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Wheel Chair accessible

PASTOR: Fr. Xavier De Pinto

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Cynthia Livera

VISITING PRIEST: Fr. Ermias Gebreegiabher
Fr. Robert Barringer

WEEKEND MASSES:

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. Italian

9:00 a.m. Italian (Italian Choir)

10:30 a.m. English (Children's Liturgy & Organist/Soloist)

12:00 p.m. English (Children's Liturgy & 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 7:00 p.m. English (Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

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 administrative assistant Cynthia Livera at 416-636-0213 ext.0.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Please contact the pastor Fr. Xavier De Pinto at 416-636-0213 ext. 2

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

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

PILGRIMAGE COORDINATOR:

Nunzia Bisogno 416-638-1777

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

David Frattaroli 416-936-1243 davefrattaroli@rogers.com

Meetings 3rd Thursday of Month

C.W.L. (CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE):

Becky Cezar beckycezar@rogers.com



Thinking about the priesthood or religious life? Hearing Jesus' call "Come and follow me"?

Not sure? Visit Vocations Toronto, a resourceful site in answering these questions.

www.vocationstoronto.ca or call: 416-968-0997

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Envelopes? Yes or No New Parishioner Change of Address Moving out of Parish

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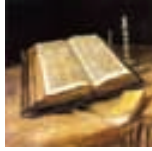
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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

BENVENUTI ALLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear parishioners,



To commemorate the year of faith I will be leading a 8 part bible study class. The classes will entail a discussion and viewing of a series of videos on the history and relevance of the bible in our lives. A text book is also available at a cost to be determined.

The classes will take place once a month on Thursday nights at approximately 7:30 pm after the 7:00 pm mass in St. Norbert's church.

2013 - Jan. 03 Apr. 11
 Feb. 07 May 02
 Mar. 21 June 06

(final class and reception in church hall)

Hope you can join us in this journey.

God Bless
Fr. Xavier

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual New Year's Eve party again this year It's a tremendously enjoyable event for the whole family. Tickets are on sale at the back of the church following all weekend Masses or can be obtained at the parish office.

I Cavalieri Di Colombo terranno la loro consueta serata di Fine D'Anno. E' un modo meraviglioso per trascorrere la chiusura dell'anno con i nostra famiglia Saranno disponibili dopo ogni Santa Messa , all'uscita della Chiesa oppure si potranno acquistare nell'ufficio della Parrocchia.

Date : Monday 31st December

Time : 7:00 pm onwards

Tickets : \$ 60/- per person (dinner & open bar)

Venue : Parish Hall

Friends of St. Francis

Are you a proud pet parent? Are you interested in sharing your joy with the rest of the parish? St. Norbert's Parish will be adding a link to the parish website and needs your input. 'Friends of St. Francis' will be introduced soon and will have 'pet biographies', a 'congratulations corner', a 'pet news spot', 'upcoming pet events in the city', and more! We're even thinking of organizing monthly 'petogethers' so pets and their families can share coffee and news in person – er, in pet. And . . . you don't have to know how to use a computer to get started. Just drop a handwritten note to the parish office with your name and phone number, and email address if you have one, and you'll be contacted so we can get your pet(s) on the website. If you'd rather contact me directly, please email me at conniejeanmarsh@gmail.com. Just in time for St. Francis of Assisi Day on October 3.



Did You Know...?

In today's Gospel passage John the Baptist is advising people from all walks of life – represented by the crowds, the tax collector and the soldier – that conversion is needed in order to prepare for the coming of Christ.

The Church teaches that moral conversion is possible to everyone, and, more than that, it is needed by everyone.

Moral conversion can be reached by our day to day actions. Through our actions we must turn away from what is evil and turn to what we perceive as good. This way, in fact, we turn to the Lord.

The Church teaches that there are four cardinal virtues required in the process of moral conversion: prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. One needs to cultivate these virtues for a successful moral conversion.

Prudence helps us discern the most appropriate course of action in a given situation. Through justice we treat others fairly. Fortitude gives the strength to act in choosing good, against fears that might want to push us in the opposite direction. Temperance helps us maintain a correct balance in pursuing sensual pleasure.

As we prepare for the coming of the Lord, let us take the advice of St. John the Baptist this third Sunday of Advent, and examine ourselves to determine where exactly we are on our road of moral conversion.

