

# THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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*prepare the way...*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO ALL PARISHIONERS & FAMILIES OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

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Handicraft Holy Land Christians

This weekend, the 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](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

Focus on Jesus this Advent Week 4 - Love

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

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 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").

"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.

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in March 2020 and supports the bulletin service. Please support eh bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905 624 4422.

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## **Mass Schedule 2019 Christmas & New Year 2020**

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday,  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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, Wednesday,  
December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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

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

**Thursday, December. 26<sup>th</sup>**

\*\*\*Please note: there will be NO 9:30 am Mass\*\*\*

**New Year's Eve, Tuesday,  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

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

5:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass

**New Year's Day, Wednesday,  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

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

### **Confirmation Program – Grade 7 Students Parents' Information Meeting on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Faith Journeys: Lenten Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - March 4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:kmcgilly@rogers.com). Our final meeting will be on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January at 12:45pm in room 1.

### **Nativity's Annual LifeTeen Retreat**

**Who:** All high school students

**When:** February 7-9, 2020

**Where:** Valley of the Mother of God, Orangeville

**Cost:** \$100 (All food, transportation, accommodations, program & t-shirt provided)

Come join us for a fun & faith-filled weekend away. Retreat forms can be picked up & dropped off at the Parish office before January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. For more information, please contact Courtney.

### **Christmas & New Year Office Hours**

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas week from 12 noon on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. We will reopen at 9:00 am on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> December. For the New Year holiday we will close at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and reopen on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am.

### **Donation Deadline for 2019 Receipts.**

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish this past year. Please note that we have been advised by the Archdiocese of Toronto as per the norms of the Canada Revenue Agency, donations must be received in the parish office or the mail box by the office door by December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to be eligible for your 2019 income tax receipt.

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