

# NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

*Established June 7, 1964*

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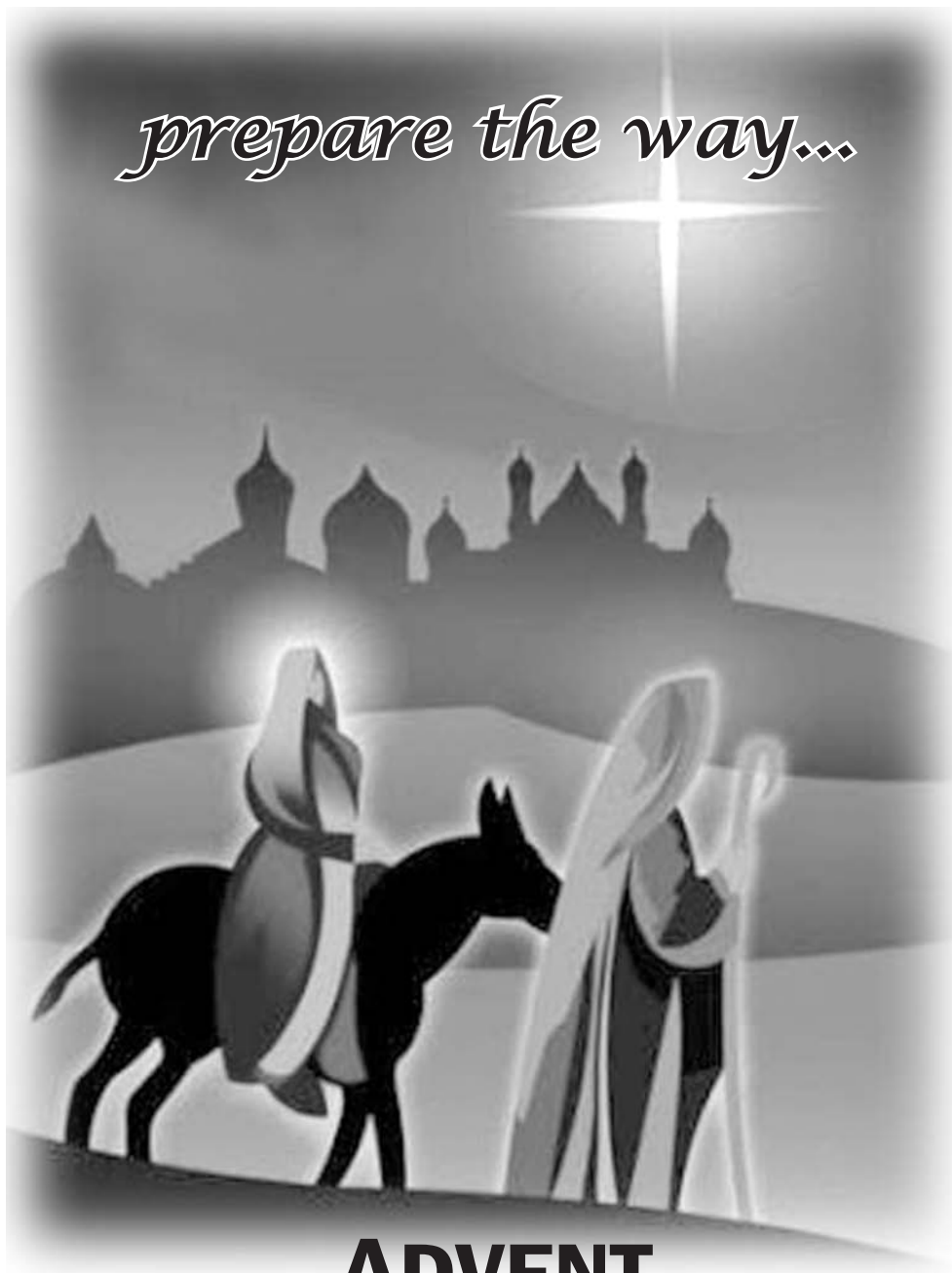
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*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

# DECEMBER 22, 2024 WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, December 22 | 9:00 AM

- + PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
- + FOR THE SOUL OF TED JANICKI  
Offered by Ewa Janicki & Family
- + ALZIRA BOTHELHO ON HER 12 TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY Offered by Marise Nazareth

## Sunday, December 22 | 11:30 AM

- + ALBERTO GAVIOLA SR. & JR. AND LUZMINDO NAVATO (deceased)  
Offered by Elinida Navato
- + CARMEN MARTINS (living)  
Offered by Myrtle Benjamin
- + TOMASZ DUDEK (deceased)  
Offered by Members of the Legion of Mary
- + VICTORIA SAPONG (deceased)  
Offered by Alforque Family

## Monday, December 23 | 9:30 AM

- + No intentions

## Tuesday, December 24 | 5:00 PM

- + MARIEL BUENO (living)  
Offered by Joan Seales

## Tuesday, December 24 | 9:00 PM & Midnight

- + No intentions

## Wednesday, December 25 | 9:00 AM

- + No intentions

## Wednesday, December 25 | 11:30 AM

- + PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY

## Thursday, December 26 | 9:30 AM

- + ANITA BONDOC ON HER 1ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY  
Offered by Sito Cura
- + EMANUEL BORG (deceased)  
Offered by Gina Borg

## Friday, December 27 | 9:30 AM

- + No intentions

## Saturday, December 28 | 5:00 PM

- + DAISY DIAS (deceased)  
Offered by Pat Manuk
- + IN THANKSGIVING & FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY Offered by Joseph Nguyen
- + ELISABETTA CONTE (deceased)  
Offered by Maddalena Volpe
- + MICHAEL MADDEN (deceased)  
Offered by Martin Vandriel

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

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## ShareLife

Warming hearts with your support for 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.

As we shelter from the winter storm, we're thankful for your ShareLife support, keeping many off cold streets and igniting hope for a brighter future. Wishing you a warm and safe Christmas season, and thanking you for your enduring compassion that extends the same to others.

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## 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

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## 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.



# PARISH LIFE

## Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

### 4th Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 21st – 5:00 p.m. Sunday,  
December 22nd - 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

### Christmas Eve (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 24nd – 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

## 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>. Our deepest thanks go out to our generous parishioners who help us financially during this season and throughout the year but who also support us in actions and words of encouragement.

## 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 –

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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 love, as we approach the celebration of the birth of your Son, help us to embody the love that He brought into the world. Teach us to love one another as you have loved us. Amen.

## 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

### SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual Planning Day will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025. More information to follow

### 2025 CWL MEMBERSHIP

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

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**, to all our Nativity Parishioners, friends and families, from the Nativity CWL Members. We wish you a Blessed, Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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