

# NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

Established June 7, 1964

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## OUR PARISH TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Jan Gogolewski  
 In Residence: Rev. John Mullins  
 Permanent Deacon: Mr. Gerry Almeida  
 Administrative Coordinator: David Ellis  
 Youth Minister: Renee Sieczka  
 Social Communications Coordinator: Abigail Murree  
 Property Manager - Custodian: 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 - 4:45 p.m.  
 Sundays and all other days of the week, half hour before each mass.

## 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 after 9:30 a.m. Mass.  
 Tuesdays Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena @ 6:30 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. Mass.  
 Wednesdays Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena @ 6:30 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. Mass.  
 FIRST FRIDAYS Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Silent Adoration. 6:00 - 6:50 p.m.  
 Holy Hour & Benediction 6:50 p.m.- 7:30 p.m., Mass at 7:30 p.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 - Thursday  
 9:00 a.m. - noon &  
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Friday - Sunday: closed

## 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

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
 Principal: Colleen Muzzatti  
 35 Saffron Crescent  
 416-393-5288

MOTHER CABRINI  
 Principal: Michael Femia  
 720 Renforth Drive  
 416-393-5340

MICHAEL POWER /  
 ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL  
 Principal: Martin Clough  
 105 Eringate Drive  
 416-393-5529

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Email youthminister@nativityym.com  
 Website 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 Servers	Deacon Gerry Almeida
Bereavement Support Group	Sheree Hryhor
Bible Study	Franklin & Anjali Louis
Caring Ministry	Keith Lewis
Catholic Cemeteries	416-733-8544
Catholic Family Services	416-921-1163
Catholic Women's League	Donna Capobianco
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Deacon Gerry & Stella Almeida
Friendly Visitors	Kathleen Haugh
Knights of Columbus	Neville Saldanha
Lectors	Leslie Borbas
Legion of Mary	Karen Armstrong
Property/Finance	Peter Matthews
R.C.I.A.	Deacon Gerry Almeida
Rosary Apostolate	Frances Caulfield
Sacristans	Cletus Duffy
Social Committee	
St. Vincent de Paul	John Neander
St. Vincent de Paul Society (requests for assistance)	416-695-0169
Welcoming Ushers	Caroline Janssen
Youth Ministry	Renee Sieczka

# NOVEMBER 3, 2024

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, November 4 | 9:30 AM

+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE REMSIK & DOTZKO FAMILIES Offered by Betty Dotzko  
+ SALOME BRANDAO (deceased)  
Offered by Dorvalino Brandao  
+ THE D'CUNHA FAMILY  
Offered by Cassie D'Cunha  
+ LAURA IRISH NATHAN (deceased)  
Offered by Michelle Nathan-Wood

### Tuesday, November 5 | 7:00 PM

+ EMELIA & SANTAN FERNANDES (deceased)  
Offered by Anthony D'Souza  
+ ALBERTO OLIVEIRA (deceased)  
Offered by the Michael Power/St. Joseph's school community  
+ MARIEL REYES BUENO IN THANKSGIVING (living)  
Offered by Mariel Bueno

### Wednesday, November 6 | 7:00 PM

+ FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CWL  
Offered by the Nativity Catholic Women's League  
+ TONY MARIASELVANAYAGAM (deceased)  
Offered by Anthony & Elizabeth Mariaselvanayagam  
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PINTO & FERRAO FAMILIES  
Offered by Clive & Alba Ferrao

### Thursday, November 7 | 9:30 AM

+ VIOLANTE REBELLO (deceased)  
Offered by Mavis Colaco

### Friday, November 8 | 9:30 AM

+ JOHN GILLIGAN (deceased)  
Offered by Brenda & Jackie  
+ PAULA PRAJZA (deceased)  
Offered by Mary Anne Cousineau  
+ ROSEANN CINELLI (deceased)  
Offered by Mary Anne Cousineau

### Saturday, November 9 | 5:00 PM

+ VERIS FERNANDES (deceased)  
Offered by Vera Lemos  
+ JOHN GALEA (deceased)  
Offered by Lisa Galli  
+ FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE D'SOUZA & WALLIS FAMILIES Offered by Joe & Shirley D'Souza  
+ FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY FOR CLETUS DUFFY  
Offered by Cassie D'Cunha

### Sunday, November 10 | 9:00 AM

+ PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY

### Sunday, November 10 | 11:30 AM

+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE D'SOUZA FAMILY  
Offered by Dorothy D'Souza  
+ THE STEFA WRONSKI FAMILY  
+ JESSICA PINTO (deceased)  
Offered by Josepha Martyres  
+ ROSEANN CINELLI (deceased)  
Offered by Nat Bondi

### Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, sister, brother or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968-0997, [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection, Nov. 17, 2024

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and collect funds so the elderly priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The Trust supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. Through our support of The Shepherds' Trust, the retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please go to: [www.shepherdstrust.org](http://www.shepherdstrust.org).

Please include the following announcement in the parish bulletin and read at the collection on Nov. 16 and 17, 2024: There will be a second collection today, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

### Securities as a Charitable Gift Option

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust and many others. To donate securities, follow this link: Archdiocese of Toronto - Gift of Securities ([archtoronto.org](http://archtoronto.org)) and download the "How to Gift Securities Info Sheet" and "Letter of Direction." For more information, contact our office at [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

### Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 (Nov. 11, 2024–Jan. 13, 2025) "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event, which honours the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity taking place from January 18 to 25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are encouraged to explore the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. They should also refer to the focus question available on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3XC GGgo>. Entries are to be submitted at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>. Email [ecumenical@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenical@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 with any questions, or for more information.

