

# St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church

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**Office Hours:** Mon 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tues 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Wed & Thurs - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**PASTOR:** Fr. Xavier De Pinto

**VISITING PRIEST:** Fr. Mario Cafarelli

**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:** Marilyn Crinnion

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Leonarda Di Benedetto

## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. English (Children's Liturgy & Choir)

Sunday 7:45 a.m. Italian

9:00 a.m. Italian

10:30 a.m. English (Children's Liturgy)

12:00 p.m. English (C.F.C. Choir)

## DAILY MASS:

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Italian/English (Devotion to Padre Pio)

Wednesday

and Friday 8:00 a.m. Italian

Thursday 8:00 a.m. English

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
after 8:00 a.m. mass till 9:30 a.m.

## RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 4:15-4:45 p.m. and upon request

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact the pastoral associate

Marilyn Crinnion at 905-428-8650.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please contact the pastor at least one year in  
advance or earlier.

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Although they were the Chosen People, the people of the first reading had hit the wall. They had become wealthy. They had less need for God than ever before. They pushed God aside, even out of their lives. They forgot about Him.

Then, they bottomed out. They were led off into slavery. Temple and the Holy City were destroyed. They acted like pagans, and now they were forced to live in a pagan land and serve pagans. But in their poverty they became rich. They refused to become pagan. Having their identity stolen from them made the people more devout followers of Yahweh, They had no power except their faith in the All Powerful One.

When we put our complete faith in God, we receive deliverance from our enemies. Then we allow evil into our lives. We allow something to destroy us. We destroy ourselves by relying on our own abilities instead of the Power of God. When we bottom out. We find ourselves completely alone.

Through the Grace of God, we come to the Wisdom that we are only alone if we forget about Him who said He'd always be with us. There is nothing that we might have done which excludes us from His compassion and consolation. "Give comfort to my people," the Lord says. There is nothing that the Lord does not want to forgive.

So often we underestimate God. We forget that God set no limits to His Love. Perhaps we think that we do not deserve His mercy and compassion. We are correct there. We don't deserve Him, but that doesn't mean that He doesn't give Himself totally for us.

Look at the cross. How can you look at the cross, and underestimate what our God will do out of Love?

***John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests and religious especially to prepare the people to receive His Son.***

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation call Fr. Liborio 416-968-0997 email vocations@vocations.ca or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca



Please remember the Women and Children of Yorktown Family Services when you are Christmas Shopping. Help us decorate our giving tree with Children Books ages 2 to 16, socks, hats and gloves, pajamas, towels or a house hold item for the women. Bring your unwrapped gift to the church by Dec 14th.

*Thank you for your Generosity.*



**Hark the Herald Angels Sing .....**

You and your family are cordially invited to attend the first annual St. Norbert Christmas Caroling Sunday Dec. 14th, at 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM at St. Norbert Church (outside weather permitting) Come and enjoy this wondrous time of year with some old fashioned caroling, a toasty cup of hot chocolate and a delicious treat! Please contact a.digiovanni@rogers.com with any questions.

**IMPORTANT DATES AND MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 9**

**7:00 PM** -St. Lucia Mass & Refreshments in the hall

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 9**

**8:00 PM** -Social Committee Meeting

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10**

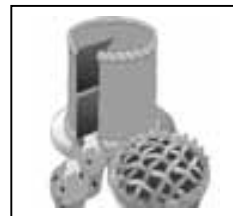
**7:00 PM** -Celebration of First Reconciliation  
St. Robert & St. Norbert Schools

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 14**

**After all Masses-BAKE SALE**

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17**

**7:00 PM** – St. Norbert's School Advent Mass



**BAKE SALE**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**

Bring your baked goods to the hall on Saturday before 5 pm mass or Sunday before the masses. The Bake sale is Sunday from 30 to 1:30 pm

