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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1: 1-11 Jesus rose from the dead and returned to prepare the disciples to preach his kingdom and continue his work.

Ephesians 1: 17-23 Believers are called to profess belief in the triune God whose greatness over all is manifested in Jesus Christ.

Luke 24: 44-53 "I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

On this feast of the Ascension, we remember that Christ's ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain (CCC #665). This feast reminds us that like the first disciples, we are not to dally "looking up at the sky," but are to get busy proclaiming the glory of God's kingdom by the witness of our lives.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven"

.....Ecclesiastes 3 - 1

After 21 years of service, the time has come for me to retire from my Ministry at Nativity of Our Lord Parish. Therefore this will be my last weekend as Deacon.

My wife Stella, and I, thank you for your support and prayers over the years which have enabled me to serve all of you in so many ways.

We will continue to pray for all of you and just ask that you keep us and our family in your prayers.

May God Bless you all.
Deacon Gerry Almeida

**Feast of Corpus Christi
On Sunday June 23rd**



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

This year our event will be on Sunday, June 23rd starting with the 11:30 am mass. Following will be a solemn procession through our neighbouring streets and ending with some family fun.

We are looking for donations for the Silent Auction including gift cards. We do however ask that the minimum value of each item be \$25.00. We are also accepting monetary donations towards this event, which supports Our Lady of Fatima School in Bethlehem, Palestine.

CWL will be selling raffle tickets at our church entrances before & after our weekend masses.

Cash prizes 1st = \$500. 2nd = \$300. 3rd = \$100.

Please mark your calendars.
More details to follow!

To Deacon Gerry and Stella

On behalf of all the parishioners of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, I would like to extend our deep-seated thanks and gratitude for the 21 years of diaconate ministry, most of which were here at Nativity, that Deacon Gerry and his wife Stella provided to our parish.

On a personal note my priestly life has been deeply enriched in my relationship with them, and I am very grateful for all that they shared with me over these past 7 years in particular.

Gerry and Stella, thank you! May almighty God continue to sustain you as you begin your retirement years.

Peace and prayers,
Fr. Michael Machacek.

Women Together Retreat

Ladies come and receive a "Faith Lift". This is the theme of our Women Together Retreat at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre – Mississauga from June 14th – 16th. Cost is \$200.00. You will have a single private room. To register please call: 905 278 5229.



**Living the Gospel by supporting
mental health wellness**

Last year, over 3,200 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you're helping people find health and happiness.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

**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.

**Faith Journeys: Lenten Pilgrimage to the
Holy Land - March 4th to 14th, 2020**

For eleven days, you can immerse yourself in the places where Jesus lived – and trace His footsteps from the place where His coming was announced in Nazareth, the location of His birth in Bethlehem, the sites of His teaching, preaching and healing in Galilee to His place of death and Resurrection in Jerusalem. Kitty McGilly, will co-ordinate the Pilgrimage with Father Michael Machacek as the spiritual leader for the fifth time leading a group from our parish. *Interested?* You will find details in brochures at the church entrances, or at the Parish Office. Contact persons are: Joanna Andrews 416 621 2732, email: 2020holyland@gmail.com or Kitty McGilly, 416 201 7375: email kmcgilly@rogers.com.

**There will be an information meeting this
Sunday June 2nd at 12:45 pm in the parish hall.
Tour Coordinator Kitty McGilly and Fr. Michael
Machacek will discuss details and be available
to answer any questions you may have.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated next Saturday June 8th at the 5:00 pm mass, with Bishop John Boissonneau presiding. Please pray for our young people who are being confirmed and their families.

Nativity of Our Lord

YOUTH MINISTRY



Next EDGE: June 7th

Grades 6 – 8

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



Next LifeTeen : June 14th

Grades 9 – 12.

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

YOUTH MASS

Every Sunday 11:30 am

**Volunteers Needed Nativity
Summer Day Camp**

We are looking for energetic and fun loving Catholic leaders currently enrolled in high school or in a post-secondary program to volunteer for our Summer Day Camp at Nativity in July. To pick up a volunteer application form or for more details, please visit the Parish Office.

**Marygrove Camp Collection
St. Vincent de Paul**

There will be a second collection **next weekend June 8th/9th for Marygrove Camp**, a residential camp operated by St. Vincent de Paul for girls aged 5-13 whose families are experiencing financial or domestic hardship. Located on Georgian Bay, the camp provides a 7-day experience for girls who might never get such an opportunity. Each year over 1,000 girls from parishes across the Archdioceses of Toronto, including 11 campers from Nativity, attend at no cost. 100% of your donations received by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul go toward funding the camp. *Thank you for your support!*

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