

# 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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35 Saffron Crescent  
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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
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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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 19: 16b, 19-21 The prophet Elijah calls Elisha to follow him.

Galatians 5: 1, 13-18 The Spirit sets us free to live in love

Luke 9: 51-62 Agreeing to follow Jesus is an all-encompassing commitment.

That we are all called to follow Jesus is no surprise. This sacramentally-sealed call is operative for as long as we live. We also know that accepting it has implications we will only discover as we go. Today's readings remind us that calls can be unexpected, demanding, even dangerous. But Paul assures us that freedom, love and the Spirit's guidance are all part of it.

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Missionary Preaching and Appeal - 2019

At the weekend masses of July 20th/21st, we will have our annual Mission Appeal. The Mission Appeal raises funds to provide food and medical care for the poor and the education of missionaries. This year the Archdiocese of Toronto has assigned Rev. James Cherickal Pastor of St. Francis Xavier, Mississauga, to deliver the appeal on behalf of the Diocese of Thamarassery, Kerala, India. For envelope box users, to make a donation, please use the yellow envelope dated July/August "Mission Co-op" Your generous support will be much appreciated.

Corpus Christi Reflections...

Our celebrations of Corpus Christi this past Sunday went well and I am grateful for those who participated in the mass, procession and festivities.

My heart felt gratitude for the efforts of our Corpus Christi Committee, headed by Pat Manuk, as well as the many volunteers who helped out. I also need to extend a special thank you to our Catholic Women's League for their selling of the raffle tickets and running of the Silent Auction, and our Knights of Columbus Council for their financial support and handling the barbeque duties for the day.

As I have mentioned before, any profits from this day will go to support Our Lady of Fatima School in Bethlehem, Palestine. This is a wonderful school that educates children from Kindergarten through Grade 12. In our pilgrimages to the Holy Land we have visited this school and have been greatly impressed by the quality of the school, its staff and students.

Again, many thanks to all of you! Fr. Michael.

Bulletin Summer Break

This parish bulletin will be our last one before the summer break. We will resume publication on the weekend of August 31/September 1st, 2019 weekend. All sacramental program dates will be published in September.

Family of Faith Campaign update

When our parish undertook the Family of Faith campaign back in 2015 we had to outline how we would spend the parish's share of the campaign monies that were raised.

These projects included:

- 1) updating the lighting inside the parish hall and the surrounding corridors;
2) updating the parish hall kitchen;
and 3) the installation of an electronic sign by the Rathburn Rd. entrance.

Having done so, we anticipate, with your continued pledge commitments being fulfilled, that we will still have a considerable amount of money (over \$200,000) to spend from the parish's proceeds of the Campaign.

Following the Guidelines of the Family of Faith Campaign - Updated Policies and Procedures dated June 30, 2016, I recently met both with our parish's Finance and Property Council and our Pastoral Council (as per point 3 of the Updated Policies) to consider some further projects.

In our discussions both Councils felt that we should spend the remaining money on

- 1) Replacing the carpet in the sanctuary of the church;
2) Do a refurbishment of the exterior facade of the church above the Rathburn Rd. entrance; and
3) Replace the framing surrounding the large World Youth Day 2002 stained glass window on the east side of the sanctuary.

We have received formal approval for these next 3 projects from Bishop John Boissonneau, the Western Region Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, and Mr. Jim Milway, the Temporal Chancellor for the Archdiocese of Toronto, as is required, and we hope to begin the first project this fall, and hopefully, some, if not all of the second project later this summer.

I will have further updates for you for the first bulletin after the summer break, the weekend of August 31st/September 1st.

Peace, Fr. Michael

Have a blessed summer!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

JUNE 30, 2019

**Catholic Women`s League**  
**Day of Reflection Saturday - September 7th**

Please join us for a Day of Reflection to Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre on Saturday September 7, 2019. Bus departs at 8:00am. Lunch is included. Cost is \$55.00 per person. \$45.00 for CWL member. To reserve your seat please contact Nancy Fenech at 647-802-6832

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



- Would you like to sing "O Holy Night" while actually looking at the site where Jesus was born?
- Would you like to renew your own Baptismal Vows in the River Jordan where Jesus was baptized by St. John the Baptist?
- Would you like to renew your wedding vows in Cana?

You can do all of these and experience more, much more, in following the footsteps of Jesus from His birth to His crucifixion and resurrection during a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 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 and Judea 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](mailto:kmcgilly@rogers.com).

**Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed**  
**Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm**

The Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services of the Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the **Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm.**

The two closest cemetery locations to our parish and the Celebrants at this year's Annual Mass are as follows:

- Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga.

Celebrant: Most Reverend. John A. Boissonneau

- Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge.

Celebrant: Most Rev. Bishop Robert Kasun

**In the event of rain:** mass will be held in the mausoleum of both Assumption and Queen of Heaven. For more information, please refer to the poster on our Bulletin Board or call 416 733 8544 or 1-800 974 4619.

**Nativity of Our Lord**  
**YOUTH MINISTRY**



**Have a safe summer and see you in September!**

**Ultimate Frisbee**

All high-school students are invited to meet Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the youth office before we head over to the field at Wellesworth together. Come practise with us as we prepare for the annual inter-parish tournament on August 10th! Contact Courtney for more info @ [nativityyouth@outlook.com](mailto:nativityyouth@outlook.com).



**Living the Gospel by**  
**Supporting at-risk youth**

The single mother of Trinity worried about who might influence her daughter after school, given the presence of gangs in the neighbourhood. She enrolled Trinity in a program at the St. John Paul the Great Family Centre, a ShareLife-funded agency. Along with helping with homework, the centre provided music training that would otherwise be too costly. Now 15 years old, Trinity volunteers at the centre so others can benefit just as she has.

**Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through our parish or [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org)**

**Please note this year's campaign ends July 31<sup>st</sup>.**  
**We thank all who have already contributed to this year's campaign.**

**Nativity of Our Lord School**  
**\*\* LUNCHROOM SUPERVISORS NEEDED \*\***

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School is in need of lunchroom supervisors between 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. every day for the school year. Duties include lunch supervision of students both in the classroom and during lunch recess break. Interested candidates should contact the principal Michael Femia at [michael.femia@tcdsb.org](mailto:michael.femia@tcdsb.org) or the secretary Irene Aldeias at [irene.aldeias@tcdsb.org](mailto:irene.aldeias@tcdsb.org).

**Ladies Exercise Class (55+)**

Our Ladies Exercise Class will take a break in July and August. Our fall classes will begin Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, with the same Mondays and Thursdays schedule – 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

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