ST. NORBERT'S



ROMAN CATHOLIC CH∨RCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Wednesday 7:00 pm

> Thursday & Friday 8:30 am

> > Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am (Italian) 10:30 am 12:00 pm

RECONCILIATION Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. and upon request

WE CELEBRATE MEMORIAL MASSES AT THE PARISH SCHEDULE AS A REGULAR INTENTION WE DO NOT CELEBRATE PRIVATE MASSES PASTOR Fr. Augusto Menichelli

> **SECRETARY** Cynthia Livera

First Tuesday of the Month Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 7:00 pm Mass for 1 hour

MINISTRIES

Catechetical Eucharistic Funeral Service Homebound Hospitality Lectors Liturgical Social Youth & Children

BAPTISM

Every Saturday of the Month Please contact the office

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish at least one year in advance

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Call the office to arrange for our Lay Pastoral Team to visit and bring communion

WE WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

To register please contact the office

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST. NORBERT - 60 Maniza Rd. - 416-393-5309 **ST. ROBERT** - 70 Bainbridge Avenue - 416-393-5297 **MADONNA** - 20 Dubray Avenue - 416-393-5506

Some thoughts on today's scripture



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John the Baptist preached forgiveness. This is one of the special gifts of God, and one of the big celebrations of Advent. We are a forgiven people,

and we welcome the forgiveness of God in our repentance. This means we are firstly grateful for forgiveness - that we do not have to carry forever the burden of our sin, meanness, faults and failings. God covers them over in mercy.

The second step of welcoming forgiveness is to try to do better in life - to move on from this sinfulness and meanness to a life of care, compassion, love and joy, and to make steps to forgive others.

In confronto all'introduzione discreta nel tempo dell'Avvento avvenuta domenica scorsa, l'annuncio di oggi è spettacolare: "Ecco, io mando il mio messaggero davanti a te... Voce di uno che grida nel deserto: preparate la strada del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri".

Giovanni Battista fa il suo ingresso spettacolare nel mondo, vestito di peli di cammello. Le sue parole bruciano l'aria, le sue azioni frustano il vento. Predica "un battesimo di conversione per il perdono dei peccati" ed immerge i suoi discepoli nelle acque del Giordano. Il suo messaggio, pur legato a un momento della storia, è eterno. Si rivolge anche a noi. Anche noi dobbiamo preparare la strada del Signore, poiché un sentiero si spinge fino ai nostri cuori. Sfortunatamente, troppo spesso, durante l'Avvento, molte distrazioni ci ostacolano nell'accogliere, spiritualmente, il messaggio del Vangelo. Non dovremmo, invece, cercare di dedicare un po' di tempo alla meditazione di quanto dice san Pietro: "Noi aspettiamo nuovi cieli e una terra nuova, nei quali avrà stabile dimora la giustizia"



John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church

vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email www.vocationstoronto.ca

vocations@archtoronto.org



NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000.

While Covenant House is located in Toronto, the homeless youth served by this agency arrive from throughout our archdiocese, including our own community. Your support makes its lifesaving programs like transitional housing possible.

"Your commitment to love and care for youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking truly means so much," says the agency's director. "You give youth a real chance for a better future."

Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at

sharelife.org/donate.



Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – Your assistance is requested!

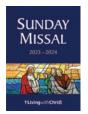


Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the

consultation, visit:

www.archtoronto.org/consultation to complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights.

The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.



2023-2024 SUNDAY MISSALS

Pick up your 2023-2024 Sunday Missal at the entrance of the church.

A donation will be greatly appreciated.

DAY OF CONFESSION ST NORBERT CHURCH



Friday December 15 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

GIORNO DI CONFESSIONI venerdi 15 dicembre 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

<u>DECEMBER 24 (Sunday)</u> Note: "Regular Sunday Mass Schedule"

09:00 pm - Carolling (Inni Natalizi) 10:00 pm - Vigil Mass

DECEMBER 25 (Monday)

09:00 am	- Italian
10:30 am	– English
12:00 pm	- English

JANUARY 01 (Monday)

09:00 am	- Italian
10:30 am	– English
12:00 pm	- English



Remember to pick up your 2024 donation envelopes. Kindly do not use previous years envelopes.

Ricordarsi di ritirare la vostra donazione 2024 buste. Si prega di non utilizzare buste degli anni precedenti.



Please notify the church office if you are changing parishes or have had a change of address. This will

enable us to have the correct information for tax receipts and to update our files. Thank you for your cooperation.

BISHOP'S ALTAR SERVER AWARDS 2023



Congratulations! To our Altar Servers for their service.

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- Aaron Aggabao
- Sophia Autajay
- Emanuelle Beley
- Marco Bruzzese
- Daphnie Cachola
- Drexler Gabatino
 Gabrielle Simbillo

Serena Durling

- Ysabelle Simbillo
- Sebastien Umlas (Rafael)

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 09

5:00 pm-+Pasquale Gargaro & family Sunday December 10 9:00 am -+Benedetto & Pasquale Valentini 10:30 am -+Antonio Barbuto +Maria Ferro 12:00 pm -Tuesday December 12 +Maria Iodice 7:00 pm -Wednesday December 13 7:00 pm -Thursday December 14 8:30 am -Friday December 15 8:30 am -

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Sunday Dece	
<u>9:00 am</u> -	+Sestilio Di Silvestre
<u>10:30 am</u> -	+Domenic, Angela & Felice Gianfrancesco
	+Livia & Giovani Ceci
<u> 12:00 pm</u> -	
Tuesday Dec	cember 19
<u>7:00 pm -</u>	+Ida Porto
Wednesday December 20	
7:00 pm -	+Michele Santoli
Thursday De	cember 21
8:30 am -	
Friday Decen	nber 22
8:30 am -	

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