# ST. NORBERT'S PARISH BULLETIN

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

**Closed for Lunch** 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday and Statutory Holidays CLOSED

We celebrate Memorial Masses at the parish schedule as a regular intention. We <u>DO NOT</u> celebrate Private Masses

## 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 pm and upon appointment

## **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please visit our website and download the fillable registration form. Once the form is completed, kindly submit it to the parish office.

SCHOOLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARISH

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



#### **ADORATION**

Silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every First Tuesday of the Month after the 7:00 pm Mass for one hour.

#### **BAPTISM**

To baptize your child at St. Norbert's Church, it is necessary for you to be registered with the Parish and attend Mass regularly.

Baptisms are held on most Saturdays of the month at 2 pm. For more information, please contact the office or visit our website.

#### MARRIAGE

Please **contact the office at least one year in advance**. Weddings are held at 12 pm on most Saturdays of the month.

#### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Call the office to arrange for our Lay Pastoral Team to visit and bring Holy Communion.

# Some thoughts on today's scripture



We know leaders who want influence or money, who value their own reputation and life above that of their followers, and who can be bought. Such leaders are a sad mistake, and we live to regret giving them

power. Lord, you are a fearless leader. Death has no terrors for you. You value the life of your followers above your own. You are not in it for the money, but you know me and love me.

The love of Jesus is love onto death. It is the selfsacrificing love which we see on the cross. It is the love which never sits down under feelings of failure but can always see the resurrection ahead in some form or other. In caring for all people, Jesus knew something of the resurrection, for in love are the seeds of resurrection. We rise above the self-centredness that confines and narrows us, to the outgoing love which expands our hearts and minds, as our hearts and minds grow to be like the heart and mind of Jesus.

Gesù è il dono del Padre.

Chi è veramente Gesù?

Niente come l'antitesi tra il Buon Pastore e il mercenario ce lo fa capire.

In cosa si differenziano radicalmente le due figure? Non certo per il ruolo che, all'apparenza, sembra il medesimo. Li oppone e li divide la natura intima del rapporto con le pecore: la non appartenenza per il mercenario e l'appartenenza per il pastore. Se le pecore non ti appartengono te ne vai auando arriva il lupo e le lasci alla sua mercé.

Se sei un mercenario non t'importa delle pecore e non ti importa perché non le conosci. Non le conosci "per esperienza", non le conosci per amore: esse non sono tue.



This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling vou to priesthood, religious life or

deaconate, callFr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email

www.vocationstoronto.ca

vocations@archtoronto.org

## Invest in our Church's future by giving to ShareLife



Your kindness and devotion enable St. Augustine's Seminary, along with the Office of Vocations and Redemptorist Mater Missionary Seminary, to provide an excellent formation for our

seminarians as they pursue a life of service. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptorist Mater Missionary Seminary.

This Sunday, April 21, we celebrate the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians, wherever they may be on their journey.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

## **Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents**

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, April 28 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$290 per person (\$190 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. If cost is of concern, please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me; limited subsidies are available. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2024. For more information, please email lgwtoronto@proton.me.

# OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY & RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM

St. Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come into our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Join Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan (Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada) who will co-preside at a jointly prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 6 p.m., hosted at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough, Ont. M1G 3T5. A wide representation of church leaders in the Greater Toronto Area is expected at this event.



Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As I reflect on the last two years that we've spent together at St. Norbert Parish, my heart is filled with gratitude for the grace and growth that we've experienced. When I arrived in June 2022 as a Pastor for the first time in my life, I trusted in the Lord's guidance and felt warmly welcomed into the community. Together, we've celebrated many sacred milestones of our faith, from First Communions and Confirmations to Palm Sunday, Christmas, and Easter. Our shared pilgrimages, events, and gatherings have created a vibrant community that testifies to the living spirit of our faith journey.

These past two years have been a time of personal transformation for me, and I am grateful for the privilege of shepherding this flock as a companion among fellow travellers. Your kindness, support, and dedication have left an indelible mark on my heart. To everyone in our parish family, whether you served on committees, in the office, sacristy, or at events, or offered your prayers and presence in countless ways, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. Your generosity, patience, and commitment to nurturing our liturgical life and ministering to pastoral needs have been a testament to the boundless love of Christ at work within our midst.

As I prepare to move to St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Thornhill, I want you to know that you will remain in my prayers. Farewells are never easy, but I trust in God's providence and the assurance that His plans are always guided by wisdom and love. Our spiritual bond will continue to unite us no matter where we are.

I'm pleased to inform you that Elissandro Marcelo Caldas has been appointed your new Pastor. I'm confident that he will lead and guide you with love and dedication. I'm sure that you will welcome him with the warmth and joy that has defined our community over the past two years. Please warmly welcome him and offer him any assistance and collaboration as you did with me.

While our paths may diverge, our shared journey of faith remains a constant source of enduring hope and inspiration. The love and devotion that have defined our community will continue to guide us no matter where we are.

May Mother Mary's gentle embrace enfold us all beneath her maternal mantle, guiding us ever closer to the heart of her Son.

With deep affection and blessings,

## **CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION DATES**



<u>St. Robert School</u> Wednesday, April 24 - 07:00 PM Thursday, April 25 - 07:00 PM <u>St. Norbert School & Other Schools</u> Friday, April 26 - 7:00 PM

## Bundle up Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - weekend of May 04-05 2024

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul wil be collecting gently used clothing, shoes, linens and household goods. *Items not accepted:* appliances, baby or regular furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, constructon material or video tapes. "The truck will be open all weekend."



Saturday Apri	20
5:00 pm-	+Angela D'Aquilante
Sunday April 2	
	+Sesto Montefiore
	avio, Vincenzo & Antonietta Di Santo
+LSterma, Otto	+Antonio D'Alessandro
40.00	+Raffaele Greco
<u>10:30 am</u> -	+Giuseppe Santaguida
	+Mary Ann Clores
<u>12:00 pm</u> -	For all Parishioners (Pro Populo)
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9:00 am -	+Vincenzo Palazzo
	+Vittorio D Clemente
	+Domenico Conti
	+Donato Oriente
10:30 am -	+Andrea Perrotta
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