

# 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
Catholic Family Services:	416-921-1163
Charismatic Prayer Group:	Theresa Smith
Children's Liturgy:	Anita Jakovcic
C.W.L. President:	Nancy Fenech
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Lectors:	Leslie Borbas
Legion of Mary:	Karen Armstrong
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St. Vincent de Paul Society:	416-695-0169
Ushers:	Leonard Roach
Welcoming Committee:	Angela Reid
Youth Ministry:	Courtney Strom

## PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7 God's suffering servant brings us hope.

Philippians 2:6-11 A hymn to Jesus' humility and exaltation.

Mark 14:1-15:47 The suffering and death of Jesus.

Our Gospel this week focuses on the greatest gift we are given in Jesus: the gift of Himself in life and in death. Jesus surrendered Himself to be lifted up on the cross and then in resurrected glory so as to draw all unto Himself and to God. Through this salvific act, all sinners are saved. You and I are saved. We can receive salvation in spite of our imperfect lives on earth. Although such a magnanimous gift can never be reciprocated, we who are so blessed are called to pay it forward. How? - acts of goodness, love, and compassion for others. This Lent, as we ponder the gifts that God so generously lavishes on us, we cannot help but pay it forward.



### ShareLife: Supporting mental health in our community

Our parish's ShareLife Campaign is now underway. ShareLife Sunday is April 18<sup>th</sup>.

In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your generous support of ShareLife. Last year, generous ShareLife supporters enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$88,100.

Please give generously.

Our 2021 ShareLife campaign Sunday's are now changed to:

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

## *The Holy Triduum* *Holy Thursday* *Good Friday* *Easter Vigil*

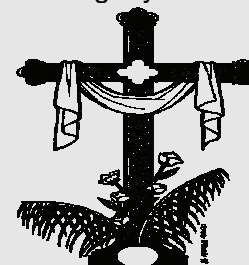
### Triduum – One Liturgy, One Focus

On these three days, we remember and ritually commemorate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ – the Paschal Mystery.

This is a *ONE three-day liturgy, ONE continuous celebration*. We do not *just* commemorate Christ's agony in the garden on Holy Thursday or *just* the crucifixion on Good Friday. While there is certainly sorrow at the death of the Lord, we look to the end of the story. What we commemorate at each of the three celebrations over the whole three days is the cross of Jesus Christ and the life that comes from it through death.

In His Passion and death, Christ passed over into the eternal glory of God. He passed over into resurrected life. Christ's resurrected life is unlike anything we now know. It is, in fact, a new way of being – a new way of being alive – that, until Christ, was not known. Resurrected life is not the same, for example, as the life that Lazarus lived after he was raised to life by Jesus. Lazarus was resuscitated to the same kind of life he lived before he died. Christ, on the other hand, in the resurrected life, lives in a completely different way than before He was crucified. It is a life not bound by time, not bound by physical space, or even death. He has passed over death in this new life in glory.

*This is the life of eternity:* the life, which every one of us who has been baptized into the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ will hopefully one day share. This is the life that we will know completely when Christ returns in glory at the end of time.



## 2021 Holy Week schedule March 27-April 4

All celebrations below with \* beside it will be livestreamed – the link can be found on the homepage of [www.myparish.org](http://www.myparish.org)

Please note that due to COVID restrictions we can only have a maximum of 150 parishioners attending each mass or service.

### Passion (Palm) Sunday

At all masses you will receive a blessed palm as you enter the church. Registration for the Passion Sunday masses is mandatory and begins at 10 am Mon. March 22nd

**Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm**

**Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am; & 11:30 am\***

### The Holy Triduum:

Registration for all of the celebrations of the Holy Triduum listed below is mandatory and begins at 10 am on Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper -**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm \*** *this year there will be no period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the mass.*

### **Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday**

**Services at 12 noon; and 3 pm\*** *at both Good Friday Services you are asked to bring your own crucifix to venerate during the Liturgy*

### **Good Friday Youth Stations of the Cross**

**7:00 pm\***

### **Easter Vigil, Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7:30 pm** *this*

*year there will be no taper candles used for the Vigil nor will it start with the lighting of the Easter fire.*

### **Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>– 9:00 am\* and**

**11:30 am**

## 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



**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](mailto:youthminister@nativityym.com)

## EDGE Camp 2021

We are planning for EDGE Camp 2021! A fun and exciting Christ-centered camp experience!

**What:** A 5 day Catholic Adventure Camp

**Who:** Those currently in gr 6-8

**Where:** Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

**When:** August 21-25, 2021

For more information:

<https://www.nativityym.com/edge/edge-camp>

Please contact Courtney:

[youthminister@nativityym.com](mailto:youthminister@nativityym.com)

## 2021 Holy Land Collection on Good Friday

The Collection brings an indispensable support to the Christian minority of the Holy Land. The State of Israel and Palestine have a population of some 10 million people. So the 180,000 Christian inhabitants represent less than 2% of this population. To check the exodus from the Holy Land of Christians whose lives are rendered particularly difficult, the Franciscan Custody implements numerous initiatives. In addition to ensuring the guard of the shrines, the Good Friday Annual Collection allows the living stones to inhabit the Holy Places and in so doing bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ.

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