

# 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

# SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD



On January 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. This beautiful feast honors Mary's divine motherhood and her unique role in God's plan of salvation, as the one who gave birth to Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

As we begin the New Year, we place ourselves under the loving intercession of Mary, asking her to lead us closer to her Son and to obtain for us the grace of peace, faith, and hope for the year ahead.



January 1 is also observed by the Church as the World Day of Peace, established by Pope St. Paul VI in 1967. On this day, Catholics around the world are invited to pray and reflect on the gift of peace and on our responsibility to build peace in our families, communities, and the world.

Peace is not merely the absence of conflict, but a fruit of justice, charity, forgiveness, and respect for the dignity of every human person.

Through prayer, dialogue, and acts of mercy, we are called to become instruments of Christ's peace in daily life.

As we begin a new year, we ask the Lord—through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace—to grant peace to our hearts, our parish, and the world.

## 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.

## 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.

### 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 donations for 2025 will be accepted until January 11<sup>th</sup> only. From January 1<sup>st</sup> to January 11<sup>th</sup>, donations made by cheque must be dated until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. No exceptions will be made this year.

### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION



FC Classes will resume in the weekend of January 10 & 11, 2026. Confirmation Classes will resume on January 7 and 14. 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.

### ADVERTISE IN OUR PARISH BULLETIN

If you would like to advertise in our 2026 Parish Bulletin and support our parish, please get in touch with the parish office by email or phone. We would be happy to assist you.

### CERTIFICATES & DOCUMENTS REQUESTS

Parishioners requesting copies of Sacramental certificates are kindly asked to submit their request well in advance, as time is needed to prepare the documents and obtain the pastor's signature. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

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.

### ALTAR SERVER REGISTRATION



Registration for new altar servers is still open! Parents or guardians are asked to complete the Minor Volunteer Form and bring it to the parish office during regular office hours. Please note that children must be at least 7 years old to register. Forms are available at the back of the church.



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