THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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OUR PARISH TEAM:

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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 <u>one year in advance.</u>

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 416-393-5288

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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 Fridays of the month
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm (From October to June)

GROUPS

Altar Guild:	Alice Mycan
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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 11:1-10 The descendant of David will come; the Spirit of the Lord will be upon him.

Romans 15:4-9 May God grant you to think in harmony with one another.

Matthew 3:1-12 Produce good fruit as a sign of your repentance.

Advent is the season the Church gives us to prepare ourselves for Jesus to be born in us. How do we prepare our hearts? Today we will hear John the Baptist call us to repent and to bear good fruit as a sign of that repentance. Let us pray today that our home preparations for Christmas bear only "good fruit" – creating not the perfect house, but open, hospitable homes and hearts that welcome Jesus.

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 at 10:00 am. 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.

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 have sign-up sheets available in the sacristy and (for the ushers) in the ushers' room. Kindly sign-up for the mass where you can assist, so that we can plan our masses accordingly.

Focus on Jesus this Advent – Week 2 - Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of ourselves. Fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. 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!



Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December. 24th

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

9:00 am Christmas Day Mass

11:30 am Christmas Day Mass Celebrant: Most Rev. John Boissonneau Auxiliary Bishop – Western Region

Thursday, December. 26th
***Please note: there will be <u>NO</u> 9:30 am
Mass***

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31st 5:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass

New Year's Day, Wed., January 1st,

9:00 am New Year's Day Mass 11:30 am New Year's Day Mass

***Please note: there will be <u>NO</u> 7:00 pm Mass on Wednesday, 25th December & on Wednesday, 1st January ***

Catholic Women's League



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

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 # 3

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.

<u>N.B</u>. Please <u>do not</u> use previous year's envelopes in the new year.

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

Nativity of Our Lord

YOUTH MINISTRY



Next EDGE: January 17th

Grades 7 – 8 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month 7 – 9 pm in the Church Hall



Next LifeTeen : December 13th

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: 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

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

- A copy of your child's Roman Catholic Baptism Certificate.
- \$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 30th, 2020 at our 5:00 pm Mass OR

Sunday, May 31st, 2020 at our 11:30 am Mass

2019-2020 Sunday Missals

Personal copies of the Sunday missals for **2019-2020** are available in the Parish Office for \$5 each

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