ST. NORBERT AND OUR LADY OF THE BROOK

REJOICE IN THE LORD
ALWAYS

December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent
Mass Intentions

Monday, December 13, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)*
8:15 AM † Linda Misch

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)
8:15 AM † Paul Miller, † Will McIntosh, † Bridget Galassini, † Jack Gustafson

Wednesday, December 15, 2021
8:15 AM † Jorge Eleazar Varela, † Andrew Jerch (ONLINE)
12:00 PM † Jorge Eleazar Varela, † Andrew Jerch (in SN church)

Thursday, December 16, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)
8:15 AM † Jorge Eleazar Varela, † Andrew Jerch
12:00 PM † Jorge Eleazar Varela, † Andrew Jerch(In SN church)

Friday, December 17, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)
8:15 AM † Gregorio Alzona, † Dcn John Lucas, † Pedro Lozada

Saturday, December 18, 2021
8:15 AM (ONLINE and in SN church) † Paul Miller
5:00 PM (ONLINE and in SN church) † Marie & Julian Podraza, † John Hurley,
† Bob Parkinson, † Armando Sorrentino Jr, † Virgil Needham

Sunday, December 19, 2021 (In SN church)
7:30 AM † Virgil Needham
9:30 AM † Armando Sorrentino Jr.
5:00 PM † John Hurley, † Bob Parkinson

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Please Pray for Our Sick

Ted Superson
Vincent Sansonetti
Al Pisterzi
Barbara Kaplan
Richard Jawgiel
Hope McGowan
Cathy Kalina
Gerald Byrne
All the Homebound

Contact Amy at amy@northbrookcatholic.church (847) 513-6715 to have a name added to or removed from the list. When calling, please leave your contact information and relationship to the sick person. You may call to renew if needed.

Rest in Peace

We assure the families of Andrew Wayne Kunkel (Father of Eric (Lisa) Kunkel), Charles Winters (husband of Georgina) and our departed loved ones of our prayers and support at this difficult time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.
John’s proclamation that the advent of the Messiah was imminent prompted those who took his announcement seriously to ask the question: “What ought we to do?”. They recognized that it was not merely enough to hear John, to accept his baptism of repentance, but rather they had to change their behavior.

Today we are barely moved by John’s words, since we no longer await the coming of the Messiah as did so many in the first century. In fact, His coming is reduced to a birthday celebration, an anniversary of something that happened in the past, and not His second coming in glory.

We rejoice on this 3rd Sunday of Advent that we are that much closer to Christmas and all that represents, more than in the possibility that the true coming of Christ just might be all that closer.

If we find ourselves falling into this trap, then we should reconsider the double meaning of Advent. The season not only the birth of the Messiah, but more importantly, beginning with the feast of Christ the King, reminds us that the final promise of Christ Himself remains unfulfilled. He said He would return, and while He has not done so as yet, we do not know—any more than John’s listeners—when the fullness of the kingdom will break through in time, or the end thereof.

Therefore, perhaps we might well ask ourselves the same question posed by John’s listeners: “What ought we to do?”. Unlike John, I won’t give you the answers because if you look at John’s replies, they are relatively obvious. He could justly as easily have said “Don’t ask me. Look into your own hearts. You know well enough what you ought to do.”

Later, in His own ministry when Jesus was confronted with similar questions, He always answered them in terms of the person asking the question: The young man: “What must I do to gain eternal life?” ...“Go sell all you have and give it to the poor and come follow Me.” The Pharisee: ...“Who is my neighbor?” ...and He told him the story of the good Samaritan. The lawyer: “what is the greatest commandment?” ... and He answered him to love God with his whole self and to love your neighbor as you love yourself.

In each instance these answers are personal challenges to the one asking the question, for they demand a response from the questioner, a change of behavior. The same challenge and need for a response is placed before us by John: “What ought we to do?”. And only we know the answer in our own hearts.

