

# St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church

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## Office Hours:

**Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Closed 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)**

## SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. English (C.F.C. Choir)

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Italian (Italian Choir)

10:30 a.m. English (Children's Liturgy & English Choir)

12:00 p.m. English (Children's Liturgy & English Choir)

## DAILY MASS:

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Italian/English (Devotion to Padre Pio)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. English (Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

Thursday 8:30 a.m. Italian/English (Devotion to St. Norbert)

Friday 8:30 a.m. Italian (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 9:30 am)



**"Taste & see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8)**

**Welcome back!**

**all are Welcome!**

**SACRAMENTS:** Please contact the office

**BAPTISM:** 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

**RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:**

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. and anytime upon request

**MARRIAGE:** Contact the priest as early as possible.

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If you or anyone you know is sick and wish to see the Priest, please call us.



## THE GREAT PROMISE

***"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..."*** Acts 1:8.

Imagine the Apostles, standing in front of Jesus who is about to return to our Heavenly Father. They are unsure, perhaps confused, or maybe even afraid, as they realize that Jesus will leave them. They need someone to lead them. Jesus knows that they need help. And He makes this great promise of sending help, the Holy Spirit, to strengthen them. The sending of the Holy Spirit means much, much more than just strengthening the Apostles. It would mean the ushering of a new era, that of the Church, the strengthening of us all. Our merciful and loving God always knows our needs and fulfils them beyond all expectations: *"Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear."* Isaiah 65:24

Wishing You A Spirit-filled Week!!!

## Some thoughts on today's scripture



The real meaning of the Ascension is in the Second Reading, a passage from the magnificent Letter to the Hebrews. The author makes a clear distinction between the role of Jesus and that of the Jewish High Priest. Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands; he entered the dwelling place of God himself. Nor, unlike the High Priest, did or does Jesus enter the sanctuary again and again, as the High Priest

entered the Holy of Holies every year. Nor did he, again unlike the High Priest, offer blood that was not his own, the blood of goats and bulls. Jesus entered God's presence by the spilling of his own blood on the cross. "Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many (that is, of all); and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him."

How are we to share in all of this? It is again put very well in the second part of the Second Reading: "Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assistance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water."

Jesus has totally replaced the old way, the old covenant. The place where God is is the new Holy of Holies. Jesus is the curtain through which we, all of us sharing in the priesthood of Christ, have access to that presence. That is the meaning of the Ascension, which we celebrate today.

Therefore, we have no need to fear. We have freedom and, by the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, we can go into the holiest place. This is the path which has been opened for us through our baptism and our participation in the life of the Christian community.

But before we go to share Jesus' glory, there is work to be done. When Jesus left us, he made it clear that he wanted us to carry on the work he had begun. He said that we could do the same things he did and even greater. So before leaving them, he tells his disciples to go back to Jerusalem and there wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

As Jesus spoke, he is covered by a cloud, clearly indicating the enveloping presence of God. Jesus can no longer be seen. But the Ascension should not be understood too literally, as if Jesus floated up into the sky to a place called 'heaven'. Rather he is wrapped in the all-embracing presence of his Father, symbolised by the cloud.

La liturgia odierna ci invita a non restare a guardare in alto, quasi estraniandoci dai problemi esistenziali della vita, ma a scendere nel campo della testimonianza concreta. Gesù, salendo al cielo, non si è separato da noi, ma ci ha assicurato una continua, seppure diversa, presenza in mezzo a noi. La duplice descrizione della sua ascesa al cielo (I lettura e Vangelo) non è un semplice fatto di cronaca, ma un eloquente segnale che ci proietta all'interno di una nuova umanità inaugurata da Cristo per noi. Una umanità elevata dalla grazia e liberata dal peccato.

Elevato prima sul trono della croce, ora Cristo risorto viene elevato nella gloria al di sopra dei cieli e ci dona la forza del suo Spirito per andare ovunque tra le genti «fino ai confini della terra», per testimoniare e riconoscerlo soprattutto nei più bisognosi. Sostenuti da lui ora possiamo uscire dalla comoda bambagia da cui vorremmo restare avvolti, per un infantile senso di sicurezza e protezione per affrontare con la gioia e il coraggio di una fede adulta tutte le incognite della vita, certi della sua presenza dentro di noi.



## CROWNING OF MARY

Tuesday, May 31 at 6:30 PM

Please join us for a procession and the crowning of the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes in our garden on Tuesday, May 31, following the Mass that will start at 6:30 PM.

All children who have received their First Holy Communion this year are invited to dress in their special Communion Day clothes and be part of the procession.



## ShareLife and World Communications Day

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community.

"It truly means the world to members of vulnerable populations whom we serve. You help remove barriers faced by Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families. You are a partner in transforming lives." – Kelly MacKenzie, Executive Director, Silent Voice

Our third ShareLife Sunday collection is next weekend. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$ 30,000.00. Thus far we have received \$ 7,033. Please give generously during the special collection or at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).

## ShareLife e la Giornata Mondiale delle Comunicazioni.

Oggi si celebra la Giornata Mondiale delle Comunicazioni ed il tuo sostegno a ShareLife sta migliorando il tenore di vita dei non-udenti della nostra collettività.

"È veramente molto importante per i membri delle comunità vulnerabili che assistiamo. Stai aiutando a rimuovere barriere che persone sorde -adulti, giovani, bambini, neonati e le loro famiglie, devono affrontare. Sei un partner nel trasformare la vita di tutte queste persone," dice Kelly MacKenzie, Direttore Esecutivo, Silent Voice.

Il prossimo fine settimana avremo la raccolta fondi della nostra terza Domenica di ShareLife. Quest'anno, il nostro obiettivo parrocchiale è \$ 30,000.00. Al momento, abbiamo raccolto raccolto \$ 7,033. Per favore dona generosamente in questa raccolta speciale oppure tramite [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).

## ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



Calling all boys and girls in Grade 3 and up who have received their First Communion to join the rewarding ministry of Altar Servers.

For questions or concerns and to register, please contact the office at 416-636-0213.

## UKRAINIAN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF



The Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- By phone through the Development Office: 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Norbert Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



The Lord said, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life.

If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) - [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



## Mass Intentions

### Sat/sabato – May/maggio 28

5:00 pm - +Andy Lubinsky  
+Felice Iacomacci  
+Armando D'Ambroso

### Sun/domenica – May/maggio 29

9:00 am - +Carmela & Pietro Di Ilio  
10:30 am - +Luigi Cocuzzoli  
+Paolo & Giuseppe Tavella

12:00 pm –

### Tue/martedì – May/maggio 31

7:00 pm -

### Wed/mercoledì – June/giugno 1

7:00 pm – +Oscar Stellato

### Thu/giovedì – June/giugno 2

8:30 am -

### Fri/venerdì – June/giugno 3

8:30 am - +Armando Bruno



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