

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 & Stella 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 24, 2024

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 24 | 9:00 AM

+ PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
+ GEORGE XUEREB (deceased)
Offered by Stan & Linda Wisz

Sunday, November 24 | 11:30 AM

+ SOUL OF CLEMENT D'SOUZA
Offered by Dorothy D'Souza
+ EDWINA DIAS (deceased)
Offered by Josepha Martyres
+ ANNA ARMSTRONG (deceased)
Offered by Legion of Mary

Monday, November 25 | 9:30 AM

+ FELISA BARUS (deceased)
Offered by Amy Park
+ MARIA COLACO (deceased)
Offered by Mavis Colaco

Tuesday, November 26 | 7:00 PM

+ CENSINA MICALLES (deceased)
Offered by Mariella Siou
+ IGOR DOUBELT (deceased)
Offered by the Michael Power/St. Joseph's school community
+ ADAM DETHOMASIS (deceased)
Offered by Nadia Ranieri

Wednesday, November 27 | 7:00 PM

No mass intentions

Thursday, November 28 | 9:30 AM

+ JOSE ADRIANO REYES JR. (deceased)
Offered by Mariel Bueno

Friday, November 29 | 9:30 AM

+ GINO PINCENTE (deceased)
Offered by Nella Lee

Saturday, November 30 | 5:00 PM

+ LESZEK CIESLUKOWSKI (deceased)
Offered by Helen Cieslukowski
+ ALTAR SERVERS AT NATIVITY
+ LUZ RAMOS (deceased)
Offered by Stella Dias

“In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall, under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favor, you shall reach the goal.”

– St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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

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.

ShareLife

Help homeless youth through ShareLife.

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. Covenant House is one of the agencies you support through ShareLife. It's located in Toronto, but its young clients – largely homeless youth – arrive from throughout the archdiocese. “Your commitment to love and care for the youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking who come to Covenant House truly means so much,” says the agency's director.

“Your support gives hope to young people who need hope right now – and you give youth a real chance for a better future.” Our goal this year is [\$ 109,000.00]. To date we have achieved [\$ 83,244.00].

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate

PARISH LIFE

During this Jubilee year of our parish, Please join us for some Christmas cheer at our 3rd annual Carolling at Nativity

Sunday, December 15th, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm We'll meet in the church hall to sing old and new favourites Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, cookies and snacks (Let's not forget the marshmallows!) Afterwards, we'll process into the church for the lighting of the Christmas tree Be sure to wear your festive colours!

Sponsored by Nativity's Social Committee

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!

Nativity of Our Lord CWL

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.

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

Our Nativity Conference's Annual Collection will take place on December 7th and 8th. Our annual report will be available soon. Donation envelopes are found in your Parish donation boxes and will be placed at Parish entrances in time for the collection weekend. Donations may be made in the weekend mass collections, by mailing to dropping off at the parish office in an SSVP envelope (with SSVP, your name, address, Nativity envelope number and donation amount indicated on the envelope), or through the Society's Toronto Central Council online or by phone. Donation tax receipts will be mailed in February for 2024 for donations over \$20 donations received up to December 31st, 2024. Thank you for your generosity. God bless!

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.

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.

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.nativitym.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

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

EVENTS & MORE

A silent Ignatian Retreat for Men & Women - God's Mother Mary: First Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ

Friday, November 22, 2024 07:00 PM - Sunday, November 24, 2024 01:00 PM at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
God's Mother Mary: First Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Advent preparation focuses on Our Lady as we follow her through prayerful scriptural reflection based on three particular sub-themes; Our Lady, The Womb of God (Luke 1: The Annunciation); Our Lady, God's Grateful Discerning Servant (Luke 1: The Visitation); Our Lady, Woman on Mission (Luke 2: The Nativity). Facilitated by Fr. Earl Smith, SJ. This silent weekend retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$260 per person which includes two night's accommodation with meals, spiritual direction and retreat program.

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