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ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

NOVEMBER 22, 2026 **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

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.



Christ the King, Irene Thomas

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*

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, November 23rd - 9 a.m. – Dion Balbesino ✞

Tuesday, November 24th - 9 a.m. – Cecilia Vezina ✞

Wednesday, November 25th - 9 a.m. – Luigi Zanata ✞
– Korvas ✞
– Venancio Jr & Cristeta Aquino ✞
– Abandoned Souls in Purgatory ✞
– All Toronto Diocesan Parish Councils CWL Members (SI)

Thursday, November 26th - 9 a.m.
– For the deceased souls of our parish community ✞

Friday, November 27th - 9 a.m. – Helmtrud Krampert ✞

Saturday, November 28th - 9 a.m. – Petricca ✞
– Lorraine Carvey ✞
– James Andrade ✞
– Azucena Trono ✞

Thank You FOR GIVING GENEROUSLY

Offertory:

November 15th:	$ 5,286.55
Shepherds' Trust:	$ 3,943.00

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! Please contact the office if you are using Envelope Boxes 75, 443, 616, 620, 636
We need your information for our records: name, address, telephone, email.

Each November, the Church asks us to remember in a special way those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.

Do you have gifts and talents that you can share with our parish? Join a parish ministry today! Volunteer what you can, when you can and as often as you can. No contribution is too small. Training and support will be provided. We especially need: **Lectors, Ushers, & Sacristans**. *Call or email the office to sign up!*

serve

The ***Knights of Columbus, St John Fisher Council*** welcomes men 18+ to join them. The Knights raise money for local charities and assist in the Church. Please consider becoming a member!
knightsofcolumbus10402@gmail.com

SIGN UP

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/

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – THIS WEEKEND!

Our Society of St Vincent de Paul needs new members to help them continue their good work. Members will be available to speak with parishioners ***this weekend*** after all masses. Please consider joining them.
You can reach them at: *stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.com.*



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 12th / 9:30 am to 12 pm
Cost: $5 ages 4-99 / Free ages 0-3
Tickets are on sale ***this weekend***.
They will sell out quickly so don't hesitate!
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 10402.



ADVENT WREATH BLESSING:
Families are invited to bring in their Advent Wreaths to our weekend masses on November 28/29 (First Sunday of Advent) for a blessing.

ADVENT REFLECTION WITH SACRED ART NOVEMBER 25 FROM 7-8:30 PM

All are invited to attend an online Advent reflection using works of sacred art such as Domenico Ghirlandaio's *Adoration of the Shepherds*. Mr Les Miller, author of *Northern Lights,* will lead the reflection.
FREE but registration is required: https://bit.ly/ARSA-Register2026
formation@archtoronto.org or 437-900-4287

ST MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL PRESENTS JOYEUX NOËL! A CANADIAN CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, experience the wonder of the season through the music of Canada's finest composers and arrangers. This year's show is a stirring celebration of the Nativity, showcasing a rich tapestry of sacred choral masterworks, beloved carols, and newly imagined Christmas favourites, all crafted by Canadian musical voices from across the country and from within the distinguished tradition of St Michael's Choir School. ***Dec 12th at 7 pm.***
For tickets: *www.masseyhall.com.* Please use promo code: MAPLE.

DID YOU KNOW that you can donate to our local ***Society of St Vincent de Paul*** all year long in 3 ways:

❶Drop loose money in the blue SSVP donation boxes located at each church exit. No tax receipt will be issued.
❷Use the green SSVP envelopes and drop it in the box at our church. Tax receipts will be issued in February.
❸Donate online at *www.ssvp.ca*, direct it to St John Fisher Conference, Brampton. Tax receipt will be issued directly from SSVP.

Thank you for your generosity towards our neighbours in need!

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

Pastors' CORNER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With your permission and patience, I would like to continue my 10-week series on Pope Leo XIV's encyclical ***Magnifica Humanitas (On Safeguarding the Human Person in the time of Artificial Intelligence)***. This series has been generated by AI itself (like AI Coles Notes) and these are not my words. Here is the 9th in the series of 10 short synopses of the encyclical.

