# THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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#### **OUR PARISH TEAM:**

Pastor Rev. Michael Machacek
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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

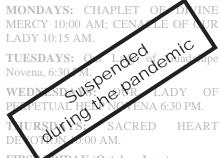
Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance.

#### 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.



#### 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

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 20:1-17 God gives the commandments to Moses.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Paul proclaims Christ, a stumbling block to many.

John 2:13-25 Jesus cleanses the temple.

Our understanding of who God is and how we relate to God has not come easily over the centuries. As we hear in today's readings, the Jews were led to understand the importance of the law. Jesus came to demonstrate an even deeper truth rooted in His own self-giving, death and resurrection. It was hard to swallow. Paul tells us that God's wisdom was a stumbling block for many. For us, it is not an either-or situation. We come to know God both through the guidance of the law and by personally encountering Jesus who gave Himself for us.

# 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. On February, 26<sup>th</sup> the mailing of the 2020 Income Tax receipts was completed, and with the cooperation of Canada Post, you should have received your receipts this past week.

Thank you for your patience.

Peace, Fr. Michael.

# 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.

# New Child Care Centre at Nativity of Our Lord School

You are invited to a community information session to learn more about the planned Child Care Centre at Nativity of Our Lord School. Follow a presentation on the proposed addition to the school, School Trustee Markus de Domenico, staff from TCDSB, City Planning and Toronto Early Learning and Child Care Service will be available to answer your questions about the project.

# VIRTUAL MEETING March 10, at 7:00pm

As we are not able to meet in person, we invite you to join a virtual meeting using the connection details below:

Please use the internet address below to join the webinar:

https://tcdsb.zoom.us/j/92744157368

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Or Telephone: Canada: +1 647 374 4685 or +1 647 558 0588 Webinar ID: 927 4415 7368

For information, please contact Lou Kahssay, Project Supervisor, 416 222 8282 ext. 2273 / <a href="mailto:lou.kahssay@tcdsb.org">lou.kahssay@tcdsb.org</a> Trustee Markus de Domenico, Trustee Ward 2, 416 512 3402

# **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 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: <a href="https://www.myparish.org/post/60231cf8">https://www.myparish.org/post/60231cf8</a> 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 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

#### **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 <u>Stations of the Cross - Virtual on Vimeo</u>: 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 this weekend 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 this weekend. Volunteers will be available to assist you during the following listed times. On Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00pm to 5:30pm: & on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 1:30pm.

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