

# 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 10, 2024 WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

## 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).

### ShareLife

Make a ShareLife gift: Your YES goes twice as far!

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. Every day, individuals and families silently face depression, anxiety, grief, and trauma. Through ShareLife-supported Catholic Family Services, your YES extends God's love to those struggling with mental health challenges, offering the lifeline they need to find hope. "Your generosity allows us to assist some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our community. Without access to free support, they would be left alone and unable to get the help they need.

Each donation impacts a life for the better. Thank you." – Elizabeth Pierce, Catholic Family Services of Durham. Our goal this year is [insert goal amount]. To date we have achieved [insert amount raised]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Program

This is for grade two or higher. The Information Package is available on the parish website : [myparish.org](http://myparish.org) (On the left go to Sacraments and then choose First Holy Communion) Or use this link: [fhc-rec.nativityym.com](http://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](mailto:miriam.fhc.rec@gmail.com) Or call the Parish office

### Confirmation Classes

The signup for classes is open until Dec. 15, 2024. This is for grade seven or higher. The Information package is available on the parish website: [myparish.org](http://myparish.org). (On the left go to Sacraments and then choose Confirmation and click on the link to register.)

You will also need to provide the parish office an English copy of your Child's baptism certificate. It can be dropped off or emailed to the office [nativity@myparish.org](mailto:nativity@myparish.org). The \$52.00 to cover the costs of the program that can be paid online or dropped off at the parish office.

### Monday, November 11 | 9:30 AM

+ ALL SOULS  
Offered by the Fernandes Family  
+ OSWALD & AGNES SEALES (deceased)  
Offered by Myrtle Benjamin  
+ JULIA PETRASEK (deceased)  
Offered by Margaret Wiltshire

### Tuesday, November 12 | 7:00 PM

+ FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Offered by the Nativity Knights of Columbus  
+ FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Offered by the Nativity St. Vincent de Paul Society

### Wednesday, November 13 | 7:00 PM

+ MARIA DORIA ON HER 1 ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY  
Offered by Lucy Doria  
+ IN THANKSGIVING Offered by Clive & Alba Ferrao

### Thursday, November 14 | 9:30 AM

No mass intentions

### Friday, November 15 | 9:30 AM

+ FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LAY MARY MOTHER OF CARMEL COMMUNITY: GRACE D'SOUZA, JOYCE FALSON, DAWN COLADIPIETRO, OLGA BOSLEY AND NAOMI WILLOCK Offered By the lay members of the Mary Mother of Carmel Community at Nativity  
+ IDA & EDWARD GAUDET (deceased)  
Offered by Karen Palumbo  
+ JOSEPH MCDONALD ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH Offered by Karen Palumbo

### Saturday, November 16 | 5:00 PM

+ JOSEPHINE & GLYN YABUT IN THANKSGIVING (living)  
Offered by Mariel Bueno  
+ BRUNO ZAPPAVIGNA (deceased)  
Offered by the Michael Power/St. Joseph's school community  
+ IN THANKSGIVING FROM SITO CURA  
Offered by Sito Cura  
+ ALESSANDRO ROTONDO & BIAGIO CARLO (deceased)  
Offered by Eligio & Maria Di Carlo  
+ ANTHONY PEDATELLA (deceased)  
Offered by Nick & Mary Pedatella

### Sunday, November 17 | 9:00 AM

+ PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY

### Sunday, November 17 | 11:30 AM

+ MARY CLARE FERNANDES (deceased)  
Offered by Josepha Martyres  
+ FREDDIE DIAS (deceased)  
Offered by Shirley Fernandes  
+ ANN HENNESSY (deceased)  
Offered by The Nativity Catholic Womens' League

"With Charity towards the dead we practice all the works of charity. The Church encourages us to aid the souls in purgatory, who in turn will reward us abundantly when they come into their glory." – St. Francis de Sales

# PARISH LIFE

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Fr. Jan and Deacon Gerry wish to offer you our sincere congratulations to our three new altar servers who were installed on Sunday November 3, 2024, at 11.30 a.m. mass.

FRANCESCO GIAGLIARDI, ELISE CALLENDER & ANDREI GENTILEZO

We would like to express our thanks to the following altar servers who assisted in the installation by robing the new altar servers with their Alb, Cinctures and Cross.

JORDAN ALMEIDA, JORGINA BENEDICTO & SEAN LOUIS.

Our thanks also go to their parents for the sacrifice they have made in fostering the vocation to serve by bringing them to the countless practices. May Our Lord continue to bless you dear altar servers, as you begin your vocation in the Ministry of Altar Server.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ALTAR 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 vocation, the one that God desires for you.

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

The next SSVP 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](http://www.SSVPToronto.ca).

## 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.

## 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!

## 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

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Nativity Of Our Lord Youth Ministry



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

**LIFETEEN REGISTRATION ONLINE FORM –**  
<https://forms.gle/up8i5oDQvezJgjpPA>

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

"It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."- St. John Paul II



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