St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church

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PASTOR: Fr. Xavier De Pinto VISITING PRIEST: Fr. Mario Cafarelli PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Marilyn Crinnion ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Cynthia Livera

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Sunday 5:00 p.m. English (Children's Liturgy & Choir) 7:45 a.m. Italian 9:00 a.m. Italian 10:30 a.m. English (Children's Liturgy) 12:00 p.m. English (Children's Liturgy) (C.F.C. Choir)

DAILY MASS:

Tuesday7:00 p.m.
Italian/English (Devotion to Padre Pio)Wednesday
and Friday8:00 a.m. ItalianThursday7:00 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 pastoral associate Marilyn Crinnion at 905-428-8650.

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:

Kevin Daudlin 416-789-3987 Meetings 3rd Thursday of Month

SCHOOLS:

ST. NORBERT 416-393-5309 ST. ROBERT 416-393-5297

ORGANISTS: Albert Iaboni, Tony Boccitto **SOLOISTS:** Leda Vescio, Diana Iaboni, John De Pinto

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH BENVENUTI ALLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA



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Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Super Bowl XLIV Party**

Sunday, February 7 Doors Open at 5:00 pm Kick-off at 6:00 pm - Tickets are \$10 each

Some of the brothers will be around following most of the masses for ticket sales.

For Tickets or to Donate a Door Prize:

Vince @ 416-633-7417 Bruno @ 416-997-5216. OR Parish Office @416-636-0213 Email: kofc.council14571@rogers.com



Haitian humanitarian relief effort in the Archdiocese.

Those wishing to donate to the relief effort can make a contribution online at www.sharelife.org, by phoning the ShareLife office (1-800-263-2595 or 416-934-3411) or by giving through their parish (making any cheques payable to ShareLife - [Parish Name] - Haiti Earthquake Relief).

Funds collected by the Archdiocese of Toronto for this effort are channelled through its Catholic relief partner in Canada, Development & Peace, in order to reach Caritas Haiti, which runs 200 medical clinics in the country.

Haiti can you feel our Love - By Fiorella Bruno-Difeo

"There's a frantic surrender to the rush of days" When the heat of the earthquake turned onto Haiti Not once but twice in only days Moments of peace turned into days of disaster.

People crying People dieing People hungry And people all alone.

Haiti, we the children of St. Norbert's Send our love and prayers Haiti, can you feel our love For love and prayers is what we have from afar.

Friends and families Let us stand together And fill the children's basket of hope For all in Haiti

For the Lord teaches us to LOVE ONE ANOTHER So, let us prove to the Lord that we BELIEVE in him Follow his commandment to LOVE ONE ANOTHER by helping.

Haiti, you are not alone! Haiti, can you feel our Love!

Did you know that.....

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated on February 2, forty days after Christmas. As described in Leviticus 12:2-8, a mother giving birth to a male child was considered unclean for 7 days. In addition, "her time of blood purification shall be thirty-three days". After these 40 days, the new mother was asked to bring a lamb for a burnt offering, and a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering. The priest prayed for her and so she was cleansed. At the same time, Jesus was presented to the Lord, according to the Law: "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord" (Luke 2:23). NOTE: In Hebrew numerology, the number 40 meant "just enough time" - They spent 40 years in the desert - Jesus spent 40 days in the dessert.

St. Agatha (feast day February 5) lived in Sicily and was martyred there around the year 250. As a young girl she dedicated herself completely to God, not wanting to marry anyone. It is believed that senator Quintianus, tried to force her into marriage, by arresting her for being a Christian. Maintaining her strong belief that she belonged only to God, she was thrown in a brothel and then in prison. She was tortured and then martyred, yet she never gave up her faith in Jesus.

