Fund: \$ 500.00

Humanitarian Relief (Columbia Earthquake): \$350.00

Humanitarian Relief (Nepal Mudslide): \$350.00

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.

Next weekend (Sept 26/27) there will be a second collection for the **NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA**. This annual initiative helps support & assist the bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.



SO LONG SUMMER, HELLO FALL PARISH BBQ

Sunday, September 20th at 1 pm

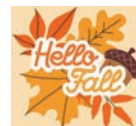
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus & the Catholic Women's League



Join your fellow parishioners on the field behind the Church for our Parish BBQ.

Rain or Shine. Activities will move to the Parish Hall in case of bad weather.

Don't forget your lawn chair!



WE
ARE
HIRING

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.



Campaign Life Coalition 2026 National Life Chain (Respect Life) Sun Oct 4th

St John Fisher 1:30-2:30 pm

Join your fellow St John Fisher parishioners and stand up against abortion in this one-hour prayer vigil and witnessing event for the pre-born and vulnerable.

Signs will be provided.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: SUN OCT 4TH @ 5:30 PM

On the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, Fr Liborio will be at the front of the church to bless any pets you would like to bring. This short blessing liturgy is about 15 minutes. We hope to see you there with your family pets! In case of rain, the blessing will be postponed to Sat Oct 10th at 10:30 am.



"Seek the Lord while he may be found..."

While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. David Twaddle, Vocations Director, ArchToronto

416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Last week in my Pastor's corner I wrote about the importance of Encyclicals. I shared with you that when I was on my private retreat this past June, I was able to read Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical entitled *Magnifica Humanitas* (*On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*) that came out on May 15, 2026. I am well aware, however, that many of you will not be able to read this encyclical. The theme of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how we need to safeguard the human person in this time of great ingenuities, is critical for all of us, as individuals, as members of a community, and as part of governments across the world. It is a topic which is far-reaching, beyond the Catholic Faith - it affects all religions and cultures.

After reading the encyclical I asked God how I might be able to pass on what I read to each and every one of you who are sitting in the pews week after week, and who are constantly bombarded by AI technologies, even when you might not know it. I sensed God saying that I should use my Pastor's Corner in the bulletin to give a synopsis of the encyclical. One cannot do justice to this wonderful and fruitful encyclical in just one Pastor's corner – the encyclical needs to be fleshed out with its core messages intact.

How would this be possible knowing that the encyclical itself is long and filled with wonderful words of wisdom for our age? I decided to apply AI itself to this project – I gave AI the following parameters: CREATE A “10-PART SERIES THAT OUTLINES POPE LEO XIV’S ENCYCLICAL *MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS*, THAT CAN BE PRODUCED IN A PARISH BULLETIN FOR REGULAR PARISHIONERS TO UNDERSTAND THE ENCYCLICAL.” In less time than you can say, “*Fr Liborio is a great promoter of Portuguese food and culture*”, it produced what I was seeking.

With your permission and patience, I would like to present for the next 10 weeks what AI produced – you can say it is an “AI Coles Notes” on the encyclical.

I hope that at the end of this 10-week series you will have a better appreciation of Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical and will wish to read the whole document yourself as I did – trust me, it is not a waste of time in any way.

BLESSINGS. Fr Liborio



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.



Your Faith in Action: 2026 Food Security Grants

For the fourth consecutive year, *ShareLife* and *Catholic Charities* are committing funds through the Food Security Grants program. Made possible through the faithful generosity of ShareLife donors, this year, \$850,000 in Food Security Grants program will strengthen local food banks, meal programs and other community-based initiatives serving individuals and families in need.

Join us for *ShareLife's 50th Anniversary Open House* on Sat Oct 3rd at St Augustine Seminary. Doors open from 10 am to 2 pm for this FREE event. Tour the beautiful and historic seminary, meet representatives from ShareLife-funded agencies and see how your kindness helps our brothers and sisters in need. Please register by Friday, September 25th at sharelife.org/50. Questions? Please contact us at St.Event@archtoronto.org



FLOWERS FOR THANKSGIVING

We invite parishioners to bring in potted flowers to help decorate our sanctuary for Thanksgiving. You can dedicate your flowers to a loved one who has passed away by adding a small note with their names and attaching it to the flowers. Please bring your flowers into the church from Oct 5th - 9th. We thank you in advance for helping us decorate our church for Thanksgiving!

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF – DONATIONS ACCEPTED

The Archdiocese of Toronto continues to accept donations for the *Nepal Mudslides* and the *Colombia Earthquake* and will 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.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, September 26th at 9 am

Learn: ▶ How to avoid problems: in your Will, with the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
▶ How to create your own legacy ▶ About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

Follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebSept26 OR **Send an email to:** Development@ArchToronto.org and write “webinar Sep 26” in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATIONS

SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 10 AM – ST MICHAEL’S CATHEDRAL

Transitional deacons are seminarians preparing for the priesthood who ordinarily serve in this ministry during their final year prior to priestly ordination. The Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate the Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate of two seminarians from St Augustine's Seminary. Through the laying on of hands and prayer of ordination, the candidates will be ordained as deacons and begin exercising ministries including proclaiming the Gospel, preaching and serving the faithful as they prepare for priestly ordination.



Mr Francesco Rampino (St Brigid's, TO)

Mr Michael Berlin-Riga (Our Lady of Guadalupe, TO)

will receive the first degree of the Sacrament of Holy Orders by the Most Rev Robert Kasun, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

We invite the Catholic community throughout the Archdiocese to continue to pray for Michael and Francesco and all those who are currently in formation, that the Lord may guide and strengthen them along the journey.

All are welcome to join the celebration in person at the cathedral or view the livestream at <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

COME & SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT

Fri Nov 6 @ 6:30 pm – Sun Nov 8 @ 2 pm / St Augustine's
This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

Men aged 18+ / www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

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