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## PEACE ON EARTH

**Dear Parishioners,**

**We wish you a blessed Happy New Year!**



**We assure you of our prayers.**

**Fr. Xavier and the Staff of St. Norbert**

**Carissimi Parrocchiani,**

**Vorremmo esprimere Vi gli auguri di un Felice e Santo Natale!**

**Siete e sarete sempre nelle Nostre Preghiere.**

**Da Padre Saverio e tutto lo Staff Della Parrocchia di St. Norbert**

**THANK YOU**

To all the parishioners and employees of Bombardier who participated in the St Norbert's Christmas Giving Tree **THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREMDOUS GENEROSITY.** We packaged 234 gifts for the women and children of Yorktown Shelter, the members of Vita Community Living and the new families registered with St Vincent de Paul. Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the packing of the gifts. You gave to those you have never met as the Lord asks of us. **THANK YOU.** All the very best for 2012.

**GRAZIE**

A tutti i parrocchiani e dipendenti di Bombardier che hanno partecipato all'albero di Natale St Norbert. **GRAZIE PER LA VOSTRA GENEROSITA.** Abbiamo confezionato 234 regali per le donne e i bambini di Shelter Yorktown, i membri di Vita Community Living e le nuove famiglie di San Vincenzo de 'Paoli. Grazie ai volontari che hanno collaborato con la confezione dei regali. Che hai dato a quelli che non hanno mai incontrato come il Signore ci chiede. **GRAZIE.** Tutto il meglio per il 2012.

**Did you know that.....**

In many places the New Year's Eve is called Sylvester because December 31 is the feast day of St. Sylvester. Sylvester was the pope between 314-325 AD and so he was contemporary with emperor Constantine.

On January 1 we observe the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. This feast honours the role of Mary, the Queen of Peace, in the mystery of salvation. Also it is a good opportunity to adore the newborn Prince of Peace. This day is also the "World Day of Peace" in the Roman Catholic Church, as declared by pope Paul VI in 1974.

Theotokos is the Greek title of Mary. Strictly translated means "God-bearer" or "the one who gives birth to God". The Third Ecumenical Council of Ephesus, back in 431, decreed that Mary is Theotokos. This title is mostly used in the eastern Catholic Church. The title "Mother of God" represents a loose translation of Theotokos. Either way, the fact that Mary is the Mother of God, is one of the doctrines of the church.

The English name of Mary comes from the Greek name Maria, which in turn comes from the Hebrew "Miriam" or the Aramaic "Mariam". Aramaic was the language spoken in the holy land in the times of Jesus

**SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES 2012**



The envelopes for 2012 are ready for pick-up during Office hours. You need to know your envelope number.

**BUSTE OFFERTE DOMENICALI 2012**

- Le buste offerte per il 2012 sono pronte per il ritiro durante gli orari d'ufficio.
- Per favore presentate il numero che si trova sulle Vostre buste correnti.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM**

- Copy of parents' Baptism certificate.
- Copy of Confirmation certificate of God-parents.



**VOCATION SEEDS**

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon. If God is calling you,

**Contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997**

**Email vocations@vocations.ca**



“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 peli 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)?



**Mass Intentions**

**TUESDAY JANUARY 03**

**7:00 PM**

+Maria Del Duca

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 04**

**8:00 AM**

Intention available

**THURSDAY JANUARY 05**

**7:00 PM**

Intention available

**FRIDAY JANUARY 06**

**8:00 AM**

Intention available

**SATURDAY JANUARY 07**

**5:00 PM**

Intention available

**SUNDAY JANUARY 08**

**7:45 AM**

Intention available

**9:00 AM**

+ Aurelio Marocco

**10.30 AM**

Intention available

**12:00 PM**

Intention available

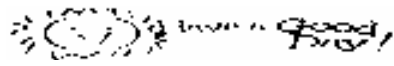
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“Making New Years’ resolutions is a cleansing ritual of self-assessment and repentance that demands personal honesty and, ultimately, reinforces humility... Breaking them is part of the cycle”.

- Eric Zorn

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A box of jewellery was found among the Christmas Giving Tree donations. Please contact the Parish office if you have misplaced your box.

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