

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ALTAR SERVER REGISTRATION



Registration is open for new altar servers. Please, parents or guardians, fill out the proper Form for minor volunteers and bring it to the parish office during regular opening times. Children must be up to 7 years old. Forms are in the back of the church.

CHILDREN CHOIR



We are glad to announce that we are starting a Children's Choir on Saturday's Mass. Rehearsals are before mass only at 4:30. Parents are encouraged to stay with their children in the choir loft to support them. For more information, talk with the Children's Choir director, Pawel (pawel.w.music@gmail.com).

JUBILEE CLOSURE

On Dec 28, 2025, @ 6 pm in the Cathedral, Cardinal Leo will be leading the Closing Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope. Please, keep this important date on your calendar. All are invited.



SUNDAY MISSAL

2025 – 2026



LivingwithChrist

2025-2026 LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSAL

The 2026 Sunday Missal is available at the Church entrance before & after Weekend Mass and Office for only \$5.00

Copies are limited

GETTING PREPARED FOR CHRISTMAS



CLEANING THE CHURCH

Friday, Dec 12th - 9 AM

We are looking for cleaning angels to help prepare our church for Christmas. We will be cleaning the pews and the wooden panels around the altar, and we need 10-12 parishioners to assist.

If you can lend a hand, your help will be greatly appreciated as we ready our parish home for the birth of the Lord.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

SIMBANG GABI - NOVENA DI NATALE

From Dec 16th - 23th, 7 PM

This year, our parish will hold a Christmas Novena over nine evenings as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. Everyone is warmly invited to join us. Following each Mass, light refreshments will be served in the parish hall.

Come and share this beautiful time of prayer and community!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our parish is once again launching the **Christmas Giving Tree**, an initiative to assist families in particular need from the schools in our community. Parishioners are invited to choose an ornament from the tree in the church. Each ornament lists an item that can be purchased and **returned the following Sunday**. Our parish outreach team will prepare the gift bags and ensure they are delivered to the schools that serve these families.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping bring Christ's love to those in need this Christmas.

CONFESSION DAY IN THE PARISH

Confession is an essential part of our Christian and Catholic preparation for Christmas. Our parish will offer Confessions on Monday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and take this opportunity to prepare your heart for the coming of the Lord.

Per coloro che preferiscono confessarsi in italiano, ci sarà la possibilità di confessarsi **giovedì 11 dicembre alle ore 10:30**.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



 **Sunday, December 14th at 4 PM**
Christmas Concert & Nativity Play

Rehearsals will be on Saturdays -
Nov 29, Dec 6 & 13 from 1-2:30 pm.
Contact: michellefrizza@gmail.com

 **Text: 416-828-8071**

PANETTONE & TORRONE SALES

Also, this year we will once again have **Panettone** and **Torrone** available for sale in the parish. Each item is \$15, and all proceeds will help us renew the confessional and purchase materials for our catechism program.



Get yours and support our parish!

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET



Chaminade College School invites everyone to a festive Christmas Market on **December 6, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

If you are able, please bring a new toy as a donation to support their Christmas outreach.

St. Robert Elementary School also has its Christmas Market on **Dec 4, 2025, from 6 pm to 9 pm.** All are welcome!

SECOND COLLECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the weekend of December 6 & 7, the second collection will help provide beautiful Christmas flowers for our church



Date	Intention	Requested by
Sat, Nov. 29 5 p.m.	+ Georgina & Joe Martin	Zenny Salinas
Sun, Nov. 30 9 a.m.	Available	
Sun, Nov. 30 10:30 a.m.	+ Maria Francesca Iuliano + Muto Family + Barone Family	Ottorina Barone
Sun, Nov. 30 12 p.m.	For all Parishioners (Pro Populo)	
Tue, Nov. 02 6:30 p.m.	Available	
Wed, Nov. 03 6:30 p.m.	Available	
Thurs, Nov. 04 8:00 a.m.	Available	
Fri, Nov. 05 8:00 a.m. 6:30 PM	Available Available	

NOTE 1: Mass Intention donation envelopes should NOT be placed in the collection basket. Please put them in the designated box located on the right side of the sanctuary.

NOTE 2: Dear parents, if your child becomes restless during Mass, please feel free to use the cry room at the back of the church. There are toys available there to help keep little ones calm and comfortable. Thank Josie, for your donation!

NOTE 3: On the parish boards, at the entrances, you find the financial balance of St. Norbert's Festival, with a positive outcome. Thank everyone for being part of it.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

		
		

DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER FOR THE GRIEVING

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, Ontario L1X 1V4
Saturday, December 6, 2025, 9:30am to 5:00pm

“Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?”

Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey.

Sister Claire Marchal is a Xaviere sister. Before entering the congregation of the Xavier Sisters sixteen years ago, she spent three months in India where she volunteered in a centre of the sisters of Mother Teresa caring for the dying. Back in France, she volunteered in palliative care while working in industry and maturing her vocation call. She has been living in Canada for twelve years in small Xaviere communities, in Montreal and now in Toronto.

Mary Hyland has been walking with those who are grieving for many years as a volunteer. She is a retired Pediatrician. She has honed her skills as a listener and caregiver for the bereaved, while training with the Archdiocese of Toronto and with the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Suggested Offering: \$75.00 pp (includes coffee/tea break and lunch)

For more information or to register: **Mary Hyland** at **905-441-0957**