

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

MARCH 2, 2025

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 2 | 9:00 AM

- + PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
- + SOUL OF TED JANICKI
Offered by the Piatek Family
- + FOR THE HEALTH OF POPE FRANCIS
Offered by Robert Telesco, member of the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, March 2 | 11:30 AM

- + IN THANKSGIVING
Offered by the Hennessy Family
- + FOR THE HEALTH OF AMANDA PARKER
Offered by Dolores

Monday, March 3 | 9:30 AM

- + IRIS HRYHOR ON HER DEATH ANNIVERSARY
Offered by Sheree Hryhor

Tuesday, March 4 | 7:00 PM

- + FOR THE SOUL OF SALOME BRANDAO
Offered by Dorvalino Brandao
- + FOR THE SOUL OF CLAUDETTE WINGELL
Offered by Alba & Clive Ferrao

Wednesday, March 5 | 7:00 PM

- + SOUL OF ELANOR MADDEAUX
Offered by Maria McEvenue
- + MAUREEN & TONY GUTT

Thursday, March 6 | 9:30 AM

- + IN THANKSGIVING TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND OUR LADY OF HEALTH
Offered by Carol D'Souza

Friday, March 7 | 9:30 AM

- + GIANNA MCEVENUE
Offered by Maria McEvenue

Saturday, March 8 | 5:00 PM

- + FOR THE SOUL OF SARAH PINTO
Offered by Thaddeus & Virginia Pinto
- + FOR THE SOUL OF ANNA MARIA MAZZA
Offered by Salvatore Mazza
- + FOR THE SOUL OF ELVIS REGO
Offered by the Rego Family
- + FOR THE SOUL OF GIUSEPPE USANNA
Offered by Margaret & Michael James

"Do you fast? Then feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick, do not forget the imprisoned, have pity on the tortured, comfort those who grieve and who weep, be merciful, humble, kind, calm, patient, sympathetic, forgiving, reverent, truthful and pious, so that God might accept your fasting and might plentifully grant you the fruits of repentance." - Saint John Chrysostom

Prayer for vocations

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday – March 5th - The Beginning of Lent Ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday during both the 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. masses. There will also be a school mass at 10:30 a.m. Reminder: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Every person 14 years of age and older must abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

Fridays of Lent

On First Friday March 7th, the Holy Hour begins at 6:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. and Mass at 7:00 p.m.

During Lent, we will celebrate mass at the regular time on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. In addition, at 6:30 p.m. we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross, led by the different the various ministries at Nativity, followed by a second mass at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to participate.

Nativity of Our Lord Bereavement Support group

480 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke

We invite you to join us starting on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in Upper Room #2 for the next 6-week small group session. March 27, April 3, April 10, April 24, May 1 and May 8 (7:00 to 9:00PM)

Working through grief can be one of the most difficult times in our life. We offer support and important information to assist you in reconciling your loss and to companion you on your grief journey. There is no cost to participants. All are welcome.

To register and for more information, contact the parish office at: 416-621-2732 or Sheree Hryhor at: 416-695-8591.

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 .

THURSDAY MARCH 6 TH -HUMBER VALLEY CWL GENERAL MEETING

This regional meeting will be held at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Parish on Brown's Line. The evening will start with Mass at 7:00 pm followed by the meeting and refreshments in the parish hall.

2025 CWL MEMBERSHIP DUE Your 2025 membership is now due, you

can pay by e-transfer to nativitycwl@gmail.com , or you can pay by cash or cheque by placing 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

Nativity of Our Lord Taste of Nativity

We are, once again, having The Taste of Nativity on Saturday, March 22 nd, after the 5:00 pm Mass. As in previous years, we will be posting sign up sheets at the east and west door entrances. Please indicate what country you are bringing a dish from and whether it is a main dish, appetizer or dessert. Please also indicate the number of people attending. This will help us with the planning of the event. The sheets will be available until the weekend of March 15/16.

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

This weekend is SSVP Bundle Up Weekend . 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.

Our Lady of Nativity - Legion of Mary

Do you seek to enrich your prayer life and deepen your Catholic faith? Do you feel a calling to grow closer to Jesus and Mary? The Legion of Mary, founded in 1921, is a global ministry focused on the spiritual growth of its members and the parish community. Members gather weekly for prayer, spiritual reflections, and to plan apostolic activities such as visiting the sick, spreading devotion to Mary, teaching the Rosary, and delivering Holy Communion to the homebound. Through their commitment, Legion members foster a deeper relationship with God while promoting charity and service within our parish. **Join us as a guest at our weekly meeting on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. —no obligation required**

Mass Livestream

Daily Mass will be livestreamed, you can find the link on our ArchToronto Website.

Instructions to find the link.

1. Go to: <https://nativityofourlordet.archtoronto.org>
2. Then click on PARISH LIFE
3. Under PARISH LIFE click on LIVESTREAMS
4. The link is live!

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