St. Paul Miki (feast day February 6) was the son of a Japanese military leader. He joined the Jesuit Order and preached the Gospel, in a time when Christians were persecuted in Japan. He was crucified in Nagasaki on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain, on February 6, 1597. Hanging on the cross he preached to the people gathered there, encouraging them to be faithful until death. 25 other martyrs died on that day. They were all canonized by pope Pius IX in 1862.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Bundle up Collections

Saturday February 6th and Sunday February 7th will be Bundle Sunday at St. Norbert's Parish. The Central Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will provide a truck, which will be parked near the front doors of the church and left open during the day on both days. At least one Vincentian will be in the truck to receive donations from Parishioners and neighbors. All donations should be tied securely and loaded properly to

prevent spoiling. This year we are asked to focus on the collection of textiles, shoes, bedding, and

draperies. All clothing and linens must be washed and ready to use right away since the Society has no means by which to clean all of the donations it receives.

Donations will provide: merchandise for our four retail outlets for voucher customers and the general public; stock to exchange with Goodwill for vouchers to serve areas where there are no Society stores; and surplus materials to sell to wholesalers to assist in this operation and to support our Special Works.

Please help us to help others. Any help is greatly appreciated.

ENVELOPES FOR 2010

The 2010 Sunday Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up in the Office.

Monday – Friday between 9.30 AM - 1.15 PMYou need to produce a new, completed registration Form, to pick up your envelopes.

We ask you to please pick up your envelopes before January 31st. We regret to inform you that if you have not picked them up by 31st January 2010, we will need to reassign your envelopes to other parishioners who have requested for envelopes.

BUSTE OFFERTE PER IL 2010

Le Buste Offerte Domenicali per il 2010 sono pronte per il ritiro nell'ufficio della parrocchia. Dal Lunedi al Venerdi dalle 9:30 AM fino alle 13:15.

Per il prelievo avrete bisogno di portare il modulo di registrazione completato..

Vorremmo far presente a tutte le famiglie dei parrocchiani di St. Norbert che: Qualora non avessero ancora prelevato le Buste Offerte per il 2010, le buste saranno disponibili per il ritiro, fino alla fine di gennaio. Dopo il 31 di gennaio 2010, le Buste Offerte e i numeri corrispondenti saranno riassegnati all nuove famiglie che ne hanno fatto richiesta.



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One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are

wet and slick. Suddenly, my son Matthew spoke up from his relaxed position in the front seat. "Mom, I'm thinking of something."

This announcement usually meant he had been pondering some fact for a while and was now ready to expound all that his seven-year-old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear.

"What are you thinking?" I asked.

"The rain," he began, "is like sin. And the windshield wipers are like God, wiping our sins away."

After the chill bumps raced up my arms, I was able to respond, "That's really good, Matthew." Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little boy take this revelation?

So I asked, "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?"

Matthew didn't hesitate one moment with his answer. "We keep on sinning and God just keeps on forgiving us."

• Mass Intentions TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2 7:00 PM Intention available WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3 8:00 AM Intention available **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4** 7:00 PM +Eva Gualtieri **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5** 8:00 AM Intention available **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6** 5:00 PM +Liborio Colletti +Sophia & Jaine Matos +Abilio & Joseph Martins +Manuel Couto +Giuseppe Vacca +Carinci Guido +Deni Iaboni **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7** 7:45 AM +Adelina De Simone +Antonio Joe Virginia Bisogno +Antonio Pasquale Caravaggio 9:00 AM +Oto Rochina & Vito Anna Palandra +Vito Anna Palandra +Rocco Carmela Lamanna +Giuseppe Poretta +Gaetano Maione 10.30 AM Intention available 12:00 PM Intention available

VOCATION SEEDS

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious life or priesthood.

If God is calling you, contact Fr.Hansoo Park 416-968-0997 or email <u>vocations@vocatons.ca</u> or visit

IMPORTANT DATES

THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY – 7:45 PM Finance Council Meeting

TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY – 7:30 PM Liturgical Meeting

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 13 & 14 FEBRUARY Distribution of Crosses for Ministry, at all masses

