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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)

9:30 a.m. Mass: **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.



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 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

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Welcoming Committee:

Youth Ministry:

Ushers:

| Altar Guild: | Alice Mycan |
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| Altar Servers: | Fr. Michael |
| Bereavement Support Group: | Linda Wisz |
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| Public School Religious Ed.: | 416-621-2732 |
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46 Ancient Israelite teachings on purity/leprosy.

1 Corinthians 10: 31-11: 1 Paul's summary advice about Christian behavior.

Mark 1: 40-45 Jesus heals the leper.

There is often no escape from illness. And, sometimes an illness is considered socially unacceptable and those afflicted cannot escape the injustice and the judgement that accompany the condition. Today's readings focus on leprosy, but they could be about any disease or condition that evokes fear, alienation or condemnation. Those who suffer are urged to turn to God for healing. All of us are called to imitate Jesus, who throughout his life, embraced and healed the sick and outcast. It is a hard challenge to ignore and an even harder one for many of us accept. Let us remember compassion towards the leper and resolve to extend our welcome to others.

Lenten Evenings of Reflection

Please mark your calendars!

On Tuesday, March 13th, Wednesday, March 14th, and Thursday, March 15th, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm each evening, Fr. Ahil Shivarajah, J.J., of Martyrs' Shrine, Midland, ON, will be at Nativity to share some reflections on the lives and ministries of 3 of the 8 Canadian Martyrs, Sts. Jean de Brebeuf, Gabriel Lalemant and Charles Garnier.

Further details will be shared in the coming weeks.

Altar Server Training

We need altar servers! We will conduct a training program for students who are interested in being altar servers and who have received their First Communion. Training will take place here at church on 24th February at 1:00pm. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

For more information, please call the Parish Office at 416 621 2732.

2017 Income Tax Receipts

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

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 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.

Reminder our CWL General Meeting will be on Tuesday February 13, 2018 in the church hall at 7:30 pm.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single-day Catholic event in Canada e inspired The theme of the 26th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally. "I came to bring fire on earth, and how I wish it were kindled!" Luke 12;49

Taking place on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Metro Convention Centre, 255 Front Street

Hear Ralph Martin , Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and guest speaker Patti Mansfield.

High mass celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. Separate youth event [13-18 yrs] with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits.

Rally tickets: \$25 adult, \$15 youth, Bus fee: \$7 For tickets please call Murielle Boudreau 416-695-0031 Bus will depart for the rally on March 3 at 7:00 am Returning to Nativity by 6:30 pm

Summer Day Camp @ Nativity

"Not Just a Summer Camp" - We're incorporating our Catholic faith with fun sports, games, crafts, music, baking & more!

Who: Students currently in grade 1-6

When: 1st Session: July 16-20, 2nd session: July

23-21

Time: 9am-3:30pm (Extended care available 8-

9am, 3:30-5pm)

Cost: \$120 (Includes t-shirt)

Registration forms can be picked up/dropped off at

the Parish Office.

Registration will begin February 12th. Spots are limited.

Contact Courtney @ nativityyouth@outlook.com.

2018 Offertory Envelopes

The 2018 Offertory Envelopes are available outside the Church Hall by envelope number. If there are any changes, to your contact details please inform the Parish Office.

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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 23

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

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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

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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