

ST. NORBERT'S PARISH BULLETIN

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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

**Saturday and Sunday
and Statutory Holidays**
CLOSED

HOLY HOUR

First Friday of the month
8:30 am mass
from 9 am to 12 pm
from 5 pm to 7:30 pm
6 pm mass

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 pm – 4:30 pm
and by 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

Memorial Masses are celebrated during regular Masses 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

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BOILER CAMPAIGN

Maintenance Collection (Blue envelope)



Dear parishioners, we are just over halfway in reaching our goal of \$40,000 to pay for our new boiler.

Our fundraising campaign will continue in the new year. With your continued support in various fundraising activities, you are not only helping the cause, but you are also maintaining our church. I continue to pray in gratitude for your continued generosity.

Donation 2024 ----- \$22,618.25

Companies and business also can donate to this project. There is no need to be registered in the parish to get a tax receipt.

NEW RENOVATION PROJECTS

The parish is considering new projects for renovation. The Parish Financial Council will be meeting in January to discuss some of them. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact the office.

FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH in PRAYER

JAN 03rd - First Friday of Month - in the Presence of Jesus in prayer.

- Are you looking for the meaning of your life?
- Are you feeling alone or in solitude?
- Do you want to discern the will of God for your life, Marriage, Call to priesthood, or any kind of volunteering....?
- Do you think your family needs to return to God and have faith?

I think it would be helpful for you to spend some time praying in church in front of the Blessed Sacrament (Jesus in the Eucharist) during the Holy Hour.

Schedule:

8:30 am – Start with Mass

9 am – 11:30 am prayer and blessing

12 pm – 5 pm church is closed

5 pm – 6:15 pm prayer in silence

6:15 pm – rosary together

7 pm mass

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm personal prayer in silence

8:30 pm – Night prayer together and final blessing

ENVELOPE BOXES 2025 FOR PICK UP



Please remember to pick up your 2025 donation envelopes. / Ricordati di prendere la scatola di

buste delle donazioni riferente all'anno 2025 in fondo alla chiesa.



Jubilee Year 2025

Pope Francis has been opening several Holy doors in Rome. In this jubilee, our Pope decided to not have Holy doors around the world, but only in Rome.

However, the Pope has said that some churches in the dioceses around the globe may be designated as pilgrimage sites. Here are some churches near us:

- St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto
- Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke
- St. Mary's, Brampton
- Martyrs' Shrine, Midland - not that close

The Archdiocese of Toronto is organizing several initiatives for all ages. If you are interested, you can check the website: <http://archtoronto.org/jubilee>. Further information will be provided later on.

This Sunday Dec 29th at 5 p.m. Cardinal Leo will preside a mass in St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica to open the Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese, all are welcome. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis.

ShareLife

ShareLife is grateful for your generous hearts this 2024! **NEW:** Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. If you've shared your blessings through ShareLife in 2024, thank you. There's still time to touch more lives. If you donate online by December 31, you will receive a 2024 tax receipt. Please support the work of ShareLife agencies through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel! Our parish goal this year is **\$29,400.00**. To date we have achieved **\$15,220.00**. Please give at the parish by using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

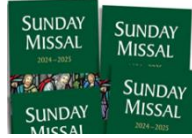
CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE - 2024



We would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts to the Christmas Giving Tree. The packages served 38 families within our community. Your kindness and support bring Christmas Light into the lives of families. A special thank you to the students, families and staff of St. Norbert school for being key supporters in our Christmas initiative. Wishing you all a blessed New Year.

SUNDAY MISSAL 2025

The Sunday Missal for the coming year is available. You may purchase one before each mass for \$5 each.



NEW OFFICE HOURS



Starting Jan 01st, 2025, the office will be closed on MONDAYS.

Remember that you can book your masses for any day using the proper envelopes, by email or by phoning the office during regular office hours. Please refer to the website, for information regarding the Sacraments.



Change of Address

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.

RCIA - CATECHISM FOR ADULTS



We are pleased to have had many inquiries on how to become Catholic. Registrations are now being accepted in the church office for RCIA. Classes will begin on Tuesday January 14th at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Stay tuned for further information!

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE END OF 2024

At 6 p.m. we start with Holy Hour to pray in silence and with the community to thank God for this special year and to ask His blessings for 2025.

DECEMBER 31 (Tuesday)

06 p.m. - Thanksgiving with Holy Hour
07 p.m. - Mass

On Jan 01st, we honour Our Lady of Peace. Our special intention will be for peace in the World.

JANUARY 01 (Wednesday)

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



REGIONAL CELEBRATION WITH HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO

Cardinal Leo will celebrate a special mass in our region at Saint Mary's Brampton on Wednesday January 29th 2025 at 7:00 pm. All parishioners are invited to attend. God bless our new Cardinal.



DATE	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Sat Dec 28 5 pm	+Sabrita Gallo	Family
Sun Dec 29 9 am	+Sesto Montefiore	
10:30 am	+Manuela Dalla Nora +Carmine & Nascenza De Bellis +Edith Deluna	Family Grand-daughters Family
12 pm	For all Parishioners (Pro Populo)	
Tue Dec 31 7 pm		
Wed Jan 01 9:00 am; 10:30 am & 12:00 pm		
Thu Jan 02 8:30 am		
Fri Jan 03 8:30 am 7 pm	First Friday Holy Hour	

PARISH INFORMATION

Mrs. Cynthia Livera, the parish secretary, has resigned from her position for personal reasons. Cynthia worked in the parish for several years and had developed a good relationship with the parishioners and priests. Everybody is going to miss Cynthia. Please, join me in saying thanks to Cynthia for all that she did for our parish and the community. May God continue to bless Cynthia and her family as she moves forward with new projects.



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