**ENVELOPES FOR 2009**

The 2009 donations envelopes are ready for pick up in the Children's Liturgy Room. The envelopes are in alphabetical order, making it easy to find your box. PLEASE TAKE ONLY THE BOX WITH YOUR NAME ON IT DO NOT GO BY THE NUMBER.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR OWN BLANK ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME WRITTEN ON IT FOR DONATIONS YOU MUST REGISTER AND USE ONLY CHURCH ENVELOPES IN ORDER TO GET A TAX RECEIPT.**

**CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING:**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletins beginning December 12. The advertisements make our bulletin possible. Please support the church and advertise your service in our Sunday bulletin. Please call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

2008 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER  
24**

**7:00 PM-** Children's Mass  
(English)  
**11:30 PM-** Caroling  
**12:00 AM** Midnight Mass  
(Bilingual)

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
THURSDAY DECEMBER 25**

**7:45 AM-** Italian  
**9:00 AM-** Italian  
**10:30 AM-** English  
**12:00 PM** –English

**BOXING DAY  
FRIDAY DECEMBER 26**

**9:00 AM** – Bilingual

**NEW YEARS EVE  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER  
31**

**5:00 PM** - English

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD  
THURSDAY JANUARY 1**

**7:45 AM-** Italian  
**9:00 AM-** Italian  
**10:30 AM-** English  
**12:00 PM** –English



In confronto all'introduzione discreta nel tempo dell'Avvento avvenuta domenica scorsa, l'annuncio di oggi è spettacolare: "Ecco, io mando il mio messaggero davanti a te... Voce di uno che grida nel deserto: preparate la strada del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri". Giovanni Battista fa il suo ingresso spettacolare nel mondo, vestito di

pelì di cammello. Le sue parole bruciano l'aria, le sue azioni frustano il vento. Predica "un battesimo di conversione per il perdono dei peccati" ed immerge i suoi discepoli nelle acque del Giordano. Il suo messaggio, pur legato a un momento della storia, è eterno. Si rivolge anche a noi. Anche noi dobbiamo preparare la strada del Signore, poiché un sentiero si spinge fino ai nostri cuori. Sfortunatamente, troppo spesso, durante l'Avvento, molte distrazioni ci ostacolano nell'accogliere, spiritualmente, il messaggio del Vangelo. Non dovremmo, invece, cercare di dedicare un po' di tempo alla meditazione di quanto dice san Pietro: "Noi aspettiamo nuovi cieli e una terra nuova, nei quali avrà stabile dimora la giustizia" (2Pt 3,13)?

**BAKE SALE**



**Domenica 14 dicembre**

Porta le sue dolci infornate sabato prima di la messa alle cinque o prima delle messi di domenica. Il Bake Sale inizia 8 30 a 1:30 pm

Le buste di 2009 sono pronte per raccoglie nella Stanza di Liturgia dei Bambini. Le buste sono nell'ordine alfabetico, rendendo piú facile per trovare la sua scatola. Per favore di controllare l'etichetta per assicurarsi che il suo nome e l'indirizzo sono corretti. **PER FAVORE ACCETTA SOLTANDO LA SCATOLA COL SUO NOME non VA DAL NUMERO.**

Lei può raccogliere anche le sue buste all'ufficio durante le ore d'ufficio regolari.

**Mass Intentions**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 9**

**7:00 PM**  
Santa Lucia Mass

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10**

**8:00 AM**  
+Benedetto Salzano & Famiglia Calderone

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 11**

**8:00 AM**  
+Piemonte & Giuseppina Guido

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 12**

**8:00 AM**  
Intention Available

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 13**

**5:00 PM**  
+Donato & John Faccia & Giuseppe & Dora Di Monte

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 14**

**7:45 AM**  
+Defunti Bisogno & Lagana  
+Antonio & Virgina Bisogno  
+Sebastiano Roselli

**9:00 AM**  
+Antonietta Onisto  
+Antonietta Dottori

**10:30 AM**  
+Clara Taddei

**12:00 PM**  
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