

# THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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## OUR PARISH TEAM:

Pastor	Rev. Michael Machacek
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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

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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
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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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chronicles 36: 14-17a, 19-23 The exiled Israelites are returned from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Ephesians 2: 4-10 By grace you have been saved.

John 3: 14-21 God sent His Son, the light, into the world.

God our Father is patient. Today's readings speak of his patience to His people even when they were exceedingly unfaithful. We hear about the painful exile of Israel to a foreign land after years of obstinacy and infidelity. But the Father, in His mercy, returns them to Jerusalem; and, in His mercy, God's sends His Son into the world. The final story is not about us, but about God's infinite persistence and mercy. During this Lent, the same mercy is available to all of us who seek to be forgiven!



### ShareLife Campaign Dates

Having completed the 2020 ShareLife campaign last fall, and with the closure of parishes still in effect, the ShareLife office has reviewed the dates for the 2021 campaign. Recognizing the current pandemic situation, and the importance of providing space between the conclusion of the 2020 campaign and the start of our 2021 appeal, and after discussion with the Episcopal Board, they have moved the 2021 ShareLife campaign to:

April 17/18, June 19/20 & October 2/3

### 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.

## Lenten Day of Confessions

Please note that on **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March**, there will be two opportunities to come to the **parish hall** to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**Afternoon session:** 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

**Evening session:** 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

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.

### Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines

An invitation has been extended to everyone to join virtually the Inaugural Mass for the Archdiocesan celebration of the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in the Philippines **Date:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Location:** Online - the Mass will air from their website: [www.ph500toronto.com](http://www.ph500toronto.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/500yocTO](https://www.facebook.com/500yocTO) and YouTube: <http://bit.ly/GiftedToGive>

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins and His Excellency Archbishop Romulo Valles, President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, will deliver pre-recorded inspirational remarks. It was on March 16, 1521 when Christianity first came to the Philippines and from then on, the faith spread throughout the archipelago, making it the only predominantly Catholic nation in Asia. The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto are in unity with Filipino communities around the world as we celebrate this significant moment in the history of the Church in the Philippines.

For details, please visit: [www.ph500toronto.com/events.html](http://www.ph500toronto.com/events.html) or email [ph500@archtoronto.org](mailto:ph500@archtoronto.org).

*Maraming salamat!*

## 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/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. 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.

**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

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*will continue online*

**EDGE 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays**  
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Follow us on Instagram @nativityym  
For registration information please email  
Courtney at  
[youthminister@nativityym.com](mailto:youthminister@nativityym.com)

## Email Your MP & the Premier Today To Reopen Houses of Worship, Safely

On the 5<sup>th</sup> March, we emailed our parish community a copy of Cardinal Thomas Collins "**Call to Action: End Covid-19 Restriction Inequities**". If you have not received this email we ask you to please call the parish office or email us at [nativity@myparish.org](mailto:nativity@myparish.org) We will be happy to add your email address to our parish data base, send you that email and any future updates sent to our community. You can also access this important message at <https://www.aplacetoworship.ca/> Throughout the pandemic, most places of worship have adhered to government direction on COVID restrictions, limiting gathering sizes. As the province begins to reopen, we are calling on the provincial government to take a fair and equitable approach to the return to worship.

## 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.



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