



**“As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him ” — Psalm 103:13**  
**Wish You All a Happy Father's Day!**

## Saint of the Month

Memorial of St. Norbert of Xanten

St. Norbert was born into a Noble family at Xanten in the Rhineland around 1080. He was devoted to the worldly pleasures during his early days. Although he did accept holy orders as a canon, he never considered priesthood. During a journey he came across a severe thunderstorm and when a lightning split the darkness, his horse buckled and he fell to the ground unconscious. When he woke up he said, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" the same words uttered by Saul when on route to Damascus. Norbert heard the reply in his heart "Turn from evil and do good. Seek peace and pursue it." He returned to Xanten, sold all his properties and gave it to the poor. Then joined the priesthood and was ordained in 1115.

He started to live a simple and ascetic life. He traveled barefoot during the winter. On one such journey through Europe, his two companions died due to the rigor of exposure. With the help

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of Bishop of Laon, he founded his own community with 13 canons. Although his regulation was very strict, it attracted many disciples and he formed 8 abbeys and 2 convents.

The first evidence of lay affiliation to a religious order was seen when count Theobald was allowed to wear a scapular and follow the rules and devotions, although

Norbert knew he did not have a call. Later Norbert accompanied Theobald to his marriage. During this trip Emperor Lothair spotted Norbert and made him the Bishop of Magdebourg. When Norbert went to the Bishop's residence, the porter refused to let him in thinking he was a beggar. When his companions pointed out that he was the new Bishop, to the porter's bewilderment Norbert told him "you were right the first time". Just before he died in 1134, he was made an Archbishop. Pope Gregory XIII canonized him in 1582 and his statue appears above the Piazza colonnade of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He is the patron saint of Bohemia.



He is also invoked during childbirth for safe delivery.

**- Joe Natar**

### UpComing Events

#### July 11th 2nd Saturday Tamil Mass

**Time : 6:45 pm**  
**Location : St. Joseph 's Church**  
**Mountain View , CA 94041.**

## Noah A Righteous and Obedient Father

As we celebrate Father's day in this month I would like to write few words about one of the famous fathers in bible Noah. In a corrupted, evil and violent world Noah lived as a righteous man and fully obedient to God as we read in bible **"Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God"** (Genesis 6:9). Noah lived 950 years in a world filled with wickedness but only his family was righteous in the eyes of God. I wonder sometimes how a man can live a righteous life and fully obedient to God for 950 years fully surrounded by wicked people.

It should have been really tough for Noah and his family. It is one family versus rest of the world. We can imagine how they might have treated Noah's family for the way they lived. It is very easy to live righteously in the eyes of men seeing outside but it is very hard to live a righteous life in the eyes of God. Noah never boasted himself saying he was righteous but God Himself said to Noah **"I have found you righteous in this generation"** - (Genesis 7:1).

God looked at Noah's family and the rest of the world. The earth was full of corruption and violence in their ways in the eyes of God as we read in the bible "Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth" (Genesis 6:11-13).

If we read further in this chapter (Genesis chapter 6) God told Noah to build an ark to escape the flood and God told him the specifications of the ark. Noah did everything as

God commanded him. He did not turn right or left or he did not add his own design ideas as we read in the bible **"Noah did everything just as God commanded him"** (Genesis 6:22).

It took Noah 120 years to completely build the ark. In all these 120 years he did everything as God commanded him. We can imagine in all these 120 years how all the wicked people should have teased, treated and made fun of him. But the fully obedient Noah never bothered. His aim was to do as the God commanded him no matter what others think or say. As a result Noah and his family saved and the rest of the world wiped out.

Noah's obedient was not a onetime or a short term one. It was a lifelong event. While we think about Noah's life in this Father's day let us pray God to give us a mindset of Noah so that we can live lifelong righteous and obedient to God no matter what we have or what we lose, what happens in our lives or what others think of us. Obeying God is given high priority over others. Like Noah, our obedience must be lived out over a lifetime of faithful commitment. Those who persevere will finish the race. Righteousness and obedient will not come from the blessings or miracles we had. Instead it is derived by the way we live. Noah's life had no special blessings or miracles. All his lifelong 950 years he lived as an ordinary man. Let God guide us to live righteous and obedient.

— Leenus Rich



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