"If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out... Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter... Do not give yourself to others so completely that you have nothing left for yourself."

- St. Charles Borromeo

# PARISH LIFE

## Diamond Jubilee Celebration Of Our Parish

On June 7, 1964, Archbishop Philip Pocock formally blessed our new church, Nativity of our Lord parish. On June 7, 2024, was the DIAMOND JUBILEE of our parish. It is our 60th anniversary as a parish and this milestone will be celebrated. The celebration will be held on December 31, 2024. Whilst it does bring in the New year 2025, it must be emphasized that this celebration is all about the Diamond Jubilee of our parish, our 60th anniversary. Do keep this date FREE and we look forward to celebrating with you this momentous occasion. Details to follow in the coming weeks.

## Congratulations To Our Alter Servers

Fr. Jan and Deacon Gerry wish to offer you our sincere congratulations on receiving the Bishop's Altar Server Award for Service, on Saturday October 26, 2024.

JEMUEL BERNARDO, JOEL MATHEW, PAUL MARCIAL, SEAN LOUIS.

May Our Lord continue to bless you as you receive this honour, and strengthen you in your

## Nativity of Our Lord CWL

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6th, 7:00 PM

Annual Memorial Mass for all deceased CWL members and their families.

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9th NATIVITY CWL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

In the Parish Hall from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Great Bargains, Silent Auction, Country Kitchen, Tamboli Game, a variety of vendors and much more. Donated items and home baked goodies will be accepted on Friday Nov 8th th from 10:00 am to 6 p.m. Please note, we cannot accept clothing, electronic items, household appliances, books or sports equipment at this event. For more details see bulletin boards at side entrances.

### FRUITCAKES, FUDGE AND COOKIE TINS

This year you can purchase your fruitcakes, shortbread cookies and fudge at the Bazaar. No need to pre-order, however, for large orders, please email us at nativitycwl@gmail.com. Be sure to check your emails and/or visit the CWL bulletin board outside the parish hall for CWL News and updates.

## Nativity of Our Lord Friendly Visiting Ministry

If you are interested in being visited by the Nativity Friendly Visiting Ministry, please contact the parish office and give your name and phone number. A Friendly Visiting representative will reach out to you to answer your questions and discuss your needs.

We look forward to meeting you!

## First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Program

This is for grade two or higher. The Information Package is available on the parish website : myparish.org (On the left go to Sacraments and then choose First Holy Communion) Or use this link: fhc-rec.nativityym.com. Registration will be held from Oct 6th - Dec 15th. To register you will need: an English copy of your Child's Baptismal Certificate and \$60 to help cover the costs of the program. If you have specific questions email the Program Coordinator miriam.fhc.rec@gmail.com Or call the Parish office

## Lector Announcement

Our Lectors invite anyone interested in reading at our weekend masses to join our ministry. Lectors proclaim the readings before the gospel and often read the prayers of the faithful, as well. Your commitment to this ministry would involve reading at one or two masses every two months. There is a specific need for new readers at our Sunday 11:30 masses, but new readers are welcome at all our mass times. Enrich the life of our parish – and your faith – by volunteering. Contact Les Borbas through our parish office.

## The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Nativity of Our Lord Conference

The next SSSVP Bundle Up Weekend is November 16th & 17th. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, footwear, bedding, drapes, towels, and children's toys (new toys only), on the above weekend. No mattresses, dishes, video/audio cassettes, books, furniture (small dressers are accepted), or construction material will be accepted. As winter approaches we are collecting coats, gloves and winter clothes for the male inmates of the Toronto West Detention Centre. If you are able to donate such items, please package them separately and, if possible, identify them on whatever packaging they are in. Please bring your donations to the Society's container at the rear parking lot on November 16th and 17th. Volunteers will be available to assist you during each of the three weekend masses, including a half hour before, during, and after each mass.

November 17 is World Day of the Poor in the Catholic Church. In his Message for the 2024 World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis says: "We are called in every circumstance to be friends of the poor, following in the footsteps of Jesus who always began by showing solidarity when dealing with the least among us." Living as friends of the poor is what our parish conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is trying to do for our most vulnerable neighbours. If you want to learn more and join our mission, phone us at (416)695-0169 or learn more about the work of the Society and how you can help at www.SSVPToronto.ca.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Nativity Of Our Lord Youth Ministry

EDGE REGISTRATION ONLINE FORM –  
<https://forms.gle/LhG2ajpTisPS8D1d6>

LIFETEEN REGISTRATION ONLINE FORM –  
<https://forms.gle/up8i5oDQvezJjpa>

Edge is open to youth in grades 6-8 & Lifeteen is for teens in grades 9-12. For more information and other exciting opportunities, please follow our instagram: @NativityYM

# EVENTS & MORE

## RENEW Toronto Young Adult Conference

RENEW Toronto is a conference for all young adults ages 19–39 taking place on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024 at Canada Event Centre. The day includes keynotes by Dr. Andrew & Sarah Swafford, worship lead by Steadfast Worship, various workshop speakers, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship.

This conference offers unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals and young couples. "Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary."  
– Isaiah 40.31.

Registration ends Monday, Nov. 4, 2024. For more information and to register, visit: [www.renewtoronto.org](http://www.renewtoronto.org)



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