

# 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

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 at 6:00 p.m., prayers at 6:30 p.m. and Holy Mass at 7:00 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  
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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Email [youthminister@nativityym.com](mailto:youthminister@nativityym.com)

Website [www.nativityym.com](http://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	Marisel Bueno
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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	Clive Ferrao
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Knights of Columbus	Neville Saldanha
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Legion of Mary	Karen Armstrong
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R.C.I.A.	
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

# AUGUST 24, 2025

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### **Sunday, August 24 | 9:00 AM**

PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY  
FOR THE SOUL OF ANTHONY & ROSY D'SOUZA  
Offered by Anthony & Family

### **Sunday, August 24 | 11:30 AM**

FOR THE SOUL OF SANTO FILIPPELLI  
Offered by Rita Filippelli  
FOR THE SOUL OF CESAR de GUZMAN  
Offered by Isabelita Mowat  
FOR THE SOUL EMMA SILVA INFANTE ON HER 12TH  
DEATH ANNIVERSARY  
Offered by Yaima Arocha

### **Monday, August 25 | 9:30 AM**

FOR THE SOUL TIRSO CURA SR. ON HIS DEATH  
ANNIVERSARY  
Offered by Situ Cura  
FOR THE SOUL OF LEON GIANNIE & FOR THE  
CARBONE FAMILY  
Offered by Connie Giannie

### **Tuesday, August 26 | 7:00 PM**

FOR THE SOUL OF AIRES MIRANDA  
Offered by a parishioner

### **Wednesday, August 27 | 7:00 PM**

FOR THE SOUL OF AUSPICIO RODRIGUES  
Offered by a parishioner

### **Thursday, August 28 | 9:30 AM**

FOR THE SOUL OF TERESA GILLIGAN  
Offered by Brenda/Jackie  
FOR THE SOUL OF CLAIR ALMEIDA ON HER 1ST  
DEATH ANNIVERSARY  
Offered by Johathan Almeida

### **Friday, August 29 | 9:30 AM**

FOR PAUL KINGSLEY MARCIAL IN THANKSGIVING  
TO GOD  
Offered by Mariel Bueno  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL OUR PRIESTS  
Offered by a Parishioner

### **Saturday, August 30 | 5:00 PM**

FOR THE SOULS OF JOE & INGRID HANCOK AND JOE  
& INA REYS  
Offered by Glenn & Deidre Reys  
FOR MIGUEL CURA ON HIS BIRTHDAY  
Offered by Sito Cura  
FOR THE SOUL OF ROSIE D'SOUZA ON HER  
BIRTHDAY  
Offered by Shirley, Derek & Ken D'Souza

### **Prayer For Vocations**

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Amen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Jubilee of Youth a "Spiritually Transformative Pilgrimage"**

From July 23 to August 5, 2025, 100 young adults from the Archdiocese of Toronto and the Diocese of London, guided by two priests from Toronto and one priest from London, went on pilgrimage to Italy for the Jubilee of Youth.

This spiritually transformative pilgrimage took them through the sacred cities of Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome, tracing the footsteps of the saints and deepening their Catholic identity. Highlights included prayer and reflection at the tomb of St. Mark the Evangelist in Venice, St. Anthony's tomb in Padua, and St. Clare and St. Francis' holy sites in Assisi, including Blessed Carlo Acutis' resting place. In Florence, pilgrims climbed the dome of Santa Maria del Fiore, experiencing both the grandeur of the Faith and the effort of the ascent—both physically and spiritually.

In Rome, pilgrims participated in the Opening Mass of the Jubilee and were blessed to be within ten meters of the Holy Father, who joyfully surprised the crowd in his popemobile. Pilgrims passed through the four Jubilee Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls, also visiting the Mamertine Prison, deepening their connection to the early Church and the apostolic witness.

At Circus Maximus, many received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by a Prayer Vigil and Sunday Mass at Tor Vergata, concelebrated by over 1,000 priests and attended by more than one million youth and young adults from around the world. Pope Leo XIV's homily emphasized that this gathering of youth in Christ's name is proof that "a better world is possible." His words, filled with hope and challenge, moved hearts and lifted pilgrims to a higher spiritual awareness.

Throughout the pilgrimage, the pilgrims demonstrated a profound sense of communion, daily Mass, charity and mutual care. Many described this journey as a life-changing encounter with the Risen Lord, supported by the joyful witness of fellow pilgrims. Testimonies included the rediscovery of authentic life in Christ, gratitude for shared vulnerability and renewed zeal for mission.

## PARISH LIFE

### **R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

The R.C.I.A. course in our parish is set to begin Wednesday October 15th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you know of anyone who wants to become Catholic and would like to enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults course, please ask them to call the parish office.

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### **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](http://ssvptoronto.ca).

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### **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!

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### **The Knights Of Columbus**

The Nativity Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization with the mission to empower Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. They volunteer their time in service to Nativity Church, Families and the Community. The KOC are always looking for new members, Catholic Men, 18 and over are eligible to join. Please contact [council12735@outlook.com](mailto:council12735@outlook.com)

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### **The Legion of Mary**

The Legion of Mary is a Lay apostolate of the church. Here at Nativity of Our Lord we meet weekly on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We need new members to join us in our work of Evangelization. Please contact the Parish office to join and be part of our group. Pilgrim Virgin Statue is taken to homes and Enthronement of the Sacred Heart is done. All to the glory of God through Mary.

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

**To all Nativity Parishioners**, wishing everyone a safe and happy summer, from the members of the Nativity Catholic Women's League.

**Reminder** to all CWL members that our next general meeting will be in September. Date TBD.

### **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](mailto:nativitycwl@gmail.com).

## EVENTS

### **Martyrs' Shrine Fall Gala 2025**

**Saturday, September 20, 2025 05:30 PM - Saturday, September 20, 2025 08:00 PM**

Join us for the Martyrs' Shrine Fall Gala in Midland! We're inviting friends and supporters from across Simcoe County and Northern Ontario — and everyone else who has been touched by the Shrine — to gather for an unforgettable evening of fine dining, live entertainment, and community spirit, all in support of the Shrine's mission as we prepare for the Centennial.

Date: Saturday September 20, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Brooklea Golf and Country Club - 85767

Hwy 93, Midland, ON

Admission: \$200 per ticket

Get your tickets now: <https://martyrs-shrine.com/fall-gala/>

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### **ACTS Women's Retreat**

**Thursday, September 25, 2025 06:30 PM - Sunday, September 28, 2025 12:00 PM**

### **Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre**

ACTS retreats are three-day retreat led by Catholic clergy, certified spiritual companions, and prior ACTS attendees. Men present men's retreats and women present women's retreats. The goal is to inspire spiritual renewal and strengthened faith while creating lasting friendships. Participants return to their communities with a deeper sense of connection to God and to each other, and a desire to live their faith more fully every day.

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