

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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Feast of the Holy Family

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH**

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14 Honor and care for your parents.

Colossians 3 12-21 How to live as a family of believers.

Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23 Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus become refugees.

Brothers and sisters, when we think of the Holy Family we may imagine them gathered in the soft light of the stable, safe and warm. But in today's Gospel we are presented with a very different image: Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus as refugees, fleeing for their lives from the evil dictator Herod. Let us pray today for the victims of today's Herods – for all refugees and immigrants – and for open hearts and homes to those who are fleeing persecution and poverty.



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 31st in order to be eligible for your 2019 income tax receipt.

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.

Faith Journeys: Lenten Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - March 4th to 14th, 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. Our final meeting will be on Sunday, 12th January at 12:45pm in room 1.



***New Year 2020
Mass Schedule***

***New Year's Eve, Tuesday,
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, Wednesday,
January 1st, 2020***

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

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

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

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 the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905 624 4422.

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 12th, 2020.

For more information, please contact Courtney.

THANK YOU FROM FR. MICHAEL

We thank all our generous parishioners, and volunteers who contributed their time, artistic talents and creativity in making our Church here at Nativity of Our Lord Parish a beautiful place of worship during this Christmas season. The joint efforts of many hands truly make it a joyous experience to come together here at Nativity of Our Lord Parish. I personally thank you for all the cards gifts and best wishes I have received and I wish to let you know it is my honour to serve as your Pastor in this wonderful parish community.

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

**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.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed for the New Year holiday at 12 noon on Tuesday 31st December and reopen on Thursday, 2nd January 2020 at 9:00am.

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