

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

JANUARY 12, 2025

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 12 | 9:00 AM

- + PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
- + ANTHONY & THERESA D'SOUZA ON THEIR 30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Offered by Anthony & Theresa D'Souza
- + SOUL OF TED JANICKI Offered by Diane Winiarz

Sunday, January 12 | 11:30 AM

- + MYRTLE BENJAMIN IN THANKSGIVING Offered by Mariel Bueno
- + FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HENNESSY & MICHELUCCI FAMILIES Offered by Brendan & Miriam Hennessy
- + FRANCESCA CAPPAS ON HER FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY Offered by the Cappa Family

Monday, January 13 | 9:30 AM

- + MYRTLE BENJAMIN IN THANKSGIVING Offered by Mariel Bueno
- + DANIEL DOTZKO (deceased) Offered by Betty Dotzko
- + IN THANKSGIVING Offered by Marise Nazareth
- + LUMINOSA CURA ON HER DEATH ANNIVERSARY Offered by Sito Cura
- + IGNATIUS NAZARETH (deceased) Offered by Marise Nazareth

Tuesday, January 14 | 7:00 PM

no intentions

Wednesday, January 15 | 7:00 PM

- + EMILY SIMONE HABETS IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD (living) Offered by Mariel Bueno
- + ANNA PIERRI (deceased) Offered by Denise Pierri

Thursday, January 16 | 9:30 AM

- + CHRISTOPHER FERRAO (deceased) Offered by Sheila & Jules Fernandez
- + SHARON NAGLE (deceased)
- + MELA, HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM THE D'CUNHA FAMILY

Friday, January 17 | 9:30 AM

- + KISHORE BENEGAL (deceased) Offered by The Calaco Family
- + IDA & EDWARD GAUDET (deceased) Offered by Karen Palumbo

Saturday, January 18 | 5:00 PM

- + THEODORE MANUK (deceased) Offered by the Manuk Family
- + RITA NAZARENE (deceased) Offered by the Manuk Family
- + FAMILY SOULS OF KEITH & CYNTHIA LEWIS Offered by Keith & Cynthia Lewis

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

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

The Society of Saint 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 makes this possible. Donations can also be made by e-transfer to SSVPNativity480@gmail.com. Please call (416) 695-0169 or speak with the Pastor if you require assistance. For more information on SSV, please visit ssvptoronto.ca.

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 - Jan. 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.

Feast of St. Blaise

There will be the blessing of the throats on Monday, February 3rd after the 9:30 a.m. mass.

Caring Ministry

"Dear Caring Ministry Members , I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your service at Nativity of Our Lord Parish . I know how much time, energy and love you put into the ministry here, and it's such a blessing to know that we can rely on you. Wishing you and your families a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2025."

The Caring Ministry also wishes each and every member of our Parish and their families along with our homebound Parishioners a Very Happy New Year and we pray that the Lord Bless you with His PEACE, LOVE and JOY through 2025.

Caring Ministry Coordinator.
Keith Lewis

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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