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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 They ate what they had grown in the land of Canaan.

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 God entrusted to us the message of reconciliation.

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32 Father, I have sinned against you and against heaven

Today's readings focus on reconciliation, forgiveness and moving forward. Forgiveness is one-sided; one can choose to forgive, but reconciliation requires two people in the act of coming together. God offers us both forgiveness and reconciliation and does not hold our sins against us once we have asked for forgiveness. Are we able to do the same with one another?

2018 Parish Financial Statement

The Nativity Of Our Lord financial statement is now available at the Parish Office. If you have any questions, you can send an email to nativity@myparish.org.

As your Pastor, I thank you for your financial support of our parish.

Peace, Fr. Michael

Come Celebrate Mercy Sunday April 28th, Mattamy Centre, Toronto



His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins will be Homilist / main concelebrant for 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Mass

Conference ticket: Adult \$25. Youth \$15. Bus \$8. Bus will be leaving Nativity of Our Lord parking lot at 7:00 am sharp and returning by 7:00 pm For tickets please contact Murielle Boudreau at 416 320 4300.

Mass Offering Intention Procedure

Our 2020 Mass Offering Intention book will be open this Monday 1st April, 2019. Requests for mass offering intentions are to be done at the office in person only. Payment for these masses must be made at time of the request. We will no longer be using Mass Offering envelopes.

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, April 8th 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.



Living the Gospel locally and around the world

"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday." — Cardinal Thomas Collins

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

Supporting ShareLife through pre-authorized giving

Monthly pre-authorized giving (PAG) is an easy way to spread your ShareLife contribution over the course of a year. The ShareLife package you received by mail includes a response form with a PAG option. Simply submit a void cheque with the completed form to your parish office, or drop it in the offertory basket at any time. Contact ShareLife at slife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions about pre-authorized giving to ShareLife.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

Senior's Social Club

Nativity Seniors Club

Time: 5th April, at 11:15 am

Activities: Movie and Bingo over a light lunch.

All men and women are welcome.

Badminton Here at Nativity!

Now is the time to let us know if you would like to join. We will start playing officially on 2nd, April 2019. For now playing times will be from 9:00am to 11:00am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The fees will be \$60.00 for a year. Please email me at pjmatthews6534@gmail.com. The only things you will need are a racket and a pair of court shoes and you will have a lot of healthy fun!

Feast of Corpus Christi On Sunday June 23rd June



Nativity of Our Lord will be celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi.

This year our event will be on Sunday, starting with the 11:30 am mass. Following will be a solemn procession through our neighbouring streets and ending with some family fun.

Please mark your calendars.

More details to follow!

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: April 5th

Grades 6 – 8

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



Next LifeTeen : April 12th

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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