

# THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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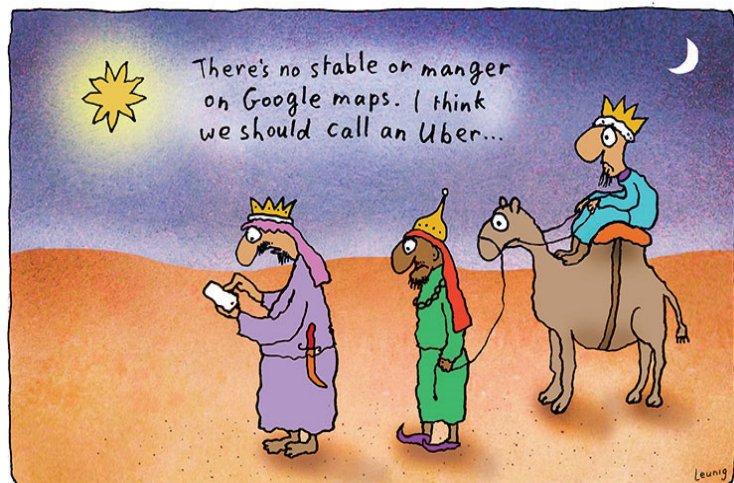
*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to  
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6 Nations shall walk by your light.  
Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6 Gentiles are coheirs and copartners in the promise.  
Matthew 2:1-12 The wise follow the star.

Jesus was born to be the Lord and Saviour, the friend and brother of everyone: people of every nation and race and language; rich and poor; young and old; men and women; successful in the eyes of the world and those whose names are never known.

On this feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord, we recall how the light of God – the star – brought wise men from other parts of the world to the Christ Child. We celebrate God’s light that draws all nations of the earth to Jerusalem and to God. Just as the light of the star called the magi from the East to come and worship Jesus, so does God continue to light our paths as we all seek truth, justice, peace, and salvation!



### 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.

## Marriage Sunday – February 8/9, 2020



Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America.

The Celebration of Marriage Mass will take place on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch Avenue, Pickering) at 3:00pm. Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside over this special Mass where all are welcome to attend and married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows.

Please note that everyone wishing to attend is required to register before the deadline of February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to secure a seat. All married couples are invited to attend; however, reserved seating will be available only for couples celebrating their milestone 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60+ wedding anniversaries. Non-reserved seating will be provided on a first-come first-served basis to all other married couples, family members, friends and others attending the Mass (doors open at 2:00pm).

Please register online at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

### 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.

## Catholic Women`s League

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**. More details to come

## 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](mailto:kmcgilly@rogers.com). Our final meeting will be on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January at 12:45pm in room 1.

## Thank you from Nativity Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

We are very grateful for the generous support you have given to our neighbours-in-need throughout 2019. This Christmas, **ninety-two families** in our area received hampers or other support. These Christmas hampers, provided by our local schools, individuals and parishioners, were delivered by many of you on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December – **Thank you**. In addition, we want to thank you for your donations to our annual Christmas collection. This collection and your Poor Box contributions will be used over the next year to help more than 100 families in our community. Our members and those we help thank you for your generosity. You are turning concern into action. God bless you!

## Nativity of Our Lord YOUTH MINISTRY



Next *EDGE*: January 17th  
Grades 7 – 8  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month  
7 – 9 pm in the Church Hall



Next *LifeTeen* : January 10th  
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.

## 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.

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