2012 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24 – MONDAY

05:00 pm – Children's Mass (English)

11:00 pm – Caroling

11:30 pm – Christmas Vigil Mass
(Italian/English)

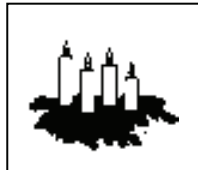
DECEMBER 25 – TUESDAY

07:45 am – Italian

09:00 am – Italian

10:30 am – English

12:00 pm – English



NEW YEARS EVE – DEC 31 (MONDAY)

5:00 pm – English

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MOTHER OF GOD – JANUARY 01 (TUESDAY)

07:45 AM – Italian

09:00 am – Italian

10:30 am – English

12:00 pm - English

APPRECIATION FROM GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES (THANKSGIVING)

Please accept our sincerest thanks for your support, given without hesitation, to help homeless and disadvantaged people. Your help impacts the lives of some of the most vulnerable and marginalized in our city.



L'annuncio profetico di Giovanni Battista trova un'eco in quelli che lo ascoltano. Vanno da lui per domandargli: "Cosa dobbiamo fare?". Giovanni si rifà alla tradizione dei profeti e risponde che la condizione necessaria è il

compimento del comandamento dell'amore del proprio prossimo, espressione reale dell'amore di Dio. Giovanni non esige la durezza della vita che egli conduce, non disapprova neanche le attività proprie ai laici che vanno verso di lui. Tuttavia, egli sa indicare a ognuno quello che deve convertire in se stesso, e come realizzare i propri doveri verso il prossimo, e nello stesso tempo indicare loro chiaramente dove risiedono l'ingiustizia e l'errore che devono essere superati. Quando gli si domanda se egli è il Messia, Giovanni Battista risponde di no, e non accetta alcun legame alla sua persona, nessuna adesione personale qualunque essa sia. Con umiltà proclama che il Messia si trova sulla terra, che lui solo possiede il battesimo vero. Questo non si farà con l'acqua, ma con lo Spirito Santo e il fuoco, per tutti coloro che vorranno vivere la conversione completa. Solo il Messia potrà riunire il frumento e bruciare la paglia in un rogo, dettare il giudizio della misericordia. Giovanni non è neanche degno di slegare i suoi sandali; a lui, Giovanni, è stato solo chiesto di preparare il cammino del Signore.



Mass Intentions

TUESDAY DECEMBER 18

7:00 PM

+Giovanni Aimola

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19

8:00 AM

+Michele & Cecilia Ladisa

THURSDAY DECEMBER 20

7:00 PM

Intention available

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21

8:00 AM

+Piemonte & Giuseppina Giudo

SATURDAY DECEMBER 22

5:00 PM

+Giuseppe Caldarone

+Antonietta Cutulle

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23

7:45 AM

+Maria Romano

9:00 AM

+Nicola & Maria Di Ilio

+Ugo Quattrococchi

+Alessandro Schioppo

10:30 AM

+Clara Capacchione

+Emilia Di Tonno

12:00 PM

Intention available

VOCATION SEEDS

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, then call Fr. Hansoo 416-968-0997

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes will be ready for pick-up in the Hall after Mass, and during Office hours on week-days. You will need your envelope number.



BUSTE OFFERTE DOMENICALI

- Le buste offerte per il 2013 sono pronte per il ritiro durante gli orari d'ufficio.
- Per favore presentate il numero che si trova sulle Vostre buste correnti.

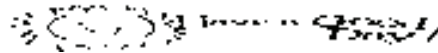
**APPRECIATION FROM - AID TO WOMEN
BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN**

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude for the kind support that the parishioners of St. Norbert's parish have given to Aid to Women. The needs are always great from women facing unplanned pregnancies, but the hearts of our supporters are large and generous, as displayed so beautifully by the good people of your parish. We greatly appreciate the donation of over \$4,400/- from the Baby Bottles for Life campaign.

**FIRST COMMUNION/
CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Please note the dates when classes will commence in January, 2013 –

- First Communion – Jan. 12th – 3:00 pm
- Confirmation -- Jan. 19th – 3:00 pm



Three Wise Women

(as opposed to Three Wise Men)

Do you know what would have happened if there had been Three Wise WOMEN instead of Three Wise MEN?


The WOMEN would have:

- Asked directions,
- Arrived on time,
- Helped deliver the baby,
- Cleaned the stable,
- Made a casserole, and
- Brought practical gifts (like diapers!)

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