

# ST. NORBERT'S PARISH BULLETIN

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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**  
6:30 pm mass

**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.

**RESERVED SEATING**  
The first-row pews in the Church are for persons with special needs/disability and for ease when giving and receiving Holy Communion.

## MEMORIAL MASS

We celebrate Memorial Masses in the Parish during a regular Mass and upon request.

## BAPTISM

To baptize your child at St. Norbert's Church, it is necessary to be a registered parishioner. If attending elsewhere, you must request and bring a permission letter from your Pastor. Baptisms are held on most Saturdays at 3 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.

## REFERENCE LETTER

Anyone seeking a letter of recommendation or reference letter, must be attending St. Norbert's Church and has volunteered in a Parish activity for at least one year. Referrals cannot be issued if we do not know you.

## 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

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**  
Please call – (416) 342-7590

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

## Three Lessons from the Holy Family of Nazareth (Inspired by Pope St. Paul VI)



The Holy Family of Nazareth—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—offers every Christian family a living model of love and holiness. In his homily at Nazareth, Pope St. Paul VI highlighted three essential lessons that continue to guide our families today:

### 1. The Lesson of Silence and Prayer

Nazareth teaches us the value of interior life. In a world full of noise and distractions, the Holy Family reminds us that God speaks in silence. Prayer within the family nurtures listening hearts, peace, and openness to God's will.

### 2. The Lesson of Love in Family Life

Nazareth reveals what a true home is meant to be: a place of communion, respect, forgiveness, and faithful love. The Holy Family shows us how spouses and children grow together in patience, trust, and mutual self-giving.

### 3. The Lesson of Work & Daily Duty

Through daily labor, the Holy Family teaches us that ordinary work, done with love, becomes holy.

*Through these simple but profound lessons, the Holy Family invites our own families to become schools of prayer, love, and faithful service.*

## 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

## FR. ELISSANDRO NEW ASSIGNMENT



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.

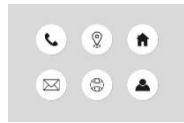
Parishioners may pick them up at the church or at the parish

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 beginning in February 2026.

### CONTACT INFORMATION



If you have changed your address, phone number or other information within the last six months, please contact the parish office or fill out a change of information Form located at the church entrance and return the updated form to the parish office.

### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION



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

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed from 1:00 p.m. December 31 to January 5. We wish everyone a blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

### RCIA PREPARATION

RCIA classes have not yet begun due to an insufficient number of registered participants. However, we have recently received several new inquiries. The parish will review the situation shortly and will contact those who have expressed interest with further information.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION



Marriage registration for 2026 is now closed. Couples who have been accepted to celebrate their wedding in 2026 will receive an email with

the schedule of required preparation meetings. Please note that wedding preparation is mandatory, as explained during the initial interview with the priest. Couples planning to marry are asked to contact the parish at least one year in advance of their intended wedding date. All couples must be willing to follow the parish calendar and guidelines for their celebration.



Date	Intention	Requested by
Sat, Dec. 27 5 p.m.	+ Sabrita Gallo + Mario Battista	Family Rita Battista
Sun, Dec. 28 9 a.m.	+ Carmine & Nascenza De Bellis	Elisa & Anna Arciero
Sun, Dec. 28 10:30 a.m.	+ Maria Avila	Friend
Sun, Dec. 28 12 p.m.	+ For All Parishioners (Pro Populo)	
Tue, Dec. 30 6:30 p.m.	Available	
Wed, Dec. 31 6:00 p.m.	Available	
Thurs, Jan 1 2026 9 a.m.	Available	
Thurs, Jan 1 2026 10:30 a.m.	Available	
Thurs, Jan 1 2026 12:00 p.m.	Available	
Fri, Jan 2 2026 8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Available  Available	

#### NOTE:

Mass intention donations are not eligible for income tax receipts. They may be placed in the acrylic box located on the right side of the altar.

Same-day Mass intentions can be requested 10 minutes before the Mass, provided that the intention for that day is still available.



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