

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 23, 2025

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 23 | 9:00 AM

- + PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
- + SOUL OF TED JANICKI
Offered by the Piatek Family
- + SOUL OF BENITA ZAMUDIO BADILLO
Offered by Laura Cassani
- + SOULS OF ANNA CHIMIANTI & MICHELE CHIMIANTI Offered by Nancy Chimienti

Sunday, March 23 | 11:30 AM

- + SOULS OF ROBERTA DUNN & FAMILY
Offered by Roman Bekus
- + JEMUEL BERNARDO
Offered by Jan-Jan Bernardo
- + SOUL OF CLAUDETTE WINGELL
Offered by Cheryl Alphonso

Monday, March 24 | 9:30 AM

- + THE SOUL OF MARTHA FERNANDES & ALL HER FAMILY MEMBERS
Offered by Virginia Pinto

Tuesday, March 25 | 7:00 PM

- + SOUL OF ELVIS REGO

Wednesday, March 26 | 7:00 PM

- + SOUL OF MARIELLA NOVOA Offered by Mariella Siou
- + SOUL OF BRAULIO BOTELHO
Offered by Marise Nazareth
- + FOR ROBERT & MAGDA RENTA IN THANKSGIVING Offered by Magda Renta
- + SOUL OF NOEL LOBO Offered by Cheryl Alphonso

Thursday, March 27 | 9:30 AM

- + SOUL OF JULIUS FERNANDES
Offered by Conrad Abreu
- + ROSE BRUNETTA

Friday, March 28 | 9:30 AM

- + FOR PAUL WILSON ON THE 6TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY Offered by Maureen Wilson and her family

Saturday, March 29 | 5:00 PM

- + SOULS OF MICHAEL & CARMELA VALENTE
- + SOUL OF URIEL GORDON Offered by Donna Fowler
- + SOUL OF CLAUDETTE PICARD WINGELL
Offered by Dr. Evelyn Adams
- + SOUL OF VINCENT PERALTA
Offered by Linda & Stan Wisz

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

Day of Confessions for Lent

There will be a Day of Confessions for Lent on the First Friday of April, April 4th. There will be several priests available beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing during the Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour until Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Season of Lent

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."
- Saint Teresa of Calcutta"

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

ShareLife goal for Nativity

You extend the hands of Christ to those in need

ShareLife Sunday is March 30. Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need: the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion.

Our parish goal this year is \$ 99,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate

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, 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

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 Friendly Visiting Ministry

If you are interested in being visited by the Nativity Friendly Visiting Ministry, please contact the parish office and give your name and phone number. A Friendly Visiting representative will reach out to you to answer your questions and discuss your needs. We look forward to meeting you!

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 and teaching the Rosary. 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**

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.

Coffee Sundays

Next Sunday, members of our St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting our monthly Coffee Sunday. Please come to the hall after the morning masses and enjoy some coffee, desserts, and social time with your fellow parishioners.

EVENTS

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE invites men and women to our 2025 Lenten Retreat on

When: SATURDAY APRIL 5th, 2025.

Where: 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Cost: \$50.00 and includes coffee/tea with muffins and a hot lunch.

Registration is at 8:30am and the retreat runs from 9:00am to 3:00pm. A mass will be celebrated during the day. Please email : office@qoa.ca or call us at (905) 278 5229.

1700 Years Nicene Creed (325-2025): Sources, Meaning and Lasting Impact

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 06:30 PM - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 08:30 PM The Ecclesiastical Faculty of Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary presents this talk as part of its Series of Patristic Talks for the 2024–2025 Academic Year. The talk will analyse the exact meaning of the text of the Nicene Creed on the basis of its theological tradition and show why it became such an undisputed success story up to our present days. Speaker: Rev. Hubertus Drobner. Cost: FREE
Registration: Capacity is limited and attendance is by registration only. To register, for in-person or online attendance visit our website: staugustines.on.ca/events.

We hope you can join us!

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