

# 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
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

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
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 Fridays of the month

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm (From October to June)

## GROUPS

Altar Guild:	Alice Mycan
Altar Servers:	Fr. Michael
Bereavement Support Group:	Linda Wisz
Bible Study	Linda Wisz
Caring Ministry: Keith Lewis	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:	Chris D'Souza
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.:	Fr. Michael
St. Vincent de Paul Society:	416-695-0169
Ushers:	Leonard Roach
Welcoming Committee:	Angela Reid
Youth Ministry:	Courtney Strom

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2: 1-5 There will be no more way.  
Romans 13: 11-14 Throw off the works of darkness.  
Matthew 24:37-44 Stay awake! Be prepared!

Today, we begin the season of Advent and a new church year. We are reminded today that we should be ready for both endings and beginnings. Let us ask God to help us see the beginning that is inherent in every ending, and for the courage and grace to live as faithful disciples in all circumstances.

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Handicraft Holy Land Christians

The weekend of 21 & 22 December we will have with us a representative from Sebastien Cardinal's "Handicraft Holy Land Christians". After the masses they will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in The Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and the purchase of special religious art pieces. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Your purchase can be made by cash, debit and credit cards. [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Help Needed December 14th

Volunteers are needed to deliver Christmas boxes to families in our neighbourhood. Drivers, vehicles (vans, trucks, cars) and helpers, please come to the Church Hall on Saturday, December 14th. Please bring your dollies and hand trucks if you have them. If the weather prevents delivery on Saturday we will deliver them on Sunday, December 15th at 1:00 pm. With many hands, the deliveries should take a few hours. This is an excellent way for you and your families to share the joy of the Christmas Season with others in our community. Thank you for helping. Please call John at (416) 626 0143 if you have any questions.

Focus on Jesus this Advent - Week 1

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Advent Day of Reconciliation  
Monday, December 16th, 2019  
6:45 pm – 8 pm

On Monday, December 16th, our parish will have our Advent Day of Reconciliation. From 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm, 6 priests will be available to all who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). All parishioners are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to come to confession and prepare for the coming of our Saviour at Christmas!

2020 Offertory Envelopes



The 2020 Offertory Envelopes are available in the Church Hall. The envelope boxes are arranged by envelope number. If you do not remember your envelope number, there are binders available, listing the names in alphabetical order and the corresponding envelope number. If your envelope box is missing please check with the parish office to get a new one.

We request parishioners contact our office during office hours to update any address or phone number changes.

We invite all families who are new to the parish to come and register as parishioners and avail of the boxed envelopes for regular offertory donations.

**N.B.** Please **do not** use previous year's envelopes in the new year.

School Advent Masses

**Nativity of Our Lord School** Mass will be held here at our parish on Monday, December 2nd at 9:30 am.

**Mother Cabrini School** Mass will be held at Mother Cabrini School on, Thursday, December 5th at 1:00 pm. All parishioners are welcome to join the students at these Masses.

Sign-up Sheets – Church Ministries

Once more, we look forward to the assistance of our different ministries for our Christmas celebration e.g., Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers and ushers. We will have sign-up sheets available in the sacristy and in the ushers' room **next weekend**.

Kindly sign-up for the mass where you can assist so that we can plan our masses accordingly.

## Catholic Women`s League



Ladies, on Sunday December **8th CWL Annual Christmas Luncheon** will be held at Nativity of Our Lord Parish hall right after our CWL mass. It will take place from 10 am to 2 pm. We will enjoy a catered turkey dinner with all the trimmings! Games, prizes, raffle and caroling. Contact Alice Mycan at 416-621-0689 to purchase your ticket for \$35.00

**Membership payments:** call Alice Mycan with your membership payment. Please remember to pay before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> December.

### ***Newediuk - Celebration of Life***

Newediuk Funeral Home invites anyone who has been touched by loss. You will have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved one.

*Twenty-Second Annual Celebration of Life.*

It is an uplifting service that will be held on Saturday December 7, at 3:00 pm at Newediuk Funeral Home, 2058 Kipling Avenue. (North of Rexdale Blvd.) Please RSVP at 416 745 7555.

### ***Seniors Social Club***

#### **Nativity Seniors Club**

**Time:** December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 11:15 am following the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Holy Hour.

**Activities:** Movie/Christmas Carols over lunch  
All men and women are welcome

### ***Liturgical Calendar***

Our Liturgical Calendar ends with the Feast of Christ the King and begins with the First Sunday of Advent. The Sunday missals for **2019 - 2020** are available in the pews. Personal copies of the new Sunday missals are available in the Parish Office for \$5 each.

### ***Nativity of Our Lord School's Winter Wonderland Market***

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School will be hosting a WINTER WONDERLAND MARKET Thursday December 5th, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Anyone interested in renting a table for the market please contact [rmarrari@gmail.com](mailto:rmarrari@gmail.com) for details.

Save the date and pop on by Dec 5th for some family fun - we will have crafts and fun stations for the kids and a special appearance from Santa himself!

## **Nativity of Our Lord**

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**



*Next EDGE: December 6th*

Grades 7 – 8

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month  
7 – 9 pm in the Church Hall



*Next LifeTeen : December 13th*

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: [Nativityyouth@outlook.com](mailto:Nativityyouth@outlook.com)  
416- 621-2732 Ext 22

***YOUTH MASS***  
***Every Sunday 11:30 am***

### **Confirmation Program – Grade 7 Students Parents' Information Meeting on Thursday, January 9th, 2020 7:30 pm, Church Hall**

Prior to the meeting, please register online at:  
[www.nativityym.com/sacraments/confirmation](http://www.nativityym.com/sacraments/confirmation)

To complete registration, please bring with you to the meeting:

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)

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on  
Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at our 5:00 pm Mass  
OR

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at our 11:30 am Mass.

### ***Advent Spiritual Reading - Nativity Library***

Why not pick up a book to read in preparation for Advent. There are many different topics and some favourite saints. Take a moment or two and browse topics, some of your favourite saints, and discover just what you needed to read is there. Give it a try. We are sure you won't be disappointed. The library is upstairs in Room # 2.

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