# **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 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

Welcoming Ushers

Youth Ministry

| Altar Servers               | Mariel Bueno              |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bereavement Support Group   | 0                         |
| Bible Study                 | Franklin & Anjali Louis   |
| Caring Ministry             |                           |
| Catholic Cemeteries         | 416-733-8544              |
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| Extraordinary Ministers     |                           |
| of Holy Communion           | Clive Ferrao              |
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| Knights of Columbus         | Neville Saldanha          |
| Lectors                     | Leslie Borbas             |
| Legion of Mary              | Karen Armstrong           |
| Property/Finance            | Peter Matthews            |
| 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              |

Carol Janssen

Renee Sieczka

# SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 21 | 9:00 AM
PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
FOR THE MA LUISA MUNOZ RAMIREZ
Offered by Laura Cassani
FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANTHONY, THERESA & CLAYTON D'SOUZA
Offered by Anthony D'Souza
FOR HEALING OF KENNETH WALLER ON
HIS BIRTHDAY
Offered by Evelyn Waller
FOR THE SOUL OF TED JANICKI ON HIS
FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
Offered by Ewa Janicki & Family

Sunday, September 21 | 11:30 AM FOR THE SOUL OF ROBERT SIMSON Offered by Martha Frigault FOR THE SOUL OF BENITO BIASONE

Monday, September 22 | 9:30 AM FOR THE SOUL OF NELLA JANNETTA Offered by a Friend

Tuesday, September 23 | 7:00 PM FOR THE SOUL OF CHRISTINA MENARY Offered by Lucie Menary FOR THE SOUL OF CARMEN MENEZES Offered by a Parishioner

Wednesday, September 24 | 7:00 PM FOR THE SOUL OF CLARA PERIERA Offered by a parishioner

Thursday, September 25 | 9:30 AM FOR THE SOUL OF HALINA ZYNWALA Offered by Elizabeth Wallis

Friday, September 26 | 9:30 AM FOR THE SOUL OF HALINA ZYNWALA Offered by Elizabeth Wallis

**Saturday, September 27 | 5:00 PM**FOR THE SOULS OF MICHAEL & CARMELA VALENTE-Offered by Franca

**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

"Turn your eyes incessantly to the Blessed Virgin; she, who is the Mother of Sorrows and also the Mother of Consolation, can understand you completely and help you. Looking to her, praying to her, you will obtain that your tedium will become serenity, your anguish change into hope, and your grief into love."

- Saint John Paul II

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Needs of the Church in Canada Special Collection, September 27-28, 2025

Each year, with the generosity of the Catholic faithful from coast to coast, the Bishops of Canada continue to address pastoral and ethical issues; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogues; international relations; evangelization, faith education, and catechesis; social justice issues; relations with Indigenous peoples; responsible ministry; and the development of a culture of life and family.

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on September 27-28, 2025. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support this collection. Your continued support is deeply appreciated and plays a vital role in advancing the CCCB's mission. Your generosity not only sustains its efforts but also fosters a spirit of unity and faith across our communities.

#### **Nativity Of Our Lord Bereavement Support Group**

480 Rathburn Road, EtobicokeWe invite you to join us starting on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 7:00pm, in Upper Room #2 for the next 6-week small group session. September 25, October 2, October 9, October 16 and October 30 (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

#### Join Us for Our Annual Ministry Fair! Save the date – Sunday, September 28, 2025

We warmly invite you to our Annual Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 28, in the Parish Hall following the 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM Masses. All our Ministry members will be there to chat with you, share information about the good work they do, and answer any questions you may have. You can also find a list of our parish Ministries on the front page of the parish bulletin. We sincerely hope you'll join Fr. Jan and your fellow parishioners for coffee, conversation, and a wonderful opportunity to get involved in the life of our parish.

#### **PARISH LIFE**

#### R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christion 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.

# 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.

#### **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!

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

Save the Date , Wednesday September 24th , Humber Valley CWL Regional Meeting, hosted by Nativity CWL. The evening starts with Mass at 7:00 pm followed by General Meeting in parish hall.

#### 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.

#### 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 council 12735@outlook.com

#### 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.

#### Exercise classes to begin again

Fun Fitness classes at Nativity Church will resume Monday's and