

# 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: [youthminister@nativityym.com](mailto:youthminister@nativityym.com)

Website: <http://www.nativityym.com>

LifeTeen Program for High School Students -  
every 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month.

EDGE Program for Grades 6 - 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

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25 David spares his enemy**

**1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Live as spiritual, not natural beings**

**Luke 6: 27-38 Jesus' challenge about loving and forgiving**

Today's readings seem especially pertinent to us living in a climate of sarcasm and insults, offensiveness and bullying, violence and hatred. Sparing – let alone forgiving and loving – one's perceived enemies, or refusing to judge others is hardly "natural" to most of us. But God sees it differently, and we are faced with the choice of whether we will too. Considering what this requires of us is a good way to enter the immanent season of Lent.

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**Badminton Here at Nativity**

We believe that there is now enough interest in establishing a recreational type of badminton facility for our parishioners as well as non-parishioners. Adults of all ages and levels of ability are welcome to participate. Some coaching will be available. If you would like to join, please provide your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to Peter Matthews at [pjmatthews6534@gmail.com](mailto:pjmatthews6534@gmail.com) or drop the information off at the parish office. Details of times, dates and fees will be available shortly.

**The Come and See Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary March 15 – 17**

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 process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) For more information, please contact Fr. Michael at our office or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

**2018 Income Tax Receipts**

Income Tax Receipts for 2018 donations are now available for pick-up at the Parish Hall.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday, March 6, 2019, is Ash Wednesday, a day of **Fasting and Abstinence**. This day is the beginning of Lent: The penitential character of Lent is to be maintained during this period. On these days, penance is to be considered an important requirement of the Christian life. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence.

**Christian fasting** obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith.

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. Parents are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. is the beginning of lent. Ashes will be distributed at the following celebrations:

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

**12:30 pm Liturgy of the Word Service** at Mother Cabrini School gym

**7:00 pm mass** in the Church

***Fridays of Lent***

On all Fridays of Lent, we will celebrate 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.

**Nativity Senior's Social Club**

**Time:** 1<sup>st</sup> March, at 11:15 am

**Activities:** Movie and Bingo over a light lunch.  
*All men and women are welcome.*

## Catholic Women's League

**World Day of Prayer.** Ecumenical Service at the host parish, Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church located at 739 Browns Line, Etobicoke, on February 28<sup>th</sup>

, at 4:00 pm. Focus country is Slovenia. Meeting and reception to follow. All are welcome.

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

## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Collection March 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, footwear, bedding, drapes and children's toys, on the above weekend. No mattresses, dishes, video/audio cassettes, books 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 container at the rear parking lot before or shortly after the weekend masses on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: & on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

## Sexual Abuse Crisis in the Church

Fr. Michael will be leading an evening of sharing, reflection and prayer at **St. Benedict's Parish** on Kipling Ave. (North of Rexdale Blvd.) in Etobicoke – **on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.** This will be the same talk he shared here in our Nativity Hall the evening of Tuesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. This may be Fr. Michael's last presentation on this topic.

**Our parishioners are welcome to attend.**

## Edge Adventure Camp

A 5 day overnight Catholic Adventure Camp. A fun and exciting Christ – centered camp experience!

**Who:** Students currently in grades 6 – 8

**Where:** Camp White Pine – Haliburton, ON

**When:** August 21 – 25, 2019

**Cost:** Early Bird \$425. all-inclusive before April 16<sup>th</sup>. Then it will be \$475. until registration closes on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Spots are limited, First come, first register.

Forms can be picked up /dropped off at the Parish Office. Contact Courtney for more information.

## Nativity of Our Lord

### YOUTH MINISTRY



*Next EDGE: March 1st*

Grades 6 – 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 8th*

Grades 9 – 12.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youthminister@nativityym.com) 416-621-2732 Ext 22

## YOUTH MASS

Every Sunday 11:30 am

## Confirmation Program – Grade 7 Students

Register online at: [nativityym.com/confirmation](http://nativityym.com/confirmation)

To complete the registration you will require:

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)

3. Please contact Courtney by Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at our 5:00 pm Mass.

Bishop John Boissonneau will preside.

## 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 1-5

**When:** 1st Session: July 15-19,

2nd session: July 22-26

**Time:** 9am-3:30pm (Extended care available 8-9am, 3:30-5pm)

**Cost:** \$130 (Includes t-shirt, snacks & all activities)

To Register, go to [www.nativityym.com/summer-camp](http://www.nativityym.com/summer-camp) Registration will open January 21<sup>st</sup>. Spots are limited.

Contact Courtney: [youthminister@nativityym.com](mailto:youthminister@nativityym.com)



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