*Deacon Peery Duderstadt*

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**Advent Reconciliation Service December 21 at SCL**

Together with our fellow parishioners in our Renew My Church ‘grouping’ we will offer an Advent Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, December 21 at St. Catherine Laboure Church in Glenview, at 7 pm. Parishioners from St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook will join with St. Catherine and Our Lady of Perpetual Help for this joint service.

(Confession is available in St. Norbert Church on Saturdays from noon to 1 pm or by appointment.)
This Week’s CCN Calendar

Monday, December 13
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church*

Tuesday, December 14
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church
6:00 PM Faith & Family: Scripture & Christmas Carols—see page 8

Wednesday, December 15
8:15 AM  Mass Online
12:00 PM  Mass in SN Church

Thursday, December 16
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church

Friday, December 17
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church

Saturday, December 18
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church
12—1 PM  Reconciliation
5:00 PM Mass Online and in SN

SIMBANG GABI

Sunday, December 19
7:30 AM Mass in SN
9:30 AM Mass in SN
1:00 PM  Baptism: Berlin
5:00 PM Mass in SN

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near.
Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).


SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Lucy
Tuesday: St. John of the Cross

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

COMMUNION IN YOUR CAR

We offer Communion in your car for those who are uncomfortable attending Mass in church. It is after SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass, in the school parking lot. Please line up at 10:30 am and remain in your car.

Sunday Offertory
Dec. 5, 2021

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Our facility is hearing loop equipped.
As a reminder, please turn on your t-coil to access, or find a volunteer to grab a receiver to listen in to the loop.

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Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Sharing Ministry

December is a time of darkness defeated by holiday lights and by anticipation of wonders to come, especially the great Wonder of the Incarnation. It is also a time for considerable expenditures of time, talent, and treasure. The Sharing Ministry relies on the continuing generosity of the St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook parishioners in supporting outreach to those in need. There is always a demand for the usual groceries, paper products, personal hygiene items, and cleaning and laundry supplies, and now we are also collecting gift cards.

Thank you for your gifts of time and energy and treasure.

If not us, who?
If not now, when?

The Book of Job:
Lessons of Faith & Suffering

[A joint project of St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook Parish Adult Faith Formation and Shir Hadash Synagogue Adult Education programs]

Join us as we take a look at the Book of Job from a Jewish-Catholic perspective…the same book but also a different book…what we learn, why we study it, and how we can share it as a Book of the Bible. The course will be taught by Deacon Peery Duderstadt of St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook Parish and Rabbi Eitan Weiner-Kaplow of Shir Hadash. Classes will meet on Tuesday afternoons 1:00 PM at on Zoom, beginning January 11 and ending March 8.

Interested? Email Deacon Peery at peery@northbrookcatholic.church or Rabbi Eitan at rabi@shir-hadash.org by January 4.

Or Register here: https://sh.shulcloud.com/event/book-of-job-class#


Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the holidays, we have many early deadlines. Please pay attention to the dates below!

For the bulletin of Dec. 26: Submissions due by 9:00 am on Monday, Dec. 13

For the bulletin of Jan. 2: Submissions due by 9:00 am on Tuesday, Dec. 14

For the bulletin of Jan 9: Submissions due by 9:00 am on Tuesday, Dec. 28

Submissions for Enews are Wednesday mornings before the Thursday Enews. (There will NOT be Enews during the last two weeks of December.) Submissions are to be sent to amy@northbrookcatholic.church. THANKS!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Save the Date

Women’s Day of Reflection
Saturday, February 26, 9:00 am to noon

The presenter for this half day of reflection is Anne Madsen, Teacher, Scripture Scholar, Theologian and Speaker. She has been teaching scripture for the past two years in the Adult Education Program at Holy Family Parish in Inverness. The cost is $10 for pre-registration for the morning and includes refreshments. This day of reflection is sponsored by Guild 77 and is for the purpose of bringing women together to get to know one another and to bond.

