

# 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	Maria Del Rizzo
St. Vincent de Paul	John Neander
St. Vincent de Paul Society (requests for assistance)	416-695-0169
Welcoming Ushers	Carol Janssen
Youth Ministry	Renee Sieczka

# NOVEMBER 17, 2024

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

+ PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY  
+ BILL & MARIE VAN DER DOELEN (deceased)

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

+ FREDDIE DIAS (deceased)  
Offered by Shirley Fernandes  
+ ANN HENNESSY (deceased)  
Offered by The Nativity Catholic Womens' League

### Monday, November 18 | 9:30 AM

+ ANNA MARIA MAZZA (deceased)  
Offered by the Fernandes Family  
+ THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE D'SOUZA FAMILY  
Offered by Clotilda D'Souza

### Tuesday, November 19 | 7:00 PM

No mass intentions

### Wednesday, November 20 | 7:00 PM

+ CHRISTOPHER FERRAO (deceased)  
Offered by Ivete  
+ LORETTA STOREY (deceased)  
Offered by Tina Conte  
+ MARY KOLUMBUS (deceased)  
Offered by John Menary

### Thursday, November 21 | 9:30 AM

+ MARY ROSA FERNANDES (deceased)  
Offered by Natasha Fernandes  
+ LEO GIANNI (deceased)  
Offered by Connie Gianni

### Friday, November 22 | 9:30 AM

+ MARCUS ANDREW MARCIAL IN THANKSGIVING  
Offered By Mariel Bueno  
+ JAMES MCPHEE (deceased)  
Offered by Phyllis McPhee  
+ IVAN GUEST OF HIS BIRTHDAY (living)  
Offered by Angela Guest  
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FERNANDES FAMILY

### Saturday, November 23 | 5:00 PM

+ KEITH & CYNTHIA LEWIS IN THANKSGIVING ON THEIR  
40 TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Offered by Keith Lewis  
+ PASQUALE PLATI (deceased)  
Offered by Bianca Plati  
+ ALDUIN FREDA (deceased)  
Offered by Maria & Egidio Di Carlo  
+ ALESSANDRO ROTONDO & BIAGIO CARLO (deceased)  
Offered by Eligio & Maria Di Carlo  
+ CARMELA & MICHELE VALENTE (deceased)  
Offered by Franca Valente  
+ LORETTA STOREY (deceased)  
Offered by Cletus & Ann Duffy  
+ WALTER MIELCZAREK (deceased)  
Offered by Anna Mielczarek

“In difficult moments I will fix my gaze upon the silent heart of Jesus, stretched upon the cross, and from the exploding flames of His merciful Heart, will flow down upon me power and strength to keep fighting.”

– St. Faustina

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Advent Reconciliation Service

On Friday, December 6th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. confessions will be held in the church. Four priests will be present.

### Diamond Jubilee Update

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 after both morning masses on Sunday, December 29 with an anniversary cake & coffee. Please keep this date free so we can celebrate this momentous occasion together. P.S. It was decided best to keep the New Year's Eve free for you to enjoy time your friends and family.

### 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).

# PARISH LIFE

## 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!

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## Nativity of Our Lord CWL

**THANK YOU!!!** From the Nativity CWL members to all our parishioners and friends for your generous support at the Annual Christmas Bazaar.

**Sunday December 8th** The CWL Annual Christmas Luncheon, will take place following the 9:00 am Mass in the parish hall. A Catered Buffet meal, Christmas Festivities, the Presentation of Milestone Anniversary and Service Pins and more. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Purchase tickets by November 30th. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For tickets you may contact Alice Mycan at 416-621-0689 or email nativitycwl@gmail.com See posters on the bulletin boards for more information.

## FRUITCAKES, FUDGE AND COOKIE TINS

We still have some fruitcakes, fudge and cookie tins left from our bazaar. While quantities last, you can place your order by emailing us at nativitycwl@gmail.com.

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

This weekend is SSVP Bundle Up Weekend. 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 South 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).

## Come Join The Caring Ministry By Sharing Your Time

God uses each one of us in our uselessness to do useful things for others. The caring Ministry is looking out for members who are prepared to sacrifice a little of their time which is given to them as a Gift from God. Are we prepared to give back some time to God as our Gift to our homebound parishioners who need Jesus by way of Holy Communion to be given to them in the comfort of their homes as they cannot come to church. We need to give this GIFT (Give it Freely and truly) of our time to the elderly. One has to remember that one day we all will be there and then will need someone to administer the Holy Eucharist to us in our homes.

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## 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

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## 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

# 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



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