

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Did You Know?

Isaiah 60: 1-6 The new Jerusalem will shine in glory.

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6 The Gentiles are co-heirs in Christ.

Matthew 2: 1-12 The Magi come to adore Jesus.

Today's feast is filled with ironies for us. It celebrates those from afar who early acknowledged the Christ child and reminds us of those nearby who were threatened by him. Living in a current political climate that debunks globalism and challenges the meaning of Christianity, we must ask: "How do we make Christ's presence known?" Who do we accept into our communities and our lives regardless of their origins? Christ's coming has always turned things upside down.

**Thank you from Nativity
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**

We are very grateful for the generous support you have given to our neighbours-in-need throughout 2018. This Christmas, ninety-six families in our area received hampers or other support. These Christmas hampers, provided by our local schools, individuals and parishioners, were delivered by many of you on Saturday, 15th December – thank you. In addition, we want to thank you for your donations to our annual Christmas collection. This collection and your Poor Box contributions will be used over the next year to help more than 100 families in our community. Our members and those we help thank you for your generosity. You are turning concern into action. God bless you!



Q: - I'm a parishioner who's stuck in my faith. Is Alpha for me?

A: - Yes! Alpha invites us into a personal experience with God.

Program start date: 6th February, 2019
For more information or to register, please call the Parish office.

Our Parish has many activities and groups that may be of interest to you!

For Example:

- Our **Youth Ministry** for young people in Grades 6 – 8 and also High School – see the announcements in this bulletin.
- We have 2 weeks of **Bible Camp** each July for kids in Grades 1 – 6.
- Our **Bible Study Group** that meets each Monday evening.
- Our **Bereavement Support Group** – a group dedicated to serving those who are mourning the death of a love one. The next course will start in February.
- We have a **Children's Liturgy of The Word Programme** for kids from SK to Grade 5 at the Sunday 9:00 am mass.
- Our **Caring Ministry** who visits shut-ins and brings Holy Communion to them.
- Our **St. Vincent de Paul Society** which provides food vouchers to families in need, as well as Christmas hampers and helps kids participate in local basketball and soccer leagues, with many more outreach activities.
- The **Legion of Mary** has an apostolate of prayer and visitation to seniors homes as well as providing families an opportunity to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue.
- The **Prayer Group** that meets every Wednesday after the 7:00 pm mass.
- Our **Knights of Columbus** for men and our **Catholic Women's League** provides opportunities for men and women to grow in faith, fellowship and service to the community.
- The **Alpha Programme** which provides a forum for both the unchurched as well as Catholics who wish to develop their Christian faith begins on Wednesday 6th February.

And we have so much more!
Do join us in worship each weekend.
For more information, please go to
www.myparish.org

Catholic Women's League



World Day of Prayer Planning Day will take place on Saturday, 12th January, at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church (1585 Yonge St. Toronto). From 9:15 am to 1:30 pm. Registration at 8:45 am Please bring a brown bag lunch along with \$15.00 to cover the church rental etc.

CWL Annual Planning Meeting Saturday, 19th January, in the parish hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Feel free to bring your lunch. Refreshments will be served.

Development Day will be at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Catholic Church, 739 Brown's Line, on Saturday 23rd February, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Deadline is 1st February and this fills up very quickly! Cost: \$15.00 will be reimbursed after you attend. Please contact Alice Mycan at 416 621 0689

2019 Offertory Envelopes



The 2019 Offertory Envelopes are available outside the Church Hall. The envelope boxes are arranged by envelope number. If you do not remember your envelope number, there are binders available listing the names in alphabetical order and the corresponding envelope number. If your envelope box is missing, please check with the parish office to get a new one. We request parishioners to kindly check that the information on the label is current and accurate. If there are any changes, please inform the parish office.

We invite all families who are new to the parish to come and register as parishioners and receive boxed envelopes for this year's offertory donations.

Nativity's Annual LifeTeen Retreat

Who: All high school students

When: February 1-3, 2019

Where: Valley of the Mother of God, 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 before January 11th, 2019.

For more information, please contact Courtney Strom.

Nativity of Our Lord YOUTH MINISTRY



Next EDGE: January 18th

Grades 6 – 8

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



Next LifeTeen : January 11th

Grades 9 – 12.

2nd & 4th Fridays of the month
7 – 9:30 pm Upstairs Rm 1

If you would like to get involved or have any questions about our Youth Ministry programs, contact Courtney: youthminister@nativityym.com
416-621-2732 Ext 22

YOUTH MASS

Every Sunday 11:30 am

Confirmation Program – Grade 7 Students Parents' Information Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 7:30 pm, Church Hall

Prior to the meeting, please register online at:
nativityym.com/confirmation

To complete registration, please bring with you to the meeting:

1. A copy of your child's Roman Catholic Baptism Certificate.
2. \$50 for class supplies and gown rental.
(cash/cheque to Nativity of Our Lord Parish)

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, June 8th, 2019 at our 5:00 pm Mass.
Bishop John Boissonneau will preside.

New Ushers Needed

We are looking for new ushers particularly during our Saturday 5:00 am and Sunday 9:00 am masses. Please contact the parish office if you can serve in this ministry.

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