

# 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 1pm  
**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 MASSES

Memorial Masses are celebrated  
in the parish during a regularly  
scheduled Mass and are available  
upon request.

### BAPTISMS

Information, registration forms,  
and required documents for  
Baptism are available on our  
parish website.  
A Baptism Preparation Class for  
parents and godparents is held on  
the last Tuesday of each month.  
Baptisms are celebrated on 2nd  
and 4th Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.  
Applications are accepted once  
all required documents are  
submitted. Parish registration is  
not required.

### MARRIAGES

For marriages, **please contact the  
parish office at least one year in  
advance.** Weddings are generally  
held at 12:00 PM on most  
Saturdays of the month.

### REFERENCE / RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Anyone requesting a letter of  
recommendation or reference  
must be an active member of St.  
Norbert's Church and have  
volunteered in a parish activity  
for 1+ years. Referrals cannot be  
issued if we do not know you.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

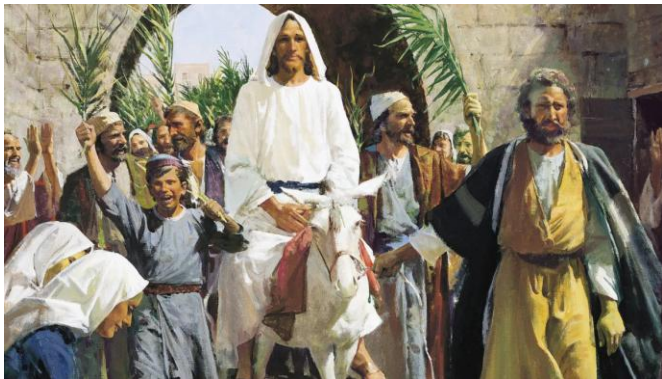
Please visit our website and download the fillable registration form.  
Once the form is completed, kindly submit it to the parish office.

**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

## PALM SUNDAY (A)

### HOLY WEEK 2026



#### Palm Sunday

*“Hosanna in the highest!”*

Today we walk with the crowd that welcomes Jesus into Jerusalem—full of hope, joy, and expectation. We raise our palms and proclaim Him as King. Yet, within days, those same voices will cry out, “Crucify Him.”

### GOOD FRIDAY

#### HOLY HOUR & STATIONS OF THE CROSS



On Good Friday, April 3, our parish invites all parishioners to enter more deeply into this most sacred day.

From 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, we will hold a Holy Hour, offering a time of prayer and adoration, as we reflect on the Passion of the Lord and live the most important week of the year.

In the evening at 7:00 PM, we will gather for the Stations of the Cross, walking prayerfully with Christ on His journey to Calvary.

All are warmly encouraged to come and spend time with the Lord in silence, prayer, and devotion.

### SUNDAY MISSAL AVAILABLE

Sunday Missals - \$5

Sunday Missals are still available for \$5 each. Purchase at the Parish Office or in the Sacristy before or after Mass.

### 2026 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

HAPPY  
Holy Week



#### PASCHAL TRIDUUM / TRIDUO PASQUALE

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 PM (BILINGUAL)

HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S  
SUPPER GIOVEDÌ SANTO

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April 3<sup>th</sup>

3:00 PM (BILINGUAL)

VENERDÌ SANTO « PASSIONE DEL SIGNORE »  
GOOD FRIDAY « THE LORD'S PASSION »

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April 4<sup>th</sup>

8:00 PM (BILINGUAL)

HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL  
VEGLIA PASQUALE

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April 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

DOMENICA DI RISURREZIONE

### CATHOLICISM 101 ONLINE SEMINAR:

April 8, 2026 @7:00 pm -

Register at <https://cat101.eventbrite.ca>



(416) 921-1163

Catholic Family Services of  
Toronto 1155 Yonge St.,  
Suite 200 M4T 1W2, Toronto

[www.cfstoronto.com](http://www.cfstoronto.com)

### EASTER MOVIE THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners, your support and generosity during our Easter Movie fundraiser were much appreciated and enabled us to fundraise \$315.70 which will go toward refurbishing our parish confessional. Thank you for your continued support. ~ St. Norbert Social Committee ~.



**SPECIAL THANK YOU**



St. Norbert's Parish warmly thanks John & Danielle's NoFrills 3717 and Mr. Johnathan Jenkins for their generous monthly donation of \$200 in gift cards to support our Outreach to the Poor program. Your kindness brings real hope and help to those in need in our community. We are truly grateful.

