

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

FEBRUARY 16, 2025 WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 16 | 9:00 AM
+ PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
+ SOUL OF TED JAN
Offered by the Piatek Famil

Sunday, February 16 | 11:30 AM
+ SOULS OF IRENA BEKUS & JOHN MIRECKI
Offered by Roman Bekus
+ SOUL OF LOUIS D'SOUZA
+ SOULS OF KARL & MARY PIDZAMECKY & FAMILY
Offered by Nella Lee
+ SOUL OF DAVID NOBLE
Offered by Miriam Noble

Monday, February 17 | 9:30 AM
+ ANITA JAKOVIC ON HER BIRTHDAY
Offered by Frances Jakovic

Tuesday, February 18 | 7:00 PM
+ SOUL OF ELVIS REGO
Offered by Rose Raut

Wednesday, February 19 | 7:00 PM
+ LAURA CAUAN ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY
Offered by Mariel Bueno
+ SOUL OF DIANE BELANGER
Offered by the Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Thursday, February 20 | 9:30 AM
+ SOUL OF LAURETA SAGSAGAT RANGCAPAN
Offered by Magdalena

Friday, February 21 | 9:30 AM
+ INTENTIONS OF FR. MICHAEL MACHACEK
+ SOUL OF ANTONIO AMENDOLA
Offered by Flora Amendola

Saturday, February 22 | 5:00 PM
+ SOUL OF ELVIS REGO
Offered by the Rego Family
+ SOUL OF LARRY LEWIS
Offered by the Caring Ministry

“Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul. Cast your care upon God for you are His and He will not forget you. Do not think that He is leaving you alone, for that would be to wrong Him.”
– Saint John of The Cross

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 Parish Tax Receipts

2024 Parish Tax Receipts for donations received at the parish are being processed, and assuming Canada Post is on time, parishioners will receive them in the mail on or before Monday February 17th.

Tax receipts for donations using credit cards on the parish website are issued by the Archdiocese and parishioners should also receive them by February 17th.

Canada Revenue Agency Message

The Canada Revenue Agency has confirmed that it has extended the deadline for making charitable donations eligible to be claimed on a donor’s 2024 income tax return until February 28, 2025.

The government introduced this extension to help charities that were negatively impacted by the Canada Post disruption. Charities are not required to issue tax receipts specific to this two-month period.

If you wish to claim your January and February, 2025 donations on your 2024 income tax receipt:

For donations made by cash, cheque, PAG (monthly withdrawals from your bank account) or debit/credit card in the parish office*, please email or call the parish office.

For donations made online with your credit card or using web banking, contact the Development Office at the Archdiocese at (416) 934-3400 x555.

The Sunday Friends Children’s Liturgy

We would like to invite all children in grades 1 to 5 to join our Sunday Friends monthly meeting program. The next session will take place right after the 9am mass next week, on Sunday, February 23. The session will begin at 10.15 a.m. and will include: a brief portion of storytelling and conversation about important liturgical moments of the year, followed by arts and crafts, games, or singing. At the end of the session, children will enjoy a treat, and parents can enjoy some coffee together. The session will conclude at 11.15am. Please note parents are asked to participate in the session together with their children, and younger siblings are welcome as well.

PARISH LIFE

Nativity of Our Lord CWL

CWL – WHY BE A MEMBER ? FAITH – FUN – FULFILLMENT

If you are interested in joining this group of like-minded Catholic women, who strive to make a difference in the parish and community then please contact us at nativitycwl@gmail.com.

2025 CWL MEMBERSHIP DUE

Your 2025 membership is now due can pay by e-transfer to nativitycwl@gmail.com, or you can pay by cash or cheque, place it in a sealed envelope marked "CWL MEMBERSHIP" and drop it off at the church office. Be sure to check your emails and/or visit the CWL bulletin board outside the parish hall for CWL News and updates.

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. 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 SSVP, please visit ssvptoronto.ca.

SSVP Bundle Up weekend at Nativity

The next SSVP Bundle Up Weekend is March 1st and 2nd The Society will be collecting gently used clothing, footwear, bedding, drapes, towels, and children's toys (new toys only), on the above weekend. No mattresses, dishes, video/audio cassettes, books, furniture (small dressers are accepted), or construction material will be accepted. Please bring your donations to the Society's container at the rear parking lot. Volunteers will be available to assist you during each of the three weekend masses on March 1st and 2nd, including a half hour before, during, and after each mass.

Caring Ministry

"An urgent appeal: Our neighbors need you. The Caring Ministry is looking out for you to join the Ministry by sacrificing only 2 hours of the many hours you are blessed with in a month by committing to serve our homebound parishioners by taking the Eucharist to their homes, as they are unable to attend the Holy Mass in person due to various health reasons best known to them". God uses us in our uselessness to do useful things for others and we need to share our time with the less fortunate. Kindly contact David in the Parish office if interested. With Blessings on behalf of the Caring Ministry.
Yours in the service of the Church.
Keith Lewis - Coordinator Caring Ministry.

Rosary Apostolate

Join the Rosary Apostolate in the Schools: The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools is seeking volunteers who have a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and are willing to visit our elementary schools to pray/teach the Rosary with the children one day a month from October to May. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact:
Frances Caulfield ph. no. 416 626 8027
Email: fcaulfield@sympatico.ca

Michael Power / St. Joseph's Graduation Class of 1975 High School Reunion

(50 years since graduation!)
Location: Islington Golf Club
Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025
For more information: Contact Mike Cachia
Email: mcachia75@gmail.com

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