

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

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
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Knights of Columbus: Frank Messina	416-716-8423
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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
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Welcoming Committee:	Angela Reid
Youth Ministry:	Courtney Strom

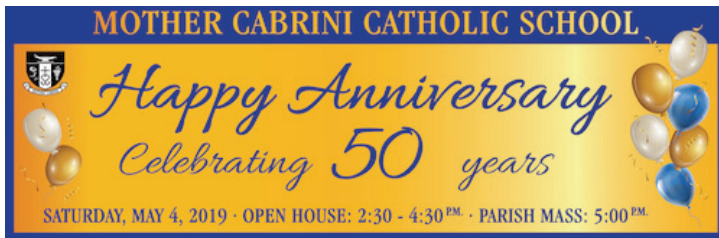
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27: 4-7 Tribulation is the test of the just

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58 Where, O death, is your sting?

Luke 6: 39-45 Remove the beam from your own eye first.

On this Sunday before Lent, the readings challenge us to be mindful of our thoughts, words and deeds. They call us to first judge ourselves before we judge others. May God shake us from our sins of apathy and judgement, so as to provide a path to enter more deeply into the Lenten journey before us.



Please use the link below to RSVP for Mother Cabrini's 50th Anniversary which will be held on Saturday May 4th, 2019.

- Speech presentations will take place in the school gym and run from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm.
- Community Mass starts at 5:00 pm at Nativity of Our Lord Church.
- The deadline to RSVP will be Thursday April 18th, 2019. However we strongly encourage all parents, Guardians Alumni, and friends of Mother Cabrini to RSVP at your earliest convenience.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/mothercabrini/letscelebrate/20182019/pages/celebrating-50-years-at-mother-cabrini.aspx>

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 or drop the information off at the parish office. Details of times, dates and fees will be available shortly.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This 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 6th, 2019 is the beginning of Lent.

Ashes will be distributed at 3 masses:

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.



2018 Income Tax Receipts

The remainder of the 2018 Income Tax Receipts that were not picked-up were put into the mail this past Friday.

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

Next weekend 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 masses on Saturday March 8th, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: & on Sunday March 9th, 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 13th at 7:30 pm.** This will be the same talk he shared here in our Nativity Hall the evening of Tuesday October 2nd. This may be Fr. Michael's last presentation on this topic.

Our parishioners are welcome to attend.

Steubenville Youth Conference

For the past 5 years, we have attended Steubenville Toronto. This year, we will be taking a road trip to attend Steubenville's Youth Conference at the main campus where it all began at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio! Thousands of young people will gather to celebrate and grow in their faith!

Who: Youth who are currently in gr. 8 - 12

When: July 12 – 14, 2019

Where: Franciscan University, Steubenville OH.
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 15th
Grades 6 – 8
1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays of the month
7 – 9 pm in the Church Hall



Next LifeTeen : March 8th
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

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 Registration will open January 21st. Spots are limited.

Contact Courtney: youthminister@nativityym.com

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 16th. Then it will be \$475. until registration closes on May 15th.

Spots are limited, First come, first register.
Forms can be picked up /dropped off at the Parish Office. Contact Courtney for more information.

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