

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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OUR PARISH TEAM:

Pastor	Rev. Michael Machacek
In Residence	Rev. John Mullins
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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

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10 Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!

James 5: 7-10 Be patient; the Lord is coming.

Matthew 3: 1-12 "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

"Are you the One?" This is the question John the Baptist asks of Jesus as John waits in prison for his execution. Perhaps this is our question, too, when we are burdened by the struggles of this life and tempted to despair. We all need reassurance sometimes, especially when the world is harsh. On this Third Sunday of Advent, we are called to rejoice, for the Son of God really is the One, really is the answer to our prayers, really is our God-with-us who is born into our world.

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

Next weekend, 21st & 22nd of 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

Focus on Jesus this Advent Week 3 - Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

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.

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

Pope Asks Catholics To Set Up Nativity Scene

From The Catholic Register Dec. 8 2019

A Nativity scene is a simple reminder of something astonishing: God became human to reveal the greatness of His love "by smiling and opening His arms to all," Pope Francis said in a letter on the meaning and importance of setting up Christmas cribs.

"Wherever it is and whatever form it takes, the Christmas crèche speaks to us of the love of God, the God who became a child in order to make us know how close He is to every man, woman and child, regardless of their condition," the Pope wrote in this apostolic letter, *Admirabile Signum* ("Enchanting Image").

Pope Francis signed the short letter Dec. 1 during a visit to Greccio, Italy, where St. Francis of Assisi set up the first Nativity scene in 1223.

When St. Francis had a cave prepared with a hay-filled manger, an ox and a donkey he "carried out a great work of evangelization," Pope Francis said, and Catholics can and must continue that work.

"With this letter," he wrote, "I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the Nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares".

"It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be rediscovered and revived," the Pope said.

Catholic Women`s League



Deadline for your **membership dues** is December 31, 2019. Please contact Alice Mycan
Mark this date down in your calendars **Annual Planning Day** Saturday January 25th, in the hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. ****Please bring a calendar with you. Lunch will be served..**

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22, for Development Day. Stay tuned for more details



Mass Schedule 2019 Christmas & New Year 2020

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th, 2019

Please note: there will be NO 7:00 pm Mass

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

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th, 2019

9:00 am Christmas Day Mass
11:30 am Christmas Day Mass

*Celebrant: Most Rev. John Boissonneau
Auxiliary Bishop – Western Region*

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st, 2019

Please note: There will be NO 7:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st, 2020

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

Advent Confession Evening
This Monday, December 16, 6:45pm-8pm



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 : January 10th

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

2019-2020 Sunday Missals

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

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed at 12 noon, Tuesday 24th December, and will re-open Monday 30.

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:

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 30th, 2020 at our 5:00 pm Mass OR Sunday, May 31st, 2020 at our 11:30 am Mass.

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