

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	
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	Clive Ferrao
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

APRIL 13, 2025 WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 13 | 9:00 AM

- + PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
- + FOR THE SOUL OF LENNIE MCGRANN
Offered by the Catholic Women's League

Sunday, April 13 | 11:30 AM

- + FOR THE SOULS OF FEDERICO BORJA SR. & CONSOLACION ABELON BORJA
Offered by Magda Renta
- + FOR THE SOUL OF FREDDIE DIAS
Offered by Shirely Fernandes
- + FOR THE SOUL OF ANGELA BORG
Offered by Nick Borg
- + FOR THE SOUL OF AGNES PINTO
Offered by Josepha Martyres
- + FOR THE SOUL OF JOHN MIRECKI & HIS DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS
Offered by Roman Bekus

Monday, April 14 | 9:30 AM

- + FOR THE SOUL OF HENRYK JAN RYSIOWSKI
Offered by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Etobicoke

Tuesday, April 15 | 7:00 PM

- + IN MEMORY OF EAMONN MARTIN
Offered by Margarita Martin
- + FOR CRISTINA FIGUEREIDO IN THANKSGIVING
Offered by a Parishioner
- + MATHEW HUNT
Offered by Chris & Sharon Bullock
- + SEAN HUNT Offered by Chris & Sharon Bullock

Wednesday, April 16 | 7:00 PM

- + FOR THE SOUL OF EMORY ROZE
Offered by Michelle & Chris D'Souza
- + FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DUNN FAMILY Offered by Irma Pitre
- + FOR THE SOULS OF CHRISTOPHER FERRAO & CEDRIC FERRAO Offered by Alba & Clive Ferrao

Thursday, April 17 | 7:00 PM

- + HOLY THURSDAY

Friday, April 18 | 12:00 NOON & 3:00 PM

- + GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

Saturday, April 19 | 7:00 PM

- + EASTER VIGIL

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.

2025 Holy Week schedule April 12th - April 20th

Passion (Palm) Sunday

At all masses you will receive a blessed palm as you enter the church.

Saturday, April 12th – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday April 13th – 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The Holy Triduum:

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper - April 17th at 7:00 p.m. - followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the Mass until 11:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18th – Good Friday Services at 12 noon and 3:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, Saturday April 19th – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20th – 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

All celebrations will be livestreamed – the link can be found on our parish website under parish life:
<https://nativityofourlordet.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/livestream/>

***Parish office is closed on Easter Monday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bells and Baskets

Besides being present at the masses and services of the Holy Triduum (April 17-20), here are two unique things to consider. Both suggestions were done last year and were quite well-received.

1. Bells. For the mass on Holy Thursday evening (April 17th, starting at 7:00 p.m.) and for the Easter Vigil mass (on Saturday evening, April 19th, starting at 7:00 p.m.) you are invited to bring bells with you to ring at the start of the Gloria. Bring those bells and let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

2. Baskets. There is a long-standing tradition in many cultures to bring to church on Holy Saturday baskets of food to be blessed by the parish priest, which will then be used in your family Easter Sunday meal. You are invited to bring your baskets to the church on Holy Saturday, April 19th, at 1:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m., or 2:00 p.m. and Fr. Jan will joyfully bless your baskets.

ShareLife

Your donations help to empower youth to embrace God. Your devotion enables the Office of Catholic Youth to fulfill their mission of helping youth and young adults to encounter, love and serve Jesus Christ. Through your loving support of ShareLife, young people are empowered to become Christian leaders who know Christ and have a growing relationship with Him. Aspiring youth and campus ministers, like Laura, form spiritual habits through workshops and formation retreats. They learn practical methods to engage the youth of today and help them deal with everyday pressures. "These formation sessions have equipped me with a firm foundation in the faith," she says, "enabling me to pass on authentic Catholic teachings to the young people in my care." Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

PARISH LIFE

Nativity of Our Lord CWL

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY MAY 10th.

The CWL Annual Spring Market Café, from 9 am to 2 pm. There will be vendors with variety of crafts and handmade items. More details to follow.

Calling all ladies of the parish, if you are interested in joining this group of like-minded Catholic women, you can contact us at nativitycwl@gmail.com.

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!

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](mailto: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.

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**

EVENTS

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

A Day With Mary

On Saturday, May 31, 2025, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "A Day With Mary" will be taking place at Villanova College located at 2480 15th Sideroad in King City. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi for the adults, inspiring personal witnessings and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music, food and fellowship and we hope that you will consider joining His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo and so many others who love the Blessed Mother.

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