

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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OUR PARISH TEAM:

Pastor	Rev. Michael Machacek
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In Residence	Rev. Anthony Akpanessien
Permanent Deacon	Mr. Gerry Almeida
Administrative Assistant	Joanna Andrews
Youth Minister	Courtney Strom
Caretaker	Mr. Antonio Marinucci



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Last Sunday of each month at 12:45 p.m.
Those concerned MUST contact the parish office well in advance, because of the general instruction.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
OR anytime by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance.

SACRAMENT FOR THE SICK & ELDERLY

If a family member is in hospital and needs to receive the Sacrament for the sick/elderly, please approach the Nurses' Station, and request them to contact the "Priest on Duty". A priest will always be on-duty for these requests at all hospitals in the Greater Toronto Area.

DEVOTIONS

DAILY ROSARY: Prior to all Weekday Masses.

MONDAYS: CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY 10:00 AM; CENACLE OF OUR LADY 10:15 AM.

TUESDAYS: Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, 6:30 PM.

WEDNESDAYS: OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA 6:30 PM.

THURSDAYS: SACRED HEART DEVOTION 10:00 AM.

FIRST FRIDAY (October-June)

Mass: 9:30 a.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Silent Adoration: 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
Benediction: 10:50 a.m.

We Welcome All New Parishioners:

Please register at the Parish Office during office hours. Thank you.

Please remember Nativity of Our Lord Parish in your will.

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY
9:00 a.m. - 12 NOON;
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
9:00 a.m. - 12 NOON;
1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
FRIDAY & SATURDAY - CLOSED
SUNDAY
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:
5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS:
9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:30 a.m.
Friday	9:30 a.m.

OUR SCHOOLS

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Mass: Sundays 11:30 am
Email: nativityyouth@outlook.com
Website: <http://www.myparish.org>
LifeTeen Program for High School Students -
every 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month.
EDGE Program for Grades 7 - 8 Students -
every 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays of the month;
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

GROUPS

Altar Guild:	Alice Mycan
Altar Servers:	Fr. Michael
Bereavement Support Group:	Linda Wisz
Bible Study	Linda Wisz
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Catholic Cemeteries:	416-733-8544
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Lectors:	Leslie Borbas
Legion of Mary:	Karen Armstrong
Public School Religious Ed.:	416-621-2732
R.C.I.A.:	Deacon Gerry Almeida
St. Vincent de Paul Society:	416-695-0169
Ushers:	Leonard Roach
Welcoming Committee:	Angela Reid
Youth Ministry:	Courtney Strom

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Job laments and questions his suffering.

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Paul's mission is to preach the Gospel.

Mark 1:29-39 Jesus preaches and drives out demons.

To those who suffer, words (and actions flowing from them) really do matter: In today's readings, God hears suffering and heals the brokenhearted. That is what Jesus was about in his ministry. That is what the disciples and all his followers have always been about. That is what we, too, are called to be doing. Hearing, preaching and living the Gospel are ultimately about life, love and healing. There are as many ways to do this as there are committed Christians.

Joan DeMerchant, Celebrations, Feb. 2018.

**Canada Summer Jobs Program –
Reach Out to Your Member of
Parliament**

The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust.

Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps or as directly affects Nativity of Our Lord Summer Bible Camps are impacted by this decision.

Please take a moment to visit www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs for more information and to find a template letter to send to the constituency office of our MP, **Boris Wrzesnewskyj**, at **577 Burnhamthorpe Rd #2, Etobicoke, ON M9C 2Y3**. Template letters are also available at the entrances to the church.

Please remember no postage is required to send a letter to a member of Parliament.

LENT

Lent is expected to be a time of genuine faith renewal, one that is grounded in the Word. We emphasize the weight of the task of "listening to the word of God" during lent. We add to this fasting almsgiving and devotions – all grounded to the Word. Intent listening, followed by a more intense commitment to prayer is expected of the faithful. Together, these two dynamics, *listening and prayer*, bring about a spirit of repentance.

Lent prepares everyone to celebrate the Paschal Mystery: the dying and rising of Jesus. It does so in a particular way. It does not prepare us to admire the Paschal Mystery from afar, or to salute it as a distant and unattainable manifestation of God's glory. Rather...., we draw near to the mystery and actually enter into it ourselves. The whole thrust of the spiritual preparation of Lent is to lead us into the Paschal Mystery of Christ. His *pascha*, or Passover from death to life, is offered for us, so that we too may experience a "passing over." Our passage is from sin to the new life of grace.

***ASH WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY,
IS THE BEGINNING OF LENT***

**ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
ON ASH WEDNESDAY AS FOLLOWS:**

9:30 am Mass in the Church with the students of Nativity of Our Lord School

12:30pm Liturgy of the Word Service at Mother Cabrini School gym
all parishioners are welcome

7:00 pm Mass in the Church

Reminder: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.

Fridays of Lent: Every person 14 years of age and older must abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent. During Lent, we will celebrate the on Fridays the regular **9:30 am** Mass; in addition, we will also celebrate a mass at **7:00 pm**. This mass will be followed by the **Stations of the Cross**, led by the different organizations of the parish. All parishioners are invited to participate.

Catholic Women's League



Membership Fees are due. Please contact Alice Mycan at 416 621 0689 with your payment.

Nativity Valentine's Party.



Sat., February 10, 2018.

Door opens at 6:00 pm.

Everyone Welcome,

including our single parishioners

Ticket Price \$35.00 per person. DJ / Cash Bar

Tickets are available after weekend masses.

During office hours tickets are available in the parish office or contact Gus 416 620 9658

MENU

Penne Al A Vodka, Veal Parmesan, Roast Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Caesar Salad

Celebration of Marriage Mass - February 11, 2018 at 3:00 PM

As part of Marriage Sunday 2018 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018. If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th+ wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at Blessed Trinity Parish (3220 Bayview Ave. – North York). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend – couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating. Registration and full details can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or call (416) 934 3400 ext. 523.

2017 Income Tax Receipts

Income Tax Receipts for 2017 donations are now available for pick-up at the Parish Hall.

2018 Offertory Envelopes

The 2018 Offertory Envelopes are available just outside the Church Hall by envelope number. Binders are available, listing the names in alphabetical order.

If there are any changes, to your contact details please inform the Parish Office.

Nativity of Our Lord YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE: February 16

Grades 7 – 8

1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays of the month
7 – 9 pm in the Church Hall



Next LifeTeen : February 9

Grades 9 – 12.

2nd & 4th Fridays of the month
7 – 9:30 pm

YOUTH MASS
Every Sunday 11:30 am

Nativity's Annual LifeTeen Retreat

Who: All high school students

When: March 2nd to 4th, 2018

Where: St. Francis Centre, Orangeville

Cost: \$100

(All food, transportation, accommodations, program & t-shirt provided)

Come join us for a fun & faith-filled weekend away.

Retreat forms can be picked up and dropped off at the Parish office. **DUE Feb 16.**

For more information, please contact Courtney Strom.

EDGE Adventure Camp

A 5 day Catholic Adventure Camp with many sports & activities, catechesis, Mass, praise & worship and fellowship! A fun and exciting Christ-centered camp experience!

Who: Students currently in grades 6-8

Where: Camp White Pine- Haliburton, ON

When: August 18-22, 2018

Cost: Early price - \$400 all - inclusive before April 5th (transportation, food, accommodation & camp gear). \$450 April, 15th onward.

Registration is now open & will close on May 4th.

Space limited to a first come, first register basis.

Forms can be picked up/dropped off at the Parish office.

Please contact Courtney for more information.

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