

# 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.

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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
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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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Genesis 9:8-15** God establishes a covenant with Noah.

**1 Peter 3:18-22** Christ suffered to lead us to God.

**Mark 1:12-15** Jesus is tempted in the desert.

Lent confronts us with contrasting images of water and desert. Both are powerful signs of God's covenant with us. Jesus began his ministry by being baptized in the Jordan and driven into the desert. We, too, have passed through the waters of baptism and our own deserts of struggle and discernment. When God makes a covenant with people, things happen! What is God's covenant with us calling us to do?

### 2020 Income Tax Receipts

This year the Archdiocese of Toronto offered to its parishes a service to print and mail the parish's income tax receipts for a price of .80 cents a receipt. The Archdiocese also spoke of having them mailed out in the early part of February for any parish who shared the information early, as we did.

Based on the savings of cost, time and labour I made the decision to accept this offer. However in the past few days it has come to my attention that the revised date for the mailing will be this week, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. God willing, all parishioners will receive your income tax receipt by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Peace, Fr. Michael

### WHAT IS FASTING & ABSTINENCE?

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February. It is the beginning of Lent. It's also a day of **Fasting and Abstinence**. The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent.

Abstinence from eating meat or some other food according to the prescripts of the conference of bishops is to be observed on every Friday of the year unless a Friday occurs on a day listed as a solemnity. Abstinence and fasting, however, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting in the Latin Church is the limitation of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between.

The law of abstinence binds those who are fourteen years of age and older. The law of fasting, however, binds all those who are eighteen to fifty-nine years of age. Nevertheless, pastors of souls and parents are to take care that minors not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are also educated in a genuine sense of penance.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops decrees that the days of fast and abstinence in Canada are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fridays are days of abstinence but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

### Stations of The Cross

This year due to the COVID19 restrictions, we are unable to offer our Lenten Friday evening Stations of The Cross. We suggest that at this time, we can follow online St. Michael's Cathedral [Stations of the Cross - Virtual on Vimeo](https://vimeo.com/401514768): <https://vimeo.com/401514768>.

We hope that once the Government of Ontario re-opens our churches, we will be able to commence with our weekly Stations of the Cross during Lent. Please keep an eye on our parish website for further updates.

## The Search- Parish Study

Join us for a Parish Study starting Ash Wednesday for the 7 consecutive Wednesdays of Lent- 7:30-9pm on ZOOM. As Catholics we know life is a beautiful mystery. Now explore the depths of that mystery and what it means for you. Watch *The Search* with us, a beautiful new video program that explores life's BIG questions. You will also have the opportunity to join a small group to watch, discuss, and truly benefit and grow from experiencing *The Search*. For more info & to sign up, please see the post on our Parish website here: <https://www.myparish.org/post/60231cf8ebd178006220176f>

**Fridays of Lent:** Since, 23 November when our parish was closed, our weekday mass has been livestreamed and full details are noted below. Please keep in mind these masses are available to view anytime from 9:30am onwards. We encourage you to participate especially on Fridays during the season of Lent.

**Communion Services:** We will be holding weekend Communion Services like the ones held on Christmas Eve & Day. The service will be on Saturday from 3:00pm until 5:15pm and then again on Sunday 11:15am to 12:45pm. Registration is mandatory. Please register with Eventbrite through our parish website. Registration will begin Monday at 10am and closes Friday shortly after 12 noon each week. Please note that only 9 persons can be present along with the presider, so attendance will be limited, hence we suggest that you register as early as possible during the week.

**Church Open for Prayer:** Our church will be open for private prayer with a maximum of 10 people, physical distancing and sanitizing on Tuesdays from 10:30am-12:30pm.

**Mass Livestream:** Daily Mass live stream continues Monday - Friday at 9:30am and Sundays at 10am on Youtube – the daily link can be found on our website.

## Nativity of Our Lord

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**LIFE TEEN**



**Youth Ministry  
will continue online**

**EDGE 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays  
LIFETEEN 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays**

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

## 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.

## Our Office Hours During COVID-19

Please note that during COVID-19 our office will be open by appointment only – from 9:00 am to 5:00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. We ask you to call the parish office at 416 621 2732 to arrange an appointment.

## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Collection March 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>

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.*** Please bring your articles to the Society's container at the rear parking lot before or shortly after the weekend masses on Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm: & on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.



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