

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

Established June 7, 1964

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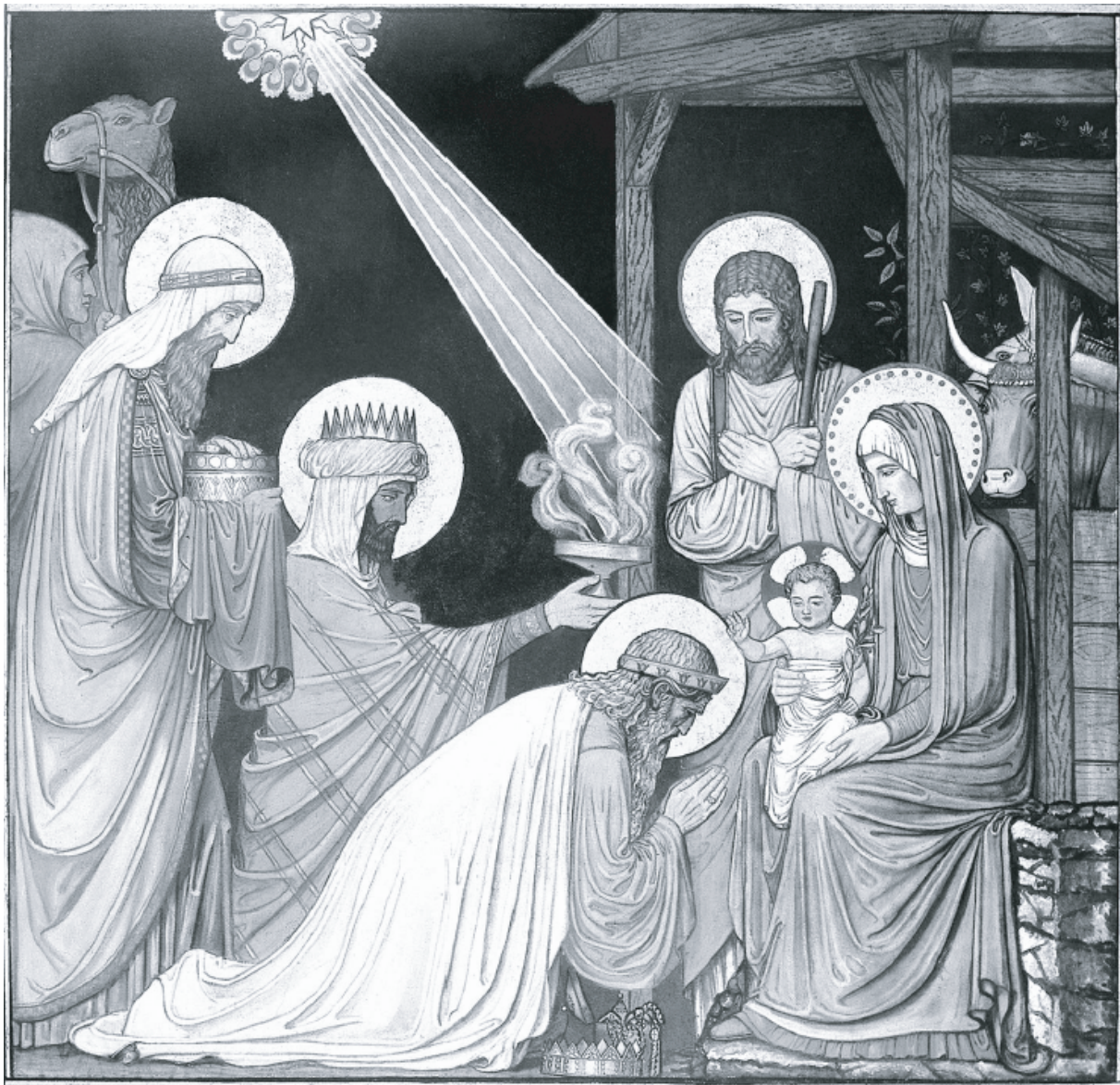
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Feast of the Holy Family

DECEMBER 29, 2024

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 29 | 9:00 AM

- + PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
- + PERCY D'SOUZA (deceased)
Offered by Ken, Derek, and Shirley D'Souza
- + MARIEL BUENO & FAMILY (living)
Offered by Joan Seales

Sunday, December 29 | 11:30 AM

- + LESZEK CIESLUKOWSKI & JOE RZEPECKI
Offered by Helen Cieslukowski
- + MICHAEL & MARGARET JAMES ON THEIR
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Monday, December 30 | 9:30 AM

- + MARTA COLACO
Offered by Mavis Colaco

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (VIGIL)

Tuesday, December 31 | 5:00 PM

- + MARIEL BUENO (living)
Offered by Joan Seales

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 1 | 9:00 AM

- + PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY

Wednesday, January 1 | 11:30 AM

- + NICOLA CAPPÀ ON HIS 100 TH BIRTHDAY (deceased)

Thursday, January 2 | 9:30 AM

- + JULIA PERTRASEK (deceased)
Offered by Joanne Petrusek

Friday, January 3 | 9:30 AM

- + MARIE CURA ON HER DEATH ANNIVERSARY
Offered by Sito Cura

Saturday, January 4 | 5:00 PM

- + BRIDGET REBEIRO (deceased) Offered by Pat Manuk
- + FOR ALL THE SOULS IN PURGATORY Offered
by Thaddeus & Virginia Pinto
- + SALOME BRANDAO (deceased) Offered by
Dorvalino Brandao
- + TOMAS BARUC (deceased) Offered by Amy Park
- + DANIEL DOTZKO (deceased) Offered by Betty Dotzko

"I'm not relying on my own merits, as I have none, but I put my hope in Him who is goodness and holiness Himself. To limit your desires and your hopes is to misunderstand God's infinite goodness! We can never have too much confidence in the good God... As we hope in Him so shall we receive."

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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.

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.

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

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 2nd – 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 SSV, please visit: <https://svdptoronto.org>.

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.

2025 Knights of Columbus Membership

It is time to renew your membership for 2025. Despite all the rising costs the Knights of Columbus, at Nativity of Our Lord, have been able to keep the membership fee at \$ 40.00. Payment can be made either by cheque payable to the Knights of Columbus Council #12735, or by cash, due by March 1, 2025.

Please place the cheque or cash in a sealed envelope and drop it off at the parish office, or by bringing it to our meeting on January 9, 2025. The Knights of Columbus are always looking for new members, and we welcome all Catholic Men, 18 and over to join our Fraternity. We can be reached by email :- council12735@outlook.com

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

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Nativity Of Our Lord Youth Ministry



EDGE REGISTRATION ONLINE FORM –
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LIFETEEN REGISTRATION ONLINE FORM –
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