

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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OUR PARISH TEAM:

Pastor	Rev. Michael Machacek
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In Residence	Rev. Anthony Akpanessien
Permanent Deacon	Mr. Gerry Almeida
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 AM.

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

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
35 Saffron Crescent
416-393-5288

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720 Renforth Drive
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105 Eringate Drive
416-393-5529

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	647-977-4843
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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our church will be closed, but our parish will still be open.

Here is Fr. Michaels report to the parish community dated November 21st :

My dear Parishioners,

No doubt you have heard the news that as of Monday, November 23rd, the City of Toronto and Peel Regions will be placed in the “Lockdown Stage” as identified by the Province of Ontario. This lockdown, which is for 28 days, but could possibly be extended by the Province, includes special emergency measures, including a restriction of 10 persons being allowed to gather in places of worship.

Recognizing the logistical impossibilities of holding masses with such numbers, early last evening Thomas Cardinal Collins, the Archbishop of Toronto, issued the following directives to the parishes of the City of Toronto and Peel Region:

- **Starting Monday, November 23, 2020**, parishes must restrict attendance inside the church to 10 people, including priests hearing confessions or a staff member/volunteer required to monitor capacity restrictions. Due to these measures, **public Masses must be temporarily cancelled**. Priests are asked to celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from Covid-19.
- Weddings, funerals and baptisms (all without Mass) are restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry (priest, cantor, etc.).
- Parish offices will be closed to the public - limited essential appointments are permitted, by contacting the office in advance.
- No meetings should take place in parish halls or other church spaces at this time. The only exception would be those deemed as essential services. These meetings should be restricted to 10 people and ensure that all appropriate health and safety measures are in place. Virtual meetings should replace in-person meetings wherever possible.

In the coming days I will be meeting with our parish staff to plan our outreach efforts to you during this temporary lockdown, as we did during the previous lockdown this past spring.

I will post daily spiritual reflections on our parish website www.myparish.org, and our livestreaming of masses will continue. Courtney Strom will continue to update you via our Social Media:

Facebook: @NativityOfOurLordParishEtobicoke

Instagram: @NativityofOurlordparish

Twitter: @OurNativity

We will have further updates for you. I hope to share them with all of you via email. If you didn't receive this report via email this past weekend, we ask that you please email or call the parish office so we can add your email address for our future updates.

Like you, the news of the lockdown has left me feeling extremely sad and disappointed. So many of the faithful rely on the reception of the sacraments and our churches to find solace, peace, and support during this period of pandemic. I can assure you that together with our parish's staff, we will do our best to ensure that the spirit of the opening statement of this update will be a reality during the lockdown:

Our church is closed, but our parish is still open.

Let us continue to pray for our families, our parish and all those are struggling during these difficult times.

Peace and prayers, Fr. Michael Machacek.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 64.1,3-8 Even as sinners, we are the work of God's hands.

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 God is faithful as we wait for Jesus' return.

Mark 13; 33-37 Keep watch. You know not the hour.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

We will be offering online registration in January for children in Grade 2 or higher.

All information will be available on the Parish website just before Christmas.

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Below is a link to the **online version** called KidsWord. We invite you to join Alicia from Our Lady of Sorrows Church in this weekly series of short videos as she explains the Gospel message in a simplified way to encourage our young people grow their faith

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1Ay3R_s7D6K0_187SR7To6v9G2s1ew4-J

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

At the Parish Level, SSVP assists families and individuals with emergency food, clothing and beds. Parish-based conferences of volunteer members - or "Vincentians" - also conduct annual Christmas programs and assist in financing the Special Works of the Society, such as the Marygrove and Ozanam children's summer camps. If you or someone you know is experiencing hardship during this pandemic, please contact Nativity SSVP at (416) 695-0169 or speak with Fr. Michael directly.

2020-2021 Sunday Missals

Personal copies of the Sunday missals for **2020-2021** are available in the Parish Office for \$5 each. Please call 416 621 2732 to make arrangements to come to the office to purchase your personal copy.

Nativity of Our Lord YOUTH MINISTRY

 LIFE TEEN



Grade 9 – 12 LIFE TEEN: Dec. 11th
Grade 6 – 8 EDGE : Dec. 4th

All programs will be online.
Registration is necessary.

Follow us on Instagram @nativityym
For registration information email
Courtney at
youthminister@nativityym.com

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Would you or anyone you know be interested:

- to be *Baptized as a Roman Catholic, or*
- to be *Received into the Catholic Church (having been baptized in another faith), or*
- to receive the sacrament of *Holy Eucharist (First Communion) or Confirmation?*

The RCIA is the process offered in the Catholic Church for the above purposes. It is also a process available to practicing Catholics seeking a deeper understanding of their faith. This year will be online, starting in December.

For further information or registration please contact Fr. Michael at fr.michael@live.ca

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