BLESSINGS. Fr Liborio

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: PART 9: JESUS CHRIST REVEALS OUR TRUE HUMANITY

Throughout the encyclical, Pope Leo XIV repeatedly returns to Jesus Christ.

In the Incarnation, God entered human history, affirming forever the dignity of human life. Jesus shows us what authentic humanity looks like: humility, compassion, truth, self-giving love, and complete trust in the Father.

No technological achievement can reveal the meaning of human existence as Christ does.

As we navigate rapid change, Christians are invited to keep Christ at the centre of every decision. Prayer, worship, and the sacraments remind us that our deepest identity is found not in our achievements or possessions but in our relationship with God.

Artificial intelligence may change many aspects of daily life, but it cannot answer the deepest questions of the human heart. Only Christ reveals who we truly are and who we are called to become.

"Lord, when was it that we saw you …?"

Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister,

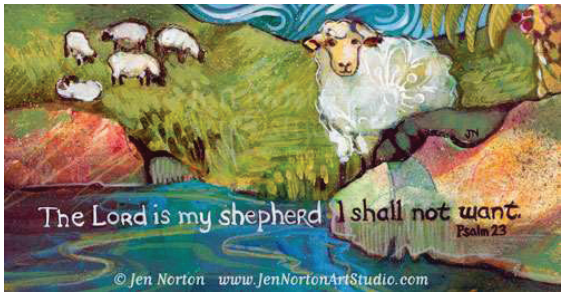
Contact Fr. David Twaddle, Vocations Director, ArchToronto
416-968-0997/ **vocations@archtoronto.org** / *www.vocationstoronto.ca*

MAKE YOUR GIFT TO SHARELIFE & DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

From now until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of $500,000. That means your gift can go twice as far in helping ShareLife-funded agencies care for our brothers and sisters in need. This year, ShareLife and Catholic Charities have committed $850,000 through Food Security Grants to help agencies respond to growing needs. Your year-end gift can help sustain this work and so much more. Please share your blessing by making a contribution at *sharelife.org/donate* or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES PEEL-DUFFERIN

A multi-service counselling agency dedicated to enhancing community well-being. A living example of the gospel in our region. 905-450 1608 / *www.cfspd.com*



SHARING AND CARING ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE
Catholic Family Services Peel Dufferin (CFSPD)

CFSPD is asking for our support for families in need. They are graciously accepting donations of the following new items:

- toys for all ages,
- hats, scarves, gloves & socks for all ages,
- toiletry items for men and women,
- non-perishable food items.
- Gift cards or monetary donations:
  - cheques payable to *Catholic Family Service Peel Dufferin*,
  - etransfer: *bookkeeper@cfspd.com.*

Donations of $25 or more are eligible for a tax receipt.
Donations accepted until December 10th.

Please bring any donations to 60 West Drive
The Hon. William G. David Centre for Families,
905-874-1601/ *info@cfspd.com*

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

Bishop Robert Kasun will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2027. All married couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage

Sunday, February 7th at 2:15 pm at St Michael's Cathedral

Watch the Mass via livestream: *https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/*

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

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2027

Theme: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom" (Luke 12:32)

Please read Luke 12:22-34 for full understanding. Write an essay and win great prizes! Deadline to enter is January 11th. High school students (ages 13-19 years) are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a 500-word essay that explores the 2027 theme. All details at: *https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward*

I went to a **KING** and asked him: Who is Jesus?
He replied: Jesus is the KING of KINGS.
*I went to an **Electrician** and asked him: Who is Jesus? He replied: Jesus is the Light of the World.*
I went to a **Hunter** and asked him: Who is Jesus?
He replied: He's the Lion of Judah.
*I went to a **Baker** and asked him: Who is Jesus? He replied: Jesus is the BREAD of LIFE.*
WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?



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