

# THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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## OUR PARISH TEAM:

Pastor	Rev. Michael Machacek
In Residence	Rev. John Mullins
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  
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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Mass: Sundays 11:30 am  
Email: [youthminister@nativityym.com](mailto: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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11* In a time of desolation, God's people hear words of comfort and promise.

*2 Peter 3: 8-14* We must live as holy people as we await the Lord's final coming.

*Mark 1: 1-8* John the Baptist proclaims that the awaited one will indeed come.

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

*Here is Fr. Michaels report to the parish community dated November 21<sup>st</sup> :*

My dear Parishioners,

No doubt you have heard the news that as of Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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:

- **As of 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.

I will post daily spiritual reflections on our parish website [www.myparish.org](http://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, 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 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.

## The Shoebox Drive

Our parish is undertaking a new initiative this Advent: The Shoebox Drive. We're asking you to fill a shoebox with new/gently used items, wrap the box and label it with the age/gender of the child you're helping. These shoeboxes will then be dropped off at the Church hall and delivered to the warehouse for Canadian Food for Children, an organization, founded by Dr. Andrew Simone. It aims to help the poorest of the poor in developing countries. The shoeboxes will be delivered to Catholic mission hospitals and distributed to children living in extreme poverty.

### Here's what you do:

Get a shoebox or any other sturdy box.  
Package dollar store items or look around your house for any of the needed items noted below.  
Wrap the box in Christmas paper and add a label/tag (e.g., girl, age 6-8 or boy, age 2-4).  
Do as many boxes as you'd like!  
Drop off your completed shoeboxes at the hall entrance doors (rear parking lot on the date below)  
Sit back and think about the smile you'll be putting on a child's face!

**Drop off date: Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Drop off time: 1 – 6 pm**

Please note the following items are suggested by Canadian Food for Children:

*"In terms of what is needed, we welcome items suitable for children such as small toys, school supplies, personal hygiene supplies, hair accessories, balls, hats, socks, candy, masks, hand sanitizer etc."*

**Please remember to wear a face mask when dropping off your completed shoeboxes.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## Nativity of Our Lord YOUTH MINISTRY

 LIFE TEEN



**Grade 9 – 12 LIFE TEEN: Dec. 11th**

**Grade 6 – 8 EDGE : Dec. 18th**

**All programs will be online.  
Registration is necessary.**

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

## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Nativity Conference Annual Collection

Our Nativity SSVP's annual collection is next weekend, December 12/13. The annual report is available to download on the parish website and has also been mailed to past SSVP donors. Donations may be made by mailing to / dropping off at the parish office with SSVP envelope or your own (with SSVP, your name, address and Nativity envelope number and donation amount indicated on the envelope), or through the Society's Toronto Central Council online or by phone. Details are available in annual report. Thank you for your generosity. God bless!

## 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.

## 2021 Donations

Our 2021 weekly/monthly Donations will be available via our **Donate Now / Pre-Authorized giving** or the weekly **Offertory boxes**. More information can be found on our website and next weeks bulletin.

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