ST. NORBERT'S PARISH BULLETIN

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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 7 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 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.

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



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.

RENOVATION CAMPAIGN Maintenance Collection (Blue envelope)

NEW STATIONS OF THE CROSS & NEW LIGHTS FOR THE CHURCH

Dear parishioners, as previously announced we are about to start a new step in our renovation project. After the new boiler, we are going to repaint the Stations of the Cross, which are very faded and uncolorful.



At the same time, we will change the lighting system in the Church. New adjustable beam LED projectors for altar area, crucifix, tabernacle, baptismal font, more lights for stairs in front of the church and motion sensors in some areas.

PRAYERS FOR POPE FRANCIS

Dear parishioners, as you know, Pope Francis has been in the hospital for several weeks. Recently, Cardinal Leo sent to all parishes a letter asking all of us to pray for our Pope's health. Please, include Pope Francis in your daily prayers.

ST JOSEPH DAY - March 19th SPECIAL MASS FOR FATHERS @ 7 pm



On March 19th, the Church celebrates Saint Joseph, father of Jesus and spouse of Mary. We are going to celebrate this special occasion by offering a particular blessing to all fathers present in the Mass. Join us to celebrate St. Joseph!

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2024

Tax receipts for 2024 are now AVAILABLE in the parish office. You can come in regular time when the office is open to pick it up. We thank all of you for your kind generosity.

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE POOR



Twas poor and you gave me some jood Mt 25:35

We are starting a new program in the parish to assist the poorest of the poor: the homeless people. If you are interested in helping, you may send us an email for more information. Parish's contact information is on the front page.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS March 14th

During Lent, we are going to have the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7 pm in the church.

Anyone can help to carry the cross, candles and read the Stations. Those who desire to help must come at least 20 minutes prior the service starts.



I strongly encourage everyone to participate without fear.

INFORMATION

<u>There are no Baptisms during Lent.</u> We will start Baptisms again in May. We will let you know the dates.

MAKE YOUR BUSINESS KNOWN



If you want to advertise your business in our parish bulletin get in touch with the office. The annual cost for one space is \$300. Please help the parish to keep the bulletin in colour by helping us find

advertisers. THE DEADLINE IS ON MARCH 30th

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday is back and you are welcome to take part in it. On March 08th & 09th after mass.



Il caffe insieme dopo la messa ritorna e tutti

sono invitati a partecipare. L'08 e 09 di Marzo dopo le messe Festive.

It's a good occasion to get together and meet fellow parishioners.



On March 29, 2025, we are offering a Discernment Day Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary for High School Men in grades 11 & 12 who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. The retreat will start at 9:00 am and end at 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. For more information visit: www.vocationstoronto.ca and click on Programs.

Mass Intentions		
DATE	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Sat Mar 8 5 pm	+ Francesco Trentadue	Rafaela Trentadue
Sun Mar 9 9 am	+ Vincenzo Palazzo	Rosa Palazzo
Sun Mar 9, 10:30 am	+ Antonio & Giovanna Piccinin + Eze Clement Okey Dike + Dominic & Esterina Bruni	Stephanie & Paula Stanley Dike Patricia
Sun Mar 9 12 pm	+ For all the Parishioners (Pro Popolo)	
Tue Mar 11 7 pm	+ Simon Senior, Florencia & Simon Jr Dy + Romeo & Dominador Dy	Alma Lamanilao Family
Wed Mar 12 7 pm	+ Salvatore Magnone + Zosimo B. Buendia	
Thu Mar 13 8.30 am	Available	
Fri Mar 14 8.30 am	+ Angela Piccinin & Nancy Hart	Mary Piccinin

PARISH HALL RENTING

After so many requests and evaluating the situation, we will start to rent the parish hall again. The conditions to rent the hall are:

- 1. Sign a contract with the parish, taking responsibility for the period of using it and accepting the conditions,
- 2. Pay insurance for period of time of using it,
- 3. Apply for LCBO license in case of use and pay for it,
- 4. The parish hall can be rented only when free from the parish activities, such as meetings or catechism classes,
- 5. Fee for parishioners (registered in the parish and a regular offering giver for at least 6 months is \$280,
- 6. Fee for NO parishioners (anyone not registered in the parish and no regular offering giver is \$400,
- 7. The hall can't be rented for any activity that doesn't match with the Christian catholic believe,
- 8. The hall can't be rented for a child's birthday parties or political meetings

For further information call the parish office.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

