## **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

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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**

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**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 27, 2025 WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Sunday, April 27 | 9:00 AM

+ PARÍSHIONERS OF NATIVITY

+ SOUL OF MARY CLARE FERNANDEZ Offered by Josepha Martyres

+ MATHEW GASPAR IN THANKSGIVING Offered by Kiera Hennessy

- Sunday, April 27 | 11:30 AM + FOR THE SOUL OF LESZEK CIESLUKOWSKI Offered by Helen Cieslukowski
- + SOULS OF AGNES & WALTER KLEHR
- + LEN & ETTY ROACH ON THEIR 59 TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Offered by Len Roach
- + FOR THE SOULS OF ERNESTO & NATIVIDAD PAYONGAYONG Offered by Leticia Payongayong

#### Monday, April 28 | 9:30 AM

+ FOR EMERITA & PEDRO BERNARDO ON THEIR 31ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Offered by Mariel Bueno

#### Tuesday, April 29 | 7:00 PM

- + FOR DAMIAAN HABETS IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD Offered by Mariel Bueno
- + FOR THE SOUL OF VINCENT PERALTA Offered by Lambert & Elisa Decker
- + FOR AUBREY & PRAMILA D'SOUZA ON THEIR 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Offered by Aubrey & Pramila D'Souza

#### Wednesday, April 30 | 7:00 PM

+ FOR THÉ SOUL OF VINCENT PERALTA Offered by Elsa Peralta

#### Thursday, May 1 | 9:30 AM

+ FOR THE SOUL OF PAT MORRIS Offered by Virginia Simone

#### Friday, May 2 | 9:30 AM

+ SỐÚL ỐF ANNA DI LEO Offered by Josephine Garofalo

- Saturday, May 3 | 5:00 PM + FOR THE SOULS OF ROSY & ATHONY D'SOUZA Offered by Anthony D'Souza
- + HENRY KOZYCZ ON THE 2 ND ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASSING Offered by Helen Kozycz
- + FOR THE SOUL OF LUCAS MAJCHROWICZ Offered by Thaddeus & Virgina Pinto
- + FOR THE SOUL OF NICOLA MAFALDA DI CARLO Offered by Mr. & Mrs. Egidio Di Carlo
- + FOR THE SOULS OF JOE & INGRID HANCOCK AND JOE & INA REYS Offered by Glenn & Deidre Reys
- + FOR THE SOUL OF HELENA D'SOUZA Offered by Andrew Lemos and Family

#### **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

#### Join Us In Praying for the Repose of the Soul of **Pope Francis**

We continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis as we give thanks for his life of service as our faithful shepherd.

#### Statement from Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto following the death of Pope Francis April 21, 2025

Our Catholic family worldwide is in mourning following the death of our spiritual father, Pope Francis. Since 2013, our shepherd has guided the flock lovingly and served as a global ambassador of peace, hope and love. The Holy Father's humility, compassion and care for others, most especially the poor and marginalized, has served as a powerful witness and a reminder of our daily call to reflect the face of Jesus to all those whom we encounter.

I invite the faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and all those who mourn his loss, to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. May we honour his legacy and lovingly embrace his invitation to be missionaries of mercy, sharing the light of Christ in abundance as we affirm the dignity of every human life and foster a culture of care and love.

Our good and faithful servant has been called home to the Lord. May he rest in peace.

#### **ShareLife**

You ensure a brighter future for at-risk children

As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides a refuge for atrisk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education, and employment guidance. Thanks to your compassionate heart, young people like David can move from a life on the street to a life with a future. David first found safety in the emergency shelter and later moved into a transitional housing program, where he formed a life-long bond with his mentor, whose kind heart and patient guidance inspired David to pursue and complete post-secondary education.

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!

### **PARISH LIFE**

#### **Nativity of Our Lord CWL**

**SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY MAY 10th.** From 9 am to 2 pm. There will be vendors with variety of crafts and handmade items. For more information, please see the flyers on the bulletin boards.

## The Catholic Women's League St. Michael's College Scholarship

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael College. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applications must be submitted by May 31, 2025. For further information, please contact nativitycwl@gmail.com

#### Faith - Fun - Fulfillment

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. Please call (416) 695-0169 or speak with the Pastor if you require assistance. For more information on SSVP, please visit ssyptoronto.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.

A Day With Mary will be held rain or shine, please plan according to the weather. In case of severe rain or thundershowers, the event will move inside the school.



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