

# 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](mailto: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
C.W.L. President:	Nancy Fenech
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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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**Exodus 20: 1-17** Israel is given the commandments.

**1 Corinthians 1: 22-25** Christ surpasses human understanding.

**John 2: 13-25** Jesus cleanses the Temple in Jerusalem.

Jesus was something new to the Jews. From extensive laws guiding all of life, to their temple worship, their profound understanding of God had been established over time. But then Jesus challenged all that they knew. Lent calls us to encounter God in new and deeper ways and to reflect on how we respond to new insights or information that may challenge our comfortable beliefs, understanding or religious practices.



ShareLife is a sign of our stewardship, and an opportunity to share the gifts of time, talent and treasure that have been entrusted to us by God. ShareLife also provides an opportunity to exercise the Lenten tradition of almsgiving. Those who volunteer and work actively for ShareLife are in fact serving in the ministry of fundraising.

"As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another each in the measure he has received." (1 Peter 4:10)

#### **Our Mission:**

- To live the Gospel by providing for those in need.

#### **Our Vision:**

-The Catholic community and its partners responding generously with justice and love.

#### **Our Principles:**

- Reverence for life at all stages.
- Commitment to Catholic Social Teaching.
- Collaboration with stakeholders.
- Responsible and accountable for resources.

**March 18 is ShareLife Sunday.  
Please give generously.**

### ***LENT***

**Fridays of 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 priests will be in attendance to hear your confession.

#### ***Lenten Evenings of Reflection. Journey with the Canadian Martyrs.***

Join us at Nativity of Our Lord for our Lenten retreat directed by **Fr. Ahil Shivarajah SJ**

**from Martyrs' Shrine,  
Tuesday thru Thursday  
March 13<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**From 7:00 to 8:15 pm.**

**Confessions – 6:20 – 6:50 pm**

Mass at 7:00 pm with a homily each evening focussing on one of the Canadian Martyrs.

The mass will conclude with blessings with the relics of Sts. Jean de Brebeuf, Charles Garnier and Gabriel Lalemant.

*Let the lives of the Canadian Martyrs deepen your relationship with Christ as we journey with them this Lenten Season.*

#### ***"REWARD OF SELF SACRIFICE"***

***Lenten Retreat at St. John's Hall 2185 Stave  
Bank Road, Mississauga.***

March 16 – 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

March 17 & 18 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Preached by:

Fr. Sam Samuel Divine Retreat Center Toronto,

Fr. Jose Vetiyankal, DRC Bangalur India,

Fr. John Cheriavel, VC. Prof. of Sacramental Theology

Registration fee for the 3 days: \$ 30.00

for tickets please call 905-896-2854, 905-495-4800.

MARCH 4, 2018

**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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca). Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact Fr. Michael or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Bundle Up Collection  
on March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2017**

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be collecting **gently used clothing, footwear, bedding and drapes next weekend. No mattresses or furniture will be accepted.** There is a need for **soccer shoes & shin pads please place in a separate bag and label "soccer shoes"**. Please bring your articles to the Society's truck to the rear parking lot before or shortly after the Masses next weekend on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm & Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Thank you for all your donations!

Divine Mercy Event - Sat March 24<sup>th</sup>



**Held at Nativity of Our Lord Parish Hall  
9:00am - 4:00pm**

**\$15.00 Admission includes:** Lasagna or Roti Chicken Sandwich Luncheon.

**Features Talks by Father Terrence McKenna**

\*Unpacking the riches of Divine Mercy and the Novena. \*Understanding the urgency of the message of Divine Mercy \*Claiming the Divine Favours for ourselves and our families \*What our tradition has revealed about the future.

Sts. Peter and Paul Praise & Worship Group Music Ministry. "Appeals of Our Lady" Exhibit.

Admission \$ 15.00 **ALL must RSVP in advance please. EMAIL: [divinemercurytoronto@gmail.com](mailto:divinemercurytoronto@gmail.com) or Call: Marilyn at 416-259-7477.**

**Nativity of Our Lord  
YOUTH MINISTRY**



*EDGE: March 16*

Grades 7 – 8

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



*Next LifeTeen : March 9*

Grades 9 – 12.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> (transportation, food, accommodation & camp gear). \$450 April, 15<sup>th</sup> onward.

**Registration is now open & will close on May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Session: July 16 - 20, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>. Spots are limited.** Contact Courtney @ [nativityyouth@outlook.com](mailto:nativityyouth@outlook.com).

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