

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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OUR PARISH TEAM:

Pastor	Rev. Michael Machacek
In Residence	Rev. John Mullins
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
Caring Ministry: Gabriela Herman	416-695-0169
Catholic Cemeteries:	416-733-8544
Catholic Family Services:	416-921-1163
Charismatic Prayer Group:	Theresa Smith
Children's Liturgy:	Anita Jakovcic
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Knights of Columbus: Frank Messina	416-716-8423
Lay Ministers of Eucharist:	Clive Ferrao
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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Genesis 9: 8-15 God's unconditional covenant with Noah.

1 Peter 3: 18-22 All are saved by Christ, through baptism.

Mark 1: 12-15 Jesus is driven into the desert for 40 days.

Lent is a time to remember that God first reached out to *us*. This was not a meagre, one-time gesture like those we often make and withdraw, but a profound, lasting and healing covenant. During this season, we reflect on and ask forgiveness for our own alienating, sinful actions. We ponder in deep prayer and silence that God has invested everything, including a beloved Son, into this relationship.

Come and See Weekend: St. Augustine's Seminary

Friday, March 23 (begins at 6:30 p.m.) to Sunday, March 25 (ends at 1:30 p.m.)

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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.

LENT

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.

Lenten Reconciliation Evening:
Monday, March 19 from 6:45pm to 8:00pm

We will hold our Lenten Reconciliation evening here at Nativity of Our Lord. A number of priest will be in attendance to hear your confession.

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 departs for the rally at 7:00 am sharp and returns to Nativity by 6:30 pm

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.

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.

We invite all families who are new to the parish to come and register as parishioners and avail of the boxed envelopes for regular offertory donations.

Sign-Up Sundays! We Need Your Help! February 24th /25th & March 3/4.

Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith-based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017. Please visit <http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration> to register yourself for this initiative. Thank you for living a faith that acts!

Nativity of Our Lord **YOUTH MINISTRY**



EDGE: March 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

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.

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 23-27

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.

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