**Easter Solidarity Grocery Bags**



We gratefully acknowledge a generous parishioner who organized a donation of 70 grocery bags (valued at over \$1,800) for families in

need during the Easter season. We also extend our thanks to **FreshCo** and **Boston Pizza** for their support in this generous initiative.

These bags have been distributed to local secondary and elementary schools based on identified needs within our community. Additional donations of non-perishable food items are warmly welcomed during this blessed season.

**Parish Office Easter Holiday**

Please note that the Parish Office will not be open on Good Friday April 3 and on Sunday April 5, due to the Easter holiday.



Date	Intention	Requested by
Sat, Mar 28 5 p.m.	+ Vincenzo & Rosaria Macri + Gioan Baotixita - Hien +Heronimo - Huy + Maria - Ninh + Giuse - Huan + Vinhson Thac	Family Family Family Family Family Family
Sun, Mar 29 9 a.m.	+ Antonio Della Ventura + D'Onofrio & Battiste family	Family Family
Sun, Mar 29 10:30 a.m.	+ Angela Lacivita + Domenico Conti + Ottavio, Esterina, Vincenzo & Antonietta Di Santo + Abelardo & Lourdes Galang + Anthony & Martin Ducepec	Family Family Family  Dolly Ducepec Dolly Ducepec
Sun, Mar 29 12 p.m.	+ Antonio & Maria Concetta Vecchiarelli + Pegorer Family (in thanksgiving)	John & Filomena Pegorer
Tue, Mar 31 6:30 p.m.	Available	
Wed, Apr 1 6:30 p.m.	Available	
Thurs, Apr 2 8:00 a.m.	+ Carminda & Manuel Fernande	Family
Fri, Apr 3 8:00 a.m.	Available	



Archdiocese  
of Toronto

# Help Not Harm

We invite the Catholic community to respectfully contact their local Member of Parliament (MP), requesting their support of a Private Members' Bill (C-218, **The Right to Recover Act – an act to amend the Criminal code – Medical Assistance in Dying**) currently before the Parliament of Canada.

**What is Bill C-218?** Bill C-218 amends the Criminal Code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to individuals whose sole underlying condition is a mental illness. It recognizes the importance of Canadians to recover from mental illness and ensures help can be offered, not harm.

## WHY IT MATTERS:

- **Every life is precious.** As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.
- **A desire to die can be a symptom of illness.** Suicidal thoughts are frequently part of mental illness itself, raising serious concerns about whether consent can ever be truly free and informed.
- **Mental illness is often treatable.** Many mental health conditions improve over time with proper care, therapy, medication, and support. Recovery remains possible, even after long periods of suffering.
- **Gaps in mental health care remain unresolved.** Long wait times, limited access to psychiatrists, and uneven mental health services mean some may seek to end their life due to system failure, not medical necessity.
- **There is an increased risk to vulnerable Canadians.** Individuals navigating mental health challenges are more likely to experience poverty, trauma, isolation, disability, or lack of access to care—factors that may pressure individuals toward assisted suicide.

## BACKGROUND ON BILL C-218

### What is a Private Members' Bill?

A Private Members' Bill is a piece of legislation introduced in Parliament by a Member of Parliament (MP) or Senator who is not a Cabinet Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, or Speaker. These bills allow individual legislators to propose new laws, or amend existing ones, typically focusing on public policy issues. Bill C-218 has been introduced by the Conservative Party of Canada Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City, British Columbia, Tamara Jansen.

**To pass, this legislation will require support from more than one political party.** We believe that many MPs are uncomfortable with the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada and in particular, the possibility that MAiD will be offered for those whose primary underlying condition is mental illness. We are asking MPs to vote their conscience, regardless of party affiliation.

**The difference in passing this Private Members' Bill could be just a few votes in the House of Commons.** It is critical that constituents contact their Member of Parliament asking them to support Bill C-218. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

## TAKE ACTION AT [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) TODAY!

The Bill is scheduled for second reading in early April 2026 with a vote on the legislation expected by mid-April 2026. Please visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today where you can send an e-mail directly to your local Member of Parliament in less than 3 minutes. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

Chances are, you know someone suffering from mental illness. In any given year, 1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness. It may be a relative, friend or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we have a responsibility to offer care, hope and protection NOT death for those close to us and those most vulnerable who are suffering.

**Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.**



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