Bread Brigade – Drivers Needed

The Bread Brigade, a mission of the Catholic Community of Northbrook, has been rescuing food from local Panera Restaurants and Deerfield Bakery for many years. There is a continual need for drivers to assist in the pickup and transport of the food donations. Sign up for once a month or once a week – whatever time will fit into your schedule.

- Sundays, 3:00 PM, pickup from the Bannockburn Panera at the corner of Rt 22 and Waukegan Road.
- Mondays, 8:30 PM pickup from the Deerfield Panera, 385 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield.
- Tuesday morning delivery to Mt. Prospect
- Fridays, 8:30 PM pickup from the Deerfield Panera, 385 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield.

We hope that you will consider joining this group of dedicated people. For more details, contact Susan Eimerman, at susan.eimerman@att.net

Please join us for Simbang Gabi December 18

The Catholic Community of Northbrook will be celebrating Simbang Gabi at the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, December 18, at St. Norbert Church. All are welcome! There will be a blessing of the parols (Christmas lantern) so please feel free to bring it to Mass if you have one!"

Simbang Gabi (which means Night Mass) is centuries-old Philippine Advent tradition of nine days of novena masses in honor of the Blessed Mother and in anticipation of Christmas. Traditionally, it is observed as a series of dawn masses by Filipino Catholics around the world. In Chicago, Filipino Catholics have organized evening novena Masses since 1986. This year, Simbang Gabi Masses will be celebrated by some 40 archdiocesan churches including St. Norbert and OLB parish. Simbang Gabi was celebrated for many years at Our Lady of the Brook and we are happy to continue this tradition this year.

Come a few minutes before the start of the Mass and be greeted by the warm voices of carolers singing some traditional Filipino Christmas songs. Additionally, a simple reception featuring a sampling of Filipino food and music follows after the Mass. Please contact Kevin and Carroll Henning (henning.kevin@gmail.com) or Rhoda and Miguel Gonzalez (rhodacg11@gmail.com) for more information.

Wedding Banns

During the month of December the following couple will promise to love one another as Christ has loved them. This generous vow, including the willingness to live together till death parts, to be faithful to one another, to give each other the right to children, God willing, gives us a vague, shadowy glimpse of what the divine love for us must be like.

Kyle Slovis and Anna Skowron
Jeffrey Fuchs and Mary Claire Seeberg
So please continue to be as generous as always this year, but in a different way! There are a few deadlines left:

**Giving Tree/The Grove—through Dec. 14:** The Grove of Northbrook is a home for the elderly and they are hoping for 140 wrapped gifts, dropped off at church by Dec. 14. Tags with ideas are available on the Giving Tree in the narthex.

**Fr. Valker Coat & Sweater Drive—January 1/2:**
We will collect coats & sweaters for the second time to help those in need. Collection will be Epiphany weekend, January 1/2. Online gifts can be made here: [https://www.givecentral.org/location/155/event/21794](https://www.givecentral.org/location/155/event/21794)

**Christmas Sharing—through Dec. 15**
During the Christmas season the Sharing Ministry of St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook helps the needy families from St. Margaret of Scotland (SMOS). Due to the pandemic, and the pantry remaining closed at SMOS, their clients/parishioners are having to spend much of their own money on food. Consequently there is an even greater need this year. There are many who need our assistance. Please consider buying gift cards and dropping them off at the parish office attn: Sharing Ministry or donating online gifts here: [https://www.givecentral.org/location/155/event/4064](https://www.givecentral.org/location/155/event/4064). If you have questions contact Renée at [rpwochner@aol.com](mailto:rpwochner@aol.com).
The Christmas Story: An Evening of Scripture and Traditional Christmas Carols

Tuesday, December 14 at 6 pm in the Church
Light refreshments will follow in the Church Narthex.
This event will also be livestreamed. Link below.

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Help Is Available

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-TALK [8255]) is a US-based suicide prevention network of 161 crisis centers that provides a 24/7, hotline available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.

Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) is a non-denominational program that supports individuals who are grieving the loss of a loved one by suicide. LOSS offers a safe, non-judgmental environment where survivors of suicide can openly talk about feelings and experiences. We help survivors to find community, direction and resources for healing.

How we Help:
We provide a warm, nurturing network of other survivors.
We educate members about the grieving process.
We support your unique struggle to regain hope and strength.

LOSS Program Office: 721 N. LaSalle St. Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 655-7283 For a list of programs for Adults, Children and Veterans, go to: https://catholiccharities.net/GetHelp/OurServices/Counseling/Loss.aspx#Program-Services-211

Domestic Violence Awareness

Remember, you are not alone...

If you are a victim of domestic violence, or know someone who is, and need help, please contact:

* WINGS 24 hr. Hotline and Counseling Services and Emergency Shelter at (847) 221-5680
* National Domestic Violence Hotline 24 hr. (800) 799-7233
* National Sexual Assault Hotline (800) 656-4673
* National Dating Abuse Helpline (866) 331-9474
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* In an Emergency dial 911

Help with your healing journey...

If you are a victim of sexual abuse by any Archdiocese of Chicago personnel including clergy, the Office for Assistance Ministry would like to help you on your healing journey. Please contact us for more information.

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The deadline for entries is January 31st, 2022.
For more information please contact Michael Daly - mtd1730@sbcglobal.net

No purchase is necessary. Entry forms for free tickets and purchased tickets are available at the St. Norbert & Our Lady of the Brook Parish office listed above. Your order for a raffle ticket is subject to the Official Rules which are posted at www.stnorbertparish.org, effective as of the date of the submission of an order and hereby incorporated in full by this reference. If you disagree with the rules you must request a refund within 24 hours of its purchase in order to be eligible to receive a refund of the purchase price. After 24 hours then you acknowledge and agree that: (i) you have read and understood the Official Rules; (ii) you agree to all of the Official Rules; and (iii) you will be irrevocably bound under the Official Rules. A copy of the Official Rules will be provided via U.S. Mail or electronic message upon written request. No ticket may be issued to anyone under the age of 18 years old. Drawing are held the 3rd Monday of every month in the church basement.
The Men’s Club

is committed to supporting the Parish and providing hospitality and services to our parish community. The Men’s Club has a long tradition of service and fundraising for our Parish, School and Community. Since 2000, the Men’s Club has donated more than $300,000 to the school, parish ministries, parish youth groups and various parish related charities. Countless volunteer hours have been provided to our Church and community.

Philanthropic Causes

Support provided to:
- St. Norbert School
- CCN Turkey Trot - Sponsor
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- St. Norbert & Our Lady of the Brook Parish
- The Vine Youth Ministry
- El Nino Rey 25th Anniversary
- St. Norbert School Athletic Association
- Boy Scout Troop 64 - Charter Organization
- Northbrook Days Festival
- Turkeys for the Poor Ministry
- Block Party @ St. Norbert - Sponsor
- Parish Fall Bash Fundraiser Event

2021 Raffle Winners

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Saturday/Sunday Masses
5:00 PM ONLINE and in St. Norbert
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM in St. Norbert

Daily Masses
8:15 AM Monday through Saturday ONLINE, and in SN church. Wednesday 8:15 am Mass is NOT open to the public during the school year.
Noon Mass Wednesday only.

Reconciliation
Saturday 12-1 pm

Baptisms
Sunday at 11:30 AM. To register, contact the parish office. (Baptism Preparation Class for first-time parents is the 4th Thursday of every month at 7 PM in parish office).

Marriages
Arrange with priest at least six months in advance

Funerals/Bereavement
Call 847-272-7090, Fr. Ismael and Mike Ward will assist your family

New Parishioner Registration
All new families can register by calling the parish office or by going to our website at www.northbrookcatholic.church under the “About> Welcome” tab.

Communion for the homebound
For homebound, please call 847-272-7090 and they will contact the Ministry of Care.

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A Prayer Ministry of St. Norbert & Our Lady of the Brook

- Rosary: Available after Daily Mass
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