

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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OUR PARISH TEAM:

Pastor	Rev. Michael Machacek
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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.

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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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 15:15-20 Before us are life and death; it is our choice.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 God's wisdom, not that of the rulers of this age.

Matthew 5:17-37 A sensible, sometimes difficult, way to live.

My friends, today's readings are about making choices. We hear in the first reading that we are offered life and death, and whichever we choose will be given to us. In the Gospel Jesus preaches about our choice to be angry or not, truthful or not, faithful or not. What we choose will have lasting impact on our earthly lives, the lives of our loved ones, and our life beyond the grave. God in His wisdom did not just create man and leave him to his own. Let us pray today for wisdom.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Bundle Up Collection March 7th/8th**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, footwear, bedding, drapes and children's toys, on the above weekend. No mattresses, dishes, video/audio cassettes, books or furniture will be accepted. There is a need for soccer shoes & shin pads please place in a separate bag and label "soccer shoes". Please bring your articles to the Society's container at the rear parking lot before or shortly after the weekend masses on Saturday March 7th, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: & on Sunday March 8th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Happy Family Day

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday 17th February. We will reopen on Tuesday 18th February at 9:00 am. Our regular scheduled mass will take place on Monday at 9:30 am. Have a safe and enjoyable Family Day.



*Lent....Begins on Ash Wednesday,
February 26, 2020*

Mass Schedule:

- 9:30 am (Nativity School Mass – Church)
- 7:00 pm – Church

Liturgy of the Word Service:

- 12:30 pm (Mother Cabrini School – gym)

Lent originated as a season to prepare for Baptism. Historians tell us that from about the fifth century the practice of admitting serious sinners to a public order of penitents in Lent also developed. During the first days of the Lenten season, these people would begin their penance with outward signs, such as taking on a hair shirt, and they would be reconciled on Holy Thursday. When the practice of public penance waned, another grew up in its place. From about the eleventh century, Lent became a season of penance for the faithful, who were sprinkled with ashes as a sign of their penitential spirit.

Today, Catholics and other Christians continue to cultivate a spirit of penitence during Lent in preparation for Easter. The sign of the cross, made with blessed ashes on the foreheads of the faithful, is a reminder that purification is arrived at by way of the cross. Death to self is the path-way to new life. The ritual of receiving ashes on this day has a mysterious power. It resonates with something deep in the human soul. Even when individuals have abandoned much of the practice of the Catholic faith, they will present themselves for this rite. The ashes of this day speak of mortality and sin, which humble us all before the majesty of God.

Day of Obligatory Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday is one of the two universal days of obligatory fasting. It allows for the consumption of one meal, and two smaller meals during the day to keep up strength. These two small portions should add up to less than a full meal together. Children, elderly and the sick are not bound by fasting regulations.

It is also a day of obligatory abstinence from meat. This practice began when meat was a luxury. Those who keep to the spirit of abstinence, as well as its letter, will eat simply and avoid all expensive foods on this day.

A Christian brings peace to others. Not only peace, but also Love, Kindness, Faithfulness and Joy.

Pope Francis

Lost and Found

There are numerous items gathering in our "Lost and Found" in the Parish, particularly: gloves, umbrellas, scarves & hats. Please come by the Parish Office if you believe one of those items may belong to you.

2020 Offertory Envelopes

The 2020 Offertory Envelopes are available in the lobby in front of the Hall. Boxes are arranged by envelope number. Please contact our parish office if your box is missing and 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.

Altar Server Training

We need altar servers! We will conduct a training program for students who are interested in being altar servers and who have received their First Communion. Training will take place here at our church on Saturday, 29th February at 2:30 pm. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 416 621 2732.

EDGE Adventure Camp

A 5 day overnight Catholic Adventure Camp. A fun and exciting Christ-centered camp experience!

Who: Students currently in grades 6-8

Where: Camp White Pine- Haliburton, ON

When: August 23-27, 2020

Cost: Early Bird \$425 all-inclusive before April 15th. Then it will be \$475 until registration closes on May 15th.

Forms can be picked up/ dropped off at the Parish Office
Contact Courtney for more information

Nativity of Our Lord

YOUTH MINISTRY



Next EDGE: February 21st

Grades 7 – 8

1st & 3rd Fridays of the month

7 – 9 pm in the Church Hall



Next LifeTeen : February 28th

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

Summer Day Camp @ Nativity Parish

"Not just a summer camp"- we're incorporating our Catholic faith with fun sports, games, crafts, music, baking & more!

Who: Students currently in grades 1-5

When: 1st Week: July 13-17, 2nd Week: July 20-24

Time: 9am-3:30pm (Extended care available 8-9am, 3:30-5pm)

Cost: \$130 (Includes t-shirt, snacks & all activities)

To register, go to www.nativityym.com/summer-camp. Registration is open and spots are limited. Contact

Courtney: youthminister@nativityym.com

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