THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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Youth Minister Courtney Strom

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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.



FIRS'N RIDAY (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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 God Asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac.

Romans 8:31b-35, 37 God did not spare His own son.

Mark 9:2-10 This is My Beloved Son. Listen to Him.

Today, we hear two familiar scripture passages: the story of God asking Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac; and the Transfiguration of Jesus when the disciples heard God say to them, "This is My Beloved Son. Listen to Him." Let us prepare ourselves to find meaning in these stories for our lives today, to listen as God commands us and to admit that we often fail to listen.

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. During this past week the mailing of the 2020 Income Tax receipts commenced and if you have not received it as yet you should receive it within the next week.

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

Peace, Fr. Michael

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.

2020-2021 Sunday Missals

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

"Looking at Lent through the Lens of Grace

Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered us this year. Let's even imagine that God is going to help transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, and deeper desires for love and service.

Preparing our hearts is a process of preparing our desires. This means practicing our sense of anticipation. If we imagine Lent as an "ordeal" or a time to dread in some way, then we've already predisposed ourselves to not get very much out of it. These days...(of) Lent are a time to....(anticipate) something wonderful that is about to happen.

Our sense of excitement and anticipation will grow more easily if we begin to imagine what God wants to give us. There is something coming that we can truly look forward to. If we get too focused on ourselves and what we are going to do or not do, we could risk missing the gift God wants to give us. We have to keep aware of the fact that grace comes from God. This is about God's great desire to bless us. With this mindset, it is easier for us to imagine that what we really want to do is place ourselves in a space to receive what God wants to give us......

We can let our homes be places full of the holy—things that help raise our minds and hearts to God. Our world is full of so many images that lure our minds and hearts elsewhere. Some symbols will carry the ongoing meaning we give them, for us and for our families and loved ones. We can make sure that we have a crucifix in a central place in our home during Lent. A bowl of water on our dining room table can be transformed into a reminder of our preparing to renew our baptismal promises. A candle can be lit at each meal to remind us of the light of Christ among us in Lent and to prepare us for the new fire being lit at the Easter Vigil. Placing a Bible in a central place in our home reminds us of the central place of God's Word in our lives on this Lenten journey.

This year's Lent can be different!"

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The Search-Parish Study

Join us for a Parish Study which started on Ash Wednesday for the 7 consecutive Wednesdays of Lent- 7:30-9pm on ZOOM. All are still welcome. 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/60231cf8 ebd178006220176f

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. 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 begins 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.

<u>Church Open for Prayer:</u> 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.

<u>Mass Livestream:</u> 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



Youth Ministry will continue online

EDGE 1st & 3rd Fridays LIFETEEN 2nd & 4th Fridays

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

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.

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 Society of St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Collection March 6th/7th

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 next weekend. Volunteers will be available to assist you during the following listed times. On Saturday March 6th, from 4:00pm to 5:30pm: & on Sunday March 7th, from 9:00am to 1:30pm.

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