



“To believe in God is to know that all the rules will be fair, and that there will be wonderful surprises.”

Today’s Scripture readings seem to turn such a saying upside down, or at least make us re-think, “What’s fair?”

The prophet Isaiah quotes God: “My thoughts are not your thoughts, your ways are not my ways.” In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a boss who insisted on paying everyone a full day’s wage, including those who didn’t work a full day. The response from some of the workers: “It’s not fair!” Jesus’ is telling us, God’s fairness is different from ours.

Life often isn’t fair, and people frequently blame God for that. The death of loved ones; God’s seeming silence in response to prayers; the flaws in nature that give rise to natural disasters, all raise questions about God’s “fairness.” And yet there is also the amazing surprise ending to the parable, the generosity of the employer. What is Jesus telling us?

Today’s responsorial psalm hints at it: It speaks of God’s graciousness, mercy and kindness. Perhaps we’re meant to delve deeper into what “fairness” means in human terms, so that we can understand it in God’s terms—and to be open to God’s “wonderful surprises.”

**“Seek the Lord while He may be found...”** While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, call Fr. Liborio Amaral (416) 968-0997, email: vocations@vocations.ca. Visit www.vocationstoronto.ca



*We are all creatures of one family.*

**Join us on the church lawn for... THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SUNDAY OCT. 4 at 4:00 PM**

Bring your pets for a special day in honour of St. Francis of Assisi and to give thanks to the Lord for the blessing of the beautiful animals He has created who are our faithful and loving companions.



**The Couple’s for Christ Choir & St. Norbert’s Filipino Community Present St. Norbert’s Fall Musical Concert Saturday October 4, 2008 7:00 to 9:00 pm**

Tickets \$10 for adult \$5 for children and are available after each mass. Light refreshment after the concert Proceeds go to the maintenance of St. Norbert’s.

**Eucharistic Ministers Meeting Saturday Sept. 27, 10:30 AM Children’s Liturgy Room**

This meeting is for all Eucharistic Ministers including those who visit people’s homes through the Outreach Program.

We are looking for new ministers, especially for the 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM Sunday masses.

If you feel God calling you to this ministry, please join us at the meeting or speak to our Pastoral Associate Marilyn.

**FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION**

Registration for First Communion for all children in the parish will take place Wednesday September 24 at 7:00 PM at a meeting in St. Norbert’s Parish Hall. This includes all children of eligible age (7 or older) in St. Norbert’s, St. Robert’s and children of all public schools.

We request, due to insufficient space, that you **DO NOT bring your children with you.**

We ask that you bring two things: #1. A copy of your child’s Baptism certificate and #2. \$20.00 registration fee to cover the cost of educational tools, which will be issued.

At this meeting we hope to provide information and answer all your questions concerning this big event in your child’s life.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please address any inquiries to Marilyn Crinnion 905-428-8650.



**ALTAR SERVERS GOWNS**

The Altar Servers, who held a Bake Sale in the summer to raise money for badly needed new gowns, require further funding for this purpose.

The Knights of Columbus have graciously decided to have a donation container available at their Coffee Sunday this weekend.

Next weekend, (Sept. 27& 28) the servers themselves will be available at the doors following the mass to collect from anyone who missed out.

We thank you in advance for your contribution to these faithful and diligent young ministers.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

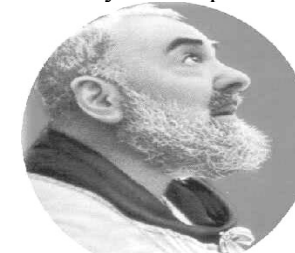
**TUESDAY SEPT.23 7:00 PM**  
St. Pio Mass  
Procession and Social

**WED. SEPTEMBER 24 7:00 PM**  
Registration  
First Communion

**TUESDAY. SEPT. 30 7:00 PM**  
St. Matthew Mass  
And Social

**WEDNESDAY OCT. 1 7:00 PM**  
Baptism Prep Seminar

**THURSDAY OCT. 9 7:00 PM**  
Padre Pio Prayer Group



**San. Pio Pietralcina 23 Settembre**

San Pio nacque a Pietralcina presso Benevento (Italia) nel 1887. Entrò nell’ordine dei Frati minori cappuccini e, promosso al presbiterato, esercitò con grandissima dedizione il ministero sacerdotale soprattutto nel convento di San Giovanni Rotondo in Puglia. Servi nella preghiera e nell’umiltà il popolo di Dio attraverso la direzione spirituale, la riconciliazione dei penitenti e una particolare cura per i malati e i poveri. Pienamente configurato a Cristo Crocifisso, portò a compimento il suo cammino terreno il 23 settembre 1968.

*Prega, spera, non agitarti. L’agitazione non giova a nulla Iddio è misericordioso e tua preghiera ascolterà la tua preghiera*



Gesù ci svela quanto la sua logica sia diversa dalla nostra e la superi. Nella sua vigna c’è spazio per tutti e ogni ora può essere quella giusta. Così come ogni nostra situazione di vita deve essere la vigna che ci è affidata per curarla e metterla in grado di portare molto frutto e questo non per rinchiuderci egoisticamente in un ambito ristretto ma per riconoscerci, a partire dal concreto dell’esistenza, “lanciati sulle frontiere della storia”, per essere cioè veri evangelizzatori e missionari. Siamo tutti pronti a riconoscerci tra gli operai che hanno accettato l’invito della prima ora, ma quale potrà essere la chiamata che il Signore ci riserva per l’ultima ora, per la sera della nostra vita? Riconoscersi tra i chiamati alla salvezza deve significare renderci disponibili ad accogliere ogni chiamata, anche la meno gratificante, la più difficile e dolorosa.



*Siamo tutte le creature di una famiglia. Unirci per...*

**LA BENEDIZIONE DEGLI ANIMALI DOMENICA OTTOBRE 4 a 4:00 PM**

Porta i tuoi animali domestici per un giorno speciale nell’onore di San Francesco d’Assisi e dare grazie al Signore per la benedizione dei begli animali chi ha creato e sono il nostro fedele compagni.

**Mass Intentions**



**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23 7:00 PM**

+Antonietta & Adelchi Melone

**WED. SEPTEMBER 24 8:00 AM**

Intention Available

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25 8:00 AM**

Intention Available

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26 8:00 AM**

Intention Available

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27 5:00 PM**

+Roberto Lederri

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 7:45 AM**

Intention Available

**9:00 AM**

+Defunti Simone & Di Matteo  
+Domenico Meffe  
+Antonio Rosario Cichelli

**10:30 AM**

Intention Available

**12:00 PM**

Intention Available



**il Coro di La Coppia per Cristo e il Comunità filippino Presente La Concerto Musicale**

**Sabato il 4 ottobre 7:00-9:00**

I biglietti costo \$10 per l'adulto \$5 per i bambini e si vendano dopo ogni messa. Il rinfresco leggero dopo il concerto Procede va alla manutenzione della Chiesa

**PILGRIMAGE TO STS. COSMOS & DAMIAN**

Sunday September 28 2008.  
Call Nunzia 416-638-1777