

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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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.

OUR SCHOOLS

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35 Saffron Crescent
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105 Eringate Drive
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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	647-977-4843
Catholic Cemeteries:	416-733-8544
Catholic Family Services:	416-921-1163
Charismatic Prayer Group:	Theresa Smith
Children's Liturgy:	Anita Jakovcic
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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11 God will bring justice and glad tidings to the poor.

1 Thessalonians 4: 16-24 Pray, rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances.

John 1: 6-8, 19-28 John was sent to prepare the way for Jesus.

Today's readings remind us that people have always yearned for justice, healing, peace and liberty. Like our ancestors in faith, we await God's promised one, and we are called to actively prepare his way.

**Advent Day of Confessions
for Nativity of Our Lord**

Please note that on **Thursday, December 17th**, there will be two opportunities to come to the **parish hall** to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

10:30 am – 12 noon. (Fr. Michael and a visiting priest will be present); and

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm (with Fr. Michael, Fr. Anthony and Fr. John Mullins)

If you plan to attend, please enter by using the 2 glass doors entrance underneath the canopy on the west side of the church. Upon entry, turn right and in 10 m you will see the open door leading into the parish hall. To ensure safe distancing, markings on the floor will be placed.

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

Our Nativity SSVP's annual collection is this weekend. 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, 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!

**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: THIS Sunday, December 13th,
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!

Why did Cardinal Collins cancel Masses in lockdown areas?

In response to this question frequently asked by many parishioners of the Archdiocese of Toronto, the following response was shared to parishes from the Office of Public Relations:

Places of worship in lockdown regions (the City of Toronto and Peel Region) are restricted to no more than 10 persons inside the building. On November 20, Cardinal Collins asked parishes that have the ability to do so, to be open for private prayer. Of course, even when there is no public Mass, priests continue to celebrate private Mass each day for the intentions of the faithful and for those suffering from Covid-19. In addition, close to one hundred parishes livestream Sunday services, some with daily Mass.

"I am deeply disappointed that, in some regions of the archdiocese, we must restrict participation in the sacraments. This will inflict a great spiritual pain upon those who safely and with great dedication have been drawing spiritual strength to sustain them, and to help them to serve those suffering in this pandemic."

*- Cardinal Collins
November 20, 2020*

Offering public Masses when the civil authorities set a limit of only 10 people (in practice, 8 or 9 parishioners) creates numerous challenges to do so in a fair manner: many parishes in the affected regions have daily Mass attendance approaching 100 people or more, and several hundred worshippers attending Sunday Masses. The challenge in allowing only eight or nine people to attend Mass are significant, if we are to be fair to all. Who is permitted to attend? How does one deal with the 10th or 11th person wishing to attend? For nine or fewer people, online reservation systems are not practical nor equitable.

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

 **EDGE**
Catholic Middle School Ministry

Grade 9 – 12 LIFE TEEN: See you in 2021
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

2021 Offertory Envelopes



The 2021 Offertory Envelopes are available to be picked up at the parish office. Please keep in mind this will be by appointment as the office is still closed. We ask you to call the office to make a two minute appointment to pick up your envelope box and at the same time update any address changes and most importantly add your email contact. As we have gone through this unusual year of lock-downs we required to send our parishioners updates and we are trying to make certain we can reach everyone via email. If you wish to confirm your email, please just send it via to joanna@myparish.org and she will update your parish profile.

We are updating our parish data base and therefore this year the numbered boxes will be assigned to you rather than using the original boxed number you have previously used.

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.

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