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ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

300 Balmoral Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 1V6

NOVEMBER 29, 2026 — **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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*



Keep Awake, Lauren Wright Pittman

Beware, keep alert;
for you do not know when the time will come.
Mark 13:33

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Toronto Vocations Office

Fr. David Twaddle, Vocations Director,
416-261-7207 x 801/ *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 30th - 9 a.m.
– Opal Clutchey & Jim Clutchey ✞

Tuesday, December 1st - 9 a.m.
– For the deceased souls of our parish community ✞

Wednesday, December 2nd - 9 a.m.
– Veronika & Alfred Krampert ✞

Thursday, December 3rd - 9 a.m. – Ben Krishnan ✞

Friday, December 4th - 9 a.m. – Lorraine Carvey ✞

Saturday, December 5th - 9 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory ✞
– Rosalie Jose (SI)
– Lydia Aquino & Angelina Ona ✞
– Miguel Madeira & Alexander Awdhan ✞

Thank You for GIVING GENEROUSLY

Offertory:

November 22nd:	$ 5,802.15
Shepherds' Trust:	$ 585.00

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.

2027 ENVELOPES are now available for pick-up at the entrances of the church. Please pick up any box and follow the instructions that are provided. Boxes are not attached to any name.
Please do not use these new envelopes until the new year.



The benefit of using parish envelopes is to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. You might want to consider giving through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG).

PAG allows you to set up a recurring payment to our church directly from your bank account. You may also set up a regular donation using your credit card. Please reach out to the parish office and we can guide you as to how you can be signed up for PAG.

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.

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Office will be closed on Friday, December 4th.
We are sorry for the inconvenience.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Tues, Dec 8th: Masses at: 9 am & 7 pm

We will be adding an evening Mass on December 8th at 7 pm to accommodate those parishioners who are not able to attend the 9 am Morning Mass that day.



This Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the Dogma that our Blessed Mother was conceived without Original Sin.

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!

Our Society of St Vincent de Paul needs new members to help them continue their good work. Please consider joining them.
stjohnfisherssvp@gmail.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 / 905-874-1601
The Hon. William G. David Centre for Families / *info@cfspd.com*

WHAT IS ADVENT?



- A season of hope, preparation, expectations & celebration.
- The advent wreath is a popular symbol used as the focus of prayer throughout the season.
- Candles mark the steps in our Advent journey.
- Advent means *a coming* or *arrival.*
- As we prepare for Christ's birth, we also remember the events that surrounded the Lord's coming long ago; celebrate his coming among us today and look forward to his final coming in glory.
- Through prayer, spiritual reading, acts of charity, and participation in Eucharist, Advent helps us to expand the meaning of our lives, so that we are not ends in ourselves, but a people who seek Christ as our hopeful end and joyful fulfilment.

-Archdiocese of Toronto infographics

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES PEEL-DUFFERIN
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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 10th and final part in the series of short synopses of the encyclical.

BLESSINGS. Fr Liborio

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: PART 10: A SONG OF HOPE

Pope Leo XIV concludes Magnifica Humanitas with hope rather than fear.

He ends by recalling Mary's Magnificat, her joyful hymn of praise to God. Mary's song reminds us that God continually raises up the humble, cares for the poor, and remains faithful to His promises.

The future is not determined by technology alone. It will be shaped by the moral choices we make today.

Each of us has a role to play: parents who guide children wisely, educators who form both minds and hearts, workers who act with integrity, leaders who seek justice, and believers who witness to Christ in everyday life.

The Pope encourages every Catholic to engage confidently with the modern world while remaining firmly rooted in the Gospel. Technology is a powerful tool, but it must always remain at the service of the human person and the common good.

As our ten-week journey concludes, Pope Leo leaves us with a simple but profound challenge: let us never lose sight of the magnificent dignity that God has bestowed upon every human being.

May our homes, our parish, and our society become places where that dignity is honoured, protected, and celebrated for generations to come.

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's *particular task* for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, Contact Fr. David Twaddle, Vocations Director, ArchToronto
416-261-7207 x 801 / **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.

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

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

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*

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

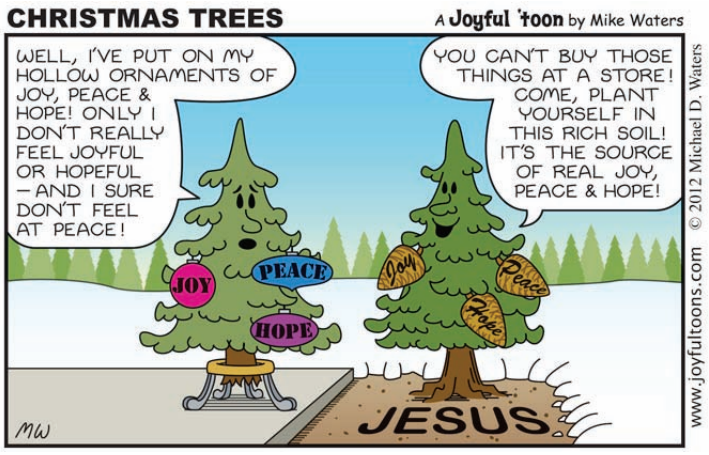
This Christmas, experience the wonder of the season through the music of Canada's finest composers and arrangers. This year's show is a stirring celebration of the Nativity, showcasing a rich tapestry of sacred choral masterworks, beloved carols, and newly imagined Christmas favourites, all crafted by 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.

St Augustine's Divina Eloquia: MARY, THE NEW EVE IN PATRISTIC THOUGHT

Tues Feb 23rd / 6:30-8:30 pm / In-person OR Online

"Ave Eva": This palindrome can be found in a poem by Peter Damiani (11th century), and expresses in the most concise form possible the Christian theology that Mary's sinlessness and obedience reverses the disobedience and original sin of Eve. This idea has been present in Christian faith and theology right from the beginning: Christ, the Saviour, is the new Adam, Mary, his mother, the new Eve, and both together reverse the human fate from the expulsion of humanity from paradise to its re-opening and the re-admission of all believers: *"paradies lost – paradise regained"* (John Milton). The talk will highlight some essential points made by early Christian theologians in order to show their timeless meaning and impact.
Cost is FREE but you must register. *https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/divina-eloquia-mary-the-new-eve-in-patristic-thought*
St Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd, Scar, M1M 1M3

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!*



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

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