

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

JANUARY 5, 2025

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 5 | 9:00 AM

- + PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
- + BENNY FERNANDES (deceased)
Offered by Bella, Brian & Bevan Fernandes
- + SOUL OF TED JANICKI
- + MARIA MCEVENUE (living)
Offered by Brad McEvenue

Sunday, January 5 | 11:30 AM

- + VIVIAN GRANDY (deceased)
Offered by Helen Wilma Van Den Hurk
- + JOHN GILLIGAN (deceased)
Offered by Brenda & Jackie

Monday, January 6 | 9:30 AM

- + MARIEL BUENO (living)
Offered by Joan Seales

Tuesday, January 7 | 7:00 PM

no intentions

Wednesday, January 8 | 7:00 PM

- + MICHEL-ANGE SIOU (deceased)
Offered by Mariella Siou
- + ALFREDA & ROMUALD BOROWSKI (deceased)
Offered by Barbara Wrobel

Thursday, January 9 | 9:30 AM

- + JOSEPH WILLIAM HANDRAHAN (deceased)
Offered by Anita Handrahan

Friday, January 10 | 9:30 AM

no intentions

Saturday, January 11 | 5:00 PM

- + JOE & INGRID HANCOCK & JOE & INA REYS
(deceased) Offered by Glen & Deidre Reys
- + CARMELA VALENTINO (deceased)
Offered by Stan & Linda Wisz
- + FOR THE SOULS OF SARAH PINTO &
BRIDGET PINTO Offered by Thaddeus & Virginia Pinto

“Wait upon the Lord; be faithful to His commandments; He will elevate your hope, and put you in possession of His Kingdom. Wait upon Him patiently; wait upon Him by avoiding all sin. He will come, doubt it not; and in the approaching day of His visitation, which will be that of your death and His judgment, He will Himself crown your holy hope. Place all your hope in the Heart of Jesus; for he who trusts in God is sheltered and protected by His mercy. To this firm hope, join the practice of virtue, and even in this life you will begin to taste the ineffable joys of Paradise”.

- St. Bernard

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.

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. 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.archtoronto.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

PARISH LIFE

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Nativity of Our Lord CWL

SAVE THE DATE

The CWL Annual Planning Day for all members will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am . 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 pay by e-transfer to nativitycwl@gmail.com .

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

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>.

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

EVENTS

The Source - Holy Hour - January 2025

Thursday, January 23, 2025 7:00 PM - Thursday, January 23, 2025 09:00 PM at St. Peter's Church, 840 Bathurst Street, Toronto

Join the Sisters of Life and the Office of Catholic Youth for an evening of prayer. Spend some time with Our Lord amidst your busy schedule with the source and summit of our faith – Jesus in the Eucharist.

There will be some time for fellowship and refreshments after the Holy Hour. This event is open to all parishioners and visitors!

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