

# THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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## OUR PARISH TEAM:

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| 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 MASS SCHEDULE

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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  |
| 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  |

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jeremiah 31:31-34 God will write the divine law upon our hearts.

Hebrew 5:7-9 Jesus prayed to be saved from death, but was obedient.

John 12:20-33 Only if a grain of wheat dies does it produce fruit.

Our readings today increase our awareness of the suffering and death of the Lord which will be heightened in next week's reading of the Passion of the Lord. It is the time when we must ask ourselves, what I have I done in the spirit of Lent? If I had made any Lenten promises, have I kept them? If I am not fasting more or praying more or giving more to the poor – I can start today. In the readings today, we will hear about the end of life. All things come to an end. The time to begin living as we want to live is *now*. It is *now* that we live the lives that prepare us for eternal life with Jesus. We remember with gratitude the struggle of Jesus, who willingly gave Himself to be lifted up on the cross and, in glory - draws all peoples to Himself and to God.

### 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.

### Mass Livestream

Mass live stream will continue on **Sundays Only**, alternating each Sunday between the 9:00am mass and the 11:30am mass. This Sunday will begin with the 9:00am, next Sunday it will be the 11:30am mass, etc.

## *Holy Week Schedule 2021*

### **Palm Sunday Masses**

Saturday 27 March at 5:00pm

Sunday 28 March at 9:00am and 11:30 am

Palms will be distributed by our ushers upon entry to the church.

These palms, as stipulated by the Archdiocese of Toronto, will have already been blessed.

Holy Thursday, April 1st - NO MORNING MASS

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> -

Services at 12 noon & 3:00pm

Youth Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> -

Mass at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> -

Masses at 9:00am and 11:30am



### **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

## Nativity Parish Lenten Food Drive

In our ongoing efforts to connect as a parish community, we are holding a Lenten Food Drive to support the Food Banks that are being challenged during the pandemic.

Date: Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10am – 12 noon

### What to do:

Fill a bag or box with items from the list below. Drive to church hall entrance (rear parking lot). Drop off your donation to one of our volunteers. (Please remember to wear a mask!)

Feel good knowing you've helped those in need in our city!

All items will then be delivered to a local fire hall by our volunteers.

### Items most needed:

- Pasta (canned or dry) and pasta sauces.
- Canned meat and fish.
- Meat alternatives (peanut butter, assorted nuts).
- Canned goods (beans, soups, stews).
- Canned or powdered milk.
- Canned vegetables and fruit.
- Whole grain cereals.
- Infant foods, baby formula, diapers.
- Bathroom tissue.
- Personal hygiene products.

## 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.

## 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 please email**  
**Courtney at**  
***youthminister@nativityym.com***

## 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>

## 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.

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