

# ST. NORBERT'S PARISH BULLETIN

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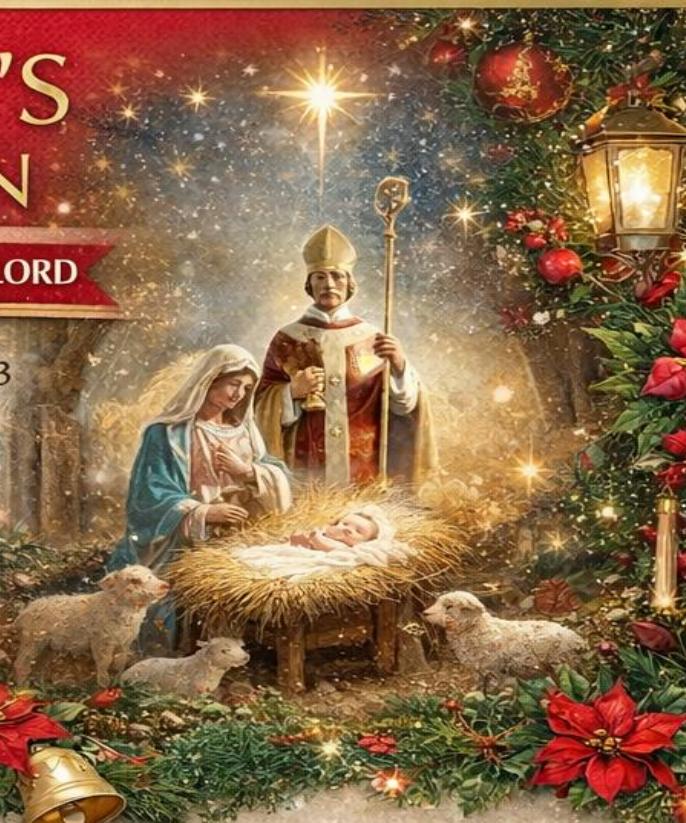
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## PASTOR

Fr. Elissandro Caldas

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## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday**  
Closed

**Tue - Wed - Fri**  
9 am to 4 pm

**Lunchtime**

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

**Thursday**

9 am to 12 pm

**Saturday:**

Closed

**First and third Sundays  
of each month**

10 am to 1 pm

**Holidays**

Closed

## HOLY HOUR

**First Friday of the month**

8 am Mass

8:30 am to 10:30 am

5 pm to 8 pm

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday & Wednesday**  
6:30 pm (English)

**Thursday & Friday**  
8 am (English)

**Saturday**  
5:00 pm (English)

**Sunday**

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

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4 pm – 4:30 pm  
and upon appointment.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday & Wednesday**  
6:30 pm (English)  
5 pm – 8 pm Mass

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May the joy and peace of  
this blessed Christmas fill  
your hearts and homes  
with hope and love

As we celebrate the birth of our  
Savior, let us be grateful for  
His boundless love and share it  
generously with others.

May the light of Christ guide us  
now and in the year to come.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year filled  
with God's blessings.

*Fr. Elissandro Caldas*

## SCHOOLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARISH

**ST. NORBERT** - 60 Maniza Road - 416-393-5309

**ST. ROBERT** - 70 Bainbridge Avenue - 416-393-5297

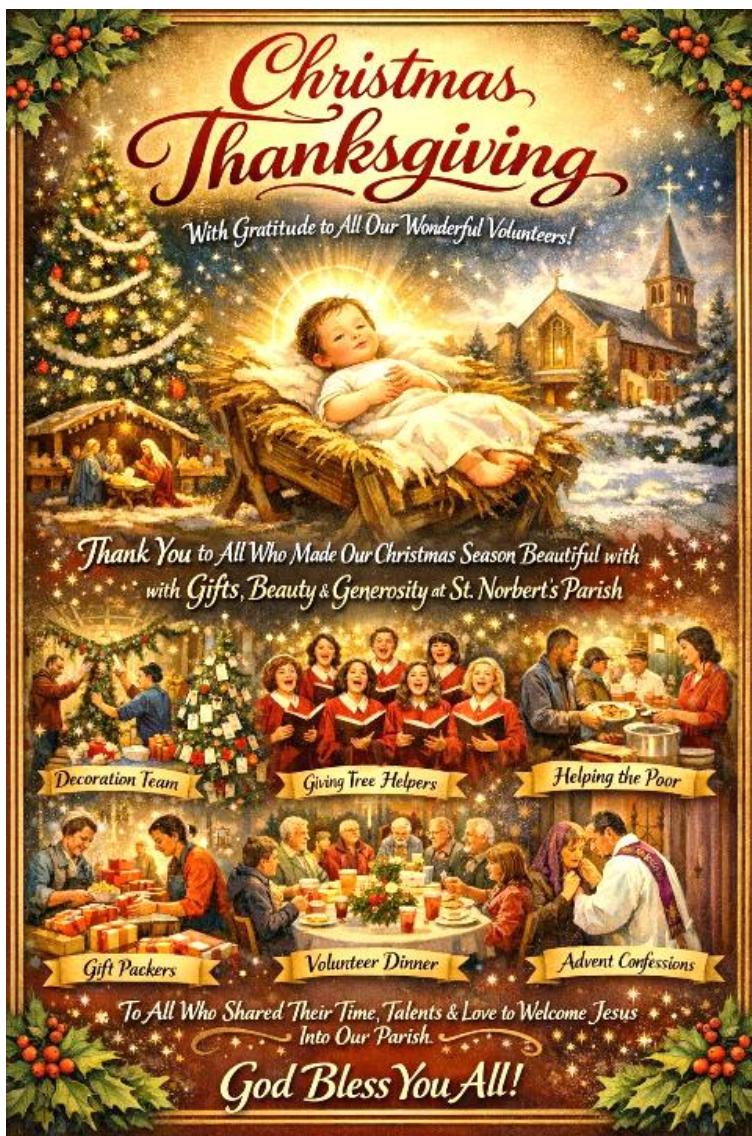
**MADONNA** - 20 Dubray Avenue - 416-393-5506

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Please call - (416) 342-7590



# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD





**CHRISTMAS SEASON & NEW YEAR 2026 SCHEDULE**

**ST NORBERT'S PARISH**

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 PM  
DEC 28<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM (IT) 10:30 AM (EN) 12:00 PM (EN)  
All married Catholic couples are invited to renew their marriage promises at the weekend Masses

**TE DEUM/THANKSGIVING MASS NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 PM HOLY HOUR FOLLOWED BY SOLEMN MASS  
We will gather to thank God for the graces of 2025 and to pray for His blessings for 2026.

**BLESSED MARY MOTHER OF GOD - JAN 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
9 AM (IT) 10:30 AM (EN) 12:00 PM (EN)

**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD – JAN 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
9 AM (IT) 10:30 AM (EN) 12:00 PM (EN)

### PRIEST IN RESIDENCE



We are pleased to welcome **Fr. Efren Pelayo**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Toronto for over 30 years, who will be residing at St. Norbert's Parish for the next six months.

Fr. Efren will be on **sabbatical**, a time dedicated to prayer, rest, and spiritual renewal as he prepares for his next pastoral assignment. Throughout his priesthood, he has faithfully served as both assistant pastor and pastor in several parishes across the Archdiocese.

During his sabbatical, Fr. Efren will be engaged in personal activities such as pilgrimages and studies, which are not connected to parish ministries. As a **priest in residence**, he does not

carry regular parish responsibilities, though he may occasionally assist the pastor when requested.

We warmly invite you to welcome Fr. Efren into our parish community and to kindly respect this important time of rest and renewal for him.

### NEW APPOINTMENT FOR FR. ELISSANDRO



Our Cardinal, Frank Leo, has appointed our pastor, **Fr. Elissandro Caldas**, as the new Director of Radio Maria Canada. Fr. Elissandro will be sharing his ministry between St. Norbert's Parish and Radio Maria.

We kindly ask you to keep Fr. Elissandro in your prayers as he seeks the wisdom and strength needed to serve these two important realities of the Church. We also thank you for your patience and understanding should there be a longer wait when requesting an appointment with our pastor.

### ENVELOPE BOXES 2026

The 2026 Collection Envelopes are now available. Parishioners may pick them up at the church or at the parish office. When collecting your box, please verify your last name and address, not the envelope number.

If you cannot find your envelope box, please email the parish office or visit us in person, and we will be happy to prepare a new one and assign it to you.

Please note that all 2025 collection envelopes must be returned to the parish office by January 11 to be included in your 2025 income tax receipt. Tax receipts will be mailed to parishioners by February 2026.

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is closed from December 24 at 1:00 p.m. to December 29, and again from December 31 at 1:00 p.m. to January 5.

## HELPING THE POOR IN 2026



START  
HELPING  
THE  
POOR

Have you ever felt called to serve the poor? St. Norbert's Parish has launched a new outreach ministry dedicated to serving those most in need, especially people experiencing homelessness. Once a month, volunteers gather to prepare care bags with food and hot drinks and to distribute blankets and jackets. If you would like to help in any way—through volunteering, donations, or support—please contact 647-403-8225 for more information

## JUBILEE CLOSURE



On Dec 28, 2025, @ 6 pm in the Cathedral, Cardinal Leo will be leading the Closing Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope. Please, keep this important date on your calendar. All are invited.

## CATECHISM BREAK



Classes will resume the week of January 5, 2026. We wish all our families a blessed and joyful Christmas season!

## CARDINAL LEO AFFIRMS CONCERN OF CANADIAN BISHOPS RE: C- 9



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
I write to you today to convey my support of the 4 December [letter](#) to Prime Minister Carney issued by the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) concerning proposed amendments to Bill C-9 and the possible removal of the long-standing “good faith” religious-text defence in the Criminal Code.  
As Catholics, we must always firmly reject all forms of hatred and discrimination, and we stand in solidarity with those who suffer from violence, intimidation, or prejudice. Our faith calls us to uphold the dignity of every human person and to contribute to a society marked by justice, peace, and respect for all.

At the same time, the concerns [highlighted](#) by the CCCB deserve serious attention. The ability to express and teach our faith freely—without fear that sincere, good-faith proclamation of the Gospel might be misunderstood as unlawful—is a cornerstone of a healthy, democratic Canada. Removing this narrow but important safeguard risks creating uncertainty for clergy, educators, and all people of faith who seek to pass on the teachings of the Church with charity and integrity.

I encourage you to read the CCCB Permanent Council’s [letter](#) in full and to stay informed about the discussions surrounding Bill C-9. I also ask that you join me in praying that our elected officials will work collaboratively with religious communities and legal experts to ensure that efforts to curb hatred do not unintentionally undermine the constitutional freedoms that allow people of all faiths to flourish in our country.

I am sharing this letter and the communication from the Permanent Council of the CCCB with every elected Member of Parliament in the Archdiocese of Toronto so that they are aware of our deep concerns. You are also encouraged to respectfully contact your own Member of Parliament (MP). You can find contact information for your local MP by [clicking here](#).

Let us continue to witness to Christ with confidence, compassion, and truth, trusting always in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Be assured of my continued gratitude and ongoing prayers for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,

Frank Cardinal Leo

Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

Posted on Dec 5, 2025

