



Our Sunday cycle of Scripture readings this year is based on the Gospel of Matthew. In today's selection, Matthew describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, and quotes a passage from Isaiah, which the liturgy uses for our first reading. The quote sounds familiar, since we heard it in the Christmas liturgy: "The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light."

Midnight Mass, when the beauty of the birth of the infant Jesus is before us is a contrast to today's scene. In the light of day, Jesus walks by the Sea of Galilee, and our thoughts turn to the adult mission of the Messiah. That mission takes place in the midst of the Jewish people, laboring under Roman rule. Along the dusty roads, and in towns and synagogues, in the face of human suffering and sin, and eventually from Calvary's hill, Matthew is proclaiming that the light of Christ will conquer death.

And, lest we think we can remain spectators, as perhaps we were on Christmas before the lovely nativity scene in our church, the liturgy invites us to shoulder the role of disciple, as Jesus calls his first followers. These simple Galilean fishermen left everything in response to that call. Can we hesitate, think it over, and give Jesus an answer next week or next month? Not if we take to heart the urgent message of today's Gospel: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand! Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Liborio Amaral at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca.



COMMITMENT CEREMONY OF NEW MINISTERS:

On Saturday, February 2 and on Sunday, February 3, at all Masses, there will be a Commitment Ceremony, with a presentation of crosses, for all those parishioners who have joined parish ministry for the first time during the past year. This would include all those who have begun to minister as - lectors, communion ministers (including the outreach to the sick,) music ministers, altar servers, ushers, RCIA catechists, St. Vincent de Paul ministers, social committee members, children's' liturgy ministers, collection counters and finance council members.

We are very grateful for every person's contribution and look forward to your participation in the ceremony

Thinking about the priesthood? Wondering what it might be like? Then "Come and See" is for you! On February 1st to 3rd, 2008, there will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to visit our Archdiocesan Seminary in Scarborough. This weekend will provide time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming a Catholic priest. If God is calling you, say "yes" and Come and See. Call Fr. Liborio Amaral at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca.

Come Celebrate... St. Valentine

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2008
Reception: 6:30 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm
Location: St. Norbert's Church Hall
Tickets: \$40.00

Menu:

Antipasto, Cannelloni,
Pork Tenderloin with Mushrooms, Rapini & Potatoes,
Mixed Green Salad,
Fruit Platter,
Dessert'
Beverages include Wine, Coffee

Celebration organized by St. Norbert's Social Committee
A night of fun, laughter and good company!

John McDermott

Four Winds Boys Camp Annual Fund-Raising Gala Le Parc Markham

Tickets for this exciting evening are \$150.00 per person and may be ordered by calling the camp office at (647) 271-4405.

Ticket price includes reception, prime rib dinner, concert, sweet table, open bar and silent auction. All proceeds will directly benefit FOUR WINDS BOYS CAMP, a place where boys experience a one-week vacation in the great outdoors away from the challenges of their home environment.

Toronto Catholic Schools Have Faith In Your Child

When your children were born, you started them on the path of faith development and life long learning. Let Toronto's Catholic schools continue this educational and spiritual journey with you and your family. Registration begins in February 2008 for Kindergarten and French Immersion at all Catholic Schools throughout the City of Toronto. For your convenience, extended registration hours will take place on February 7th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For information, contact the Catholic School nearest you

INTENTIONS January 29 February 3

TUESDAY JANUARY 29

7:00 PM
Intention available

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30

8:00 AM
+Antonio & Domenico Calluccio

THURSDAY JANUARY 31

8:00 AM
+Maria Ventramini Piovesan

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1

8:00 AM
+Spirito Santo

SATURDAY FEBRUARY

5:00 PM
Intention available

SUNDAY FEBRUARY

7:45 AM
+Intention available

9:00 AM

+Brent Davis

10:30 AM

Intention available

12:00 PM

Intention available

IMPORTANT DATES

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30

7:30 PM
First Reconciliation

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1

8:30 AM
Holy Hour

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5

Ash Wednesday Mass
8:00 AM Italian
7:30 PM English

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9

Valentines Dinner Dance
6:30 PM

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12

8:00 PM
Stations of The Cross



L'evangelista Matteo, riprendendo un'immagine del libro di Isaia, ci dice quello che è Gesù per noi: la luce. Nella nostra vita, vediamo spesso tenebre, resistenze, difficoltà, compiti non risolti che si accumulano davanti a noi come un'enorme montagna, problemi con i figli, o gli amici, con la solitudine, il lavoro non gradito... È tra tutte queste esperienze penose che ci raggiunge la buona parola: non vedete solo le tenebre, guardate anche la luce con cui Dio rischiara la vostra vita. Egli ha mandato Gesù per condividere con voi le vostre pene. Voi potete contare su di lui che è al vostro fianco, luce nell'oscurità. Non siamo noi che diamo alla nostra vita il suo senso ultimo. È lui. Non è né il nostro lavoro, né il nostro sapere, né il nostro successo. È lui, e la luce che ci distribuisce. Perché il valore della nostra vita non si basa su quello che facciamo, né sulla considerazione o l'influenza che acquistiamo. Essa prende tutto il suo valore perché Dio ci guarda, si volta verso di noi, senza condizioni, e qualsiasi sia il nostro merito. La sua luce penetra nelle nostre tenebre più profonde, anche là dove ci sentiamo radicalmente rimessi in causa, essa penetra nel nostro errore. Possiamo fidarci proprio quando sentiamo i limiti della nostra vita, quando questa ci pesa e il suo senso sembra sfuggirci. Il popolo immenso nelle tenebre ha visto una luce luminosa; una luce è apparsa a coloro che erano nel buio regno della morte!



Cari parrocchiani, Venite a celebrare con noi...

San Valentino

Data : Sabato 9 Febbraio 2008
Ricevimento: 6:30 pm
Cena: 7:00 pm
Luogo: Sala della chiesa di San Norberto
Biglietti : \$40.00



Il menu:

L'Antipasto, i Cannelloni.

Tenderloin di maiale con i Funghi, Rapini & le Patate. L'Insalata mescolata Verde.

Frutta, il dolce'

le Bevande includono il Vino, e Caffè
Festa organizzata da St. Norbert's Social Committee

Una serata di cibo, divertimento, e comunità!



L'ufficio sarà chiuso lunedì il 28 gennaio su Mercoledì 30 gennaio mercoledì 6 febbraio I messaggi saranno regolarmente controllati per favore lascia un messaggio sulla segreteria telefonica e la sua chiamata sarà ritornato al più presto possibile. grazie per la vostra pazienza