

# 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 /  
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 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
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Catholic Women's League	Donna Capobianco
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Deacon Gerry & Stella Almeida
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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 15, 2024 WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Consistory 2024

On December 7, 2024, Pope Francis presided at a Consistory to elevate 21 Catholic bishops to the College of Cardinals. Among them was the Most Rev. Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto. We pray for the newest members of the College of Cardinals. In a special way, we give thanks for our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. May the newest members of the College of Cardinals continue to serve Holy Mother Church and the Holy Father faithfully, and shepherd Christ's flock courageously, helping to strengthen our relationship with Jesus our Saviour.

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### Invitation from Archbishop Leo to Celebrate the Ordinary Year of Jubilee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

May Jesus and Mary be in your hearts.

As we prepare for our Advent journey and the anticipation of the birth of Jesus, be assured of my prayers and spiritual closeness. You may be aware that the Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a "Holy Year". The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father.

The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be "Pilgrims of Hope". In the words of Pope Francis: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." The Holy Father will open the Jubilee Year on December 24, 2024, with the official opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and continuing until January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Holy Door.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass taking place on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. I extend a warm invitation for you to join in this special celebration. Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to the Eucharist from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. You will be hearing more about the Jubilee Year in your own parish and I pray this Holy Year will provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord. Resources for personal, family or parish use, along with helpful links and other information related to the Jubilee Year can be found by visiting: [www.arch-toronto.org/jubilee](http://www.arch-toronto.org/jubilee) I hope you will join us on Sunday, December 29 at 5:00 p.m. as we launch this special milestone in our faith journey. You and your loved ones will continue to remain close in prayer with special gratitude for all that you do to strengthen the Body of Christ in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,  
Most Rev. Francis Leo  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

### Sunday, December 15 | 9:00 AM

- + PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
- + FOR THE SOUL OF TED JANICKI  
Offered by Ewa Janicki & Family & by Diane Mlodzinski
- + PAULA PETRIE (deceased)  
Offered by Sheree Hryhor

### Sunday, December 15 | 11:30 AM

- + JULIUS CESAR BUENO (deceased)  
Offered by Mariel Bueno
- + TOMASZ DUDEK FAMILY
- + DANIEL CAMELO (deceased)  
Offered by Dorothy & Enclave Pinto & children
- + Theresa Fernandes (living)  
Offered by the Legion of Mary

### Monday, December 16 | 9:30 AM

- + MANUEL & ENIO MENDONCA (deceased)  
Offered by Alice Mare
- + TONY & MIKE MENDONCA (deceased)  
Offered by Alice Mare
- + CHARLOTTE CARR (deceased)  
Offered by Carol D'Souza

### Tuesday, December 17 | 7:00 PM

- + GEORGE XUEREB (deceased)  
Offered by Maria & Al Quatrala
- + CRISTINA FIGUREIDO (living)

### Wednesday, December 18 | 7:00 PM

- + CHRISTOPHER FERRAO (deceased)  
Offered by Ivete Pinto
- + CRISTINA FIGUREIDO (living)

### Thursday, December 19 | 9:30 AM

- + MARY SEYCHELL (deceased)  
Offered by Flora Amendola

### Friday, December 20 | 9:30 AM

- + No intentions

### Saturday, December 21 | 5:00 PM

- + ALFONSO NOVOA (deceased)  
Offered by Mariella Siou
- + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE COLACO & SEQUEIRA FAMILIES Offered by Brian Colaco
- + CARING MINISTRY'S HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS
- + SITO CURA & FAMILY IN THANKSGIVING  
Offered by Frances Whalen & Cassie

"The fruits of charity are joy, peace, and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction; it is benevolent; it fosters reciprocity and remains disinterested and generous; it is friendship and communion: Love is itself the fulfillment of all our works. There is the goal; that is why we run: we run toward it, and once we reach it, in it we shall find rest."  
- St. Augustine



# PARISH LIFE

## Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

### 4th Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 21st – 5:00 p.m. Sunday,  
December 24th - 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

### Christmas Eve (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 24th – 5:00 pm, 9:00 pm & 12:00 midnight

### Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 25th – 9:00 am & 11:30am

### Feast of St. Stephen

Thursday, December 26th - 9:30 am

### Feast of St. John

Friday, December 27th - 9:30 am

### Feast of the Holy Innocents

Saturday, December 28th – 5:00 p.m.

### Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 29th – 9:00 am & 11:30 am

### Mary, Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31st – 5:00 p.m. OR  
Wednesday, January 1st - 9:00 am & 11:30 am

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

## Donations for 2024 tax receipts.

Donations must be received in the parish office by December 31 before 4pm or post-marked by December 31, 2024 to be considered eligible for a 2024 tax receipt.

## 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. You can do an e-transfer to nativitycwl@gmail.com  
**The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Nativity of Our Lord**

## Conference

Our Society continues to help over 100 families coping with financial insecurity in our immediate area. Your generous financial support in the Poor Boxes and special collections makes this possible. Please call (416) 695-0169 or speak with the Pastor if you require assistance. For more information on SSVP, please visit: <https://svdptoronto.org>. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to parishioners for the financial support through the annual collection and also to those people who literally did the heavy lifting while helping us to deliver Christmas hampers last weekend .

## 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.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](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

“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

# WEEKLY ADVENT PRAYER

God of joy, it is in your love that we find lasting joy. Keep us from seeking happiness in things that will not last, for we brought nothing into this world and can take nothing out of it. Teach us instead to find joy in the gift of your Son, who came into this world with nothing, yet gave us everything. May his joy bubble up in our hearts and overflow to all we meet this Advent season. Amen.





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