

# 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

# DECEMBER 1, 2024

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, December 1 | 9:00 AM

+ PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY  
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE TELESKO FAMILY  
Offered by Robert Telesco

### Sunday, December 1 | 11:30 AM

+ LOIS PINTO (deceased)  
Offered by Josepha Martyres  
+ ALTAR SERVERS AT NATIVITY

### Monday, December 2 | 9:30 AM

+ SUSAN MARCIAL (deceased)  
Offered by Mariel Reyes

### Tuesday, December 3 | 7:00 PM

+ TONY MARIASELVANAYAGAM (deceased)  
Offered by Anthony & Elizabeth Mariaselvanayagam

### Wednesday, December 4 | 7:00 PM

+ NIGEL ALPHONSO (deceased)  
Offered by Cheryl Alphonso  
+ SALOME BRANDAO (deceased)  
Offered by Dorvalino Brandao

### Thursday, December 5 | 9:30 AM

+ SYBIL & EMILY ROZE (deceased)  
Offered by Michelle & Chris D'Souza  
+ JULIETA GEROCHI (deceased)  
Offered by Magda Renta

### Friday, December 6 | 9:30 AM

No intentions

### Saturday, December 7 | 5:00 PM

+ JOE & INA REYS  
+ JOE & INGRID HANCOCK (deceased)  
Offered by Glen Reys  
+ THE SOUL OF SARAH PINTO  
Offered by Virginia & Thaddeus Pinto  
+ GINA MAESTRO (deceased)  
Offered by the Michael Power/St. Joseph's school community

“On this first Sunday of Advent, when we begin to count the days separating us from the birth of the Savior ... we have considered the reality of our Christian vocation: how our Lord has entrusted us with the mission of attracting other souls to sanctity, encouraging them to get close to him, to feel united to the Church, to extend the kingdom of God to all hearts. Jesus wants to see us dedicated, faithful, responsive. He wants us to love him. It is his desire that we be holy, very much his own.”

- St. Josemaría Escrivá



### 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 (Nov. 11, 2024 to Jan. 13, 2025)

Theme: “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. 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.

### 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](http://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

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## **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**

### **COOKIE TINS & FUDGE ARE STILL AVAILABLE**

We still have some fudge and cookie tins available for sale. Great gifts for neighbours and friends. While quantities last, you can place your order by emailing us at nativitycwl@gmail.com. See Flyers on bulletin board for more information.

### **2025 CWL MEMBERSHIP**

It is time to renew your CWL Membership for 2025. The annual fee is \$40 and you can pay by cheque payable to The Catholic Women's League of Canada. You can place a cheque or cash in a sealed envelope marked CWL Membership and drop it off at the church office. Or you can do an e-transfer to nativitycwl@gmail.com .

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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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## **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.

## **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!

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## **Help Needed December 7**

Volunteers are needed to help deliver Christmas Boxes to families in our neighborhood. Drivers, vehicles (vans, trucks, cars) and helpers, please come to the Church Hall on Saturday, December 9 at 10:00. With many hands, the deliveries should take a few hours. This is an excellent way for you and your families to share the joy of Christmas Season with others in our community. Thank you for helping.

Please call John at 416-626-0143 if you have any questions.

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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 (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.31st 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

“Remember that you are never alone, Christ is with you on your journey every day of your lives! He has called you and chosen you to live in the freedom of the children of God. Turn to him in prayer and in love. Ask him to grant you the courage and strength to live in this freedom always. Walk with him who is “the Way, the Truth and the Life!” - St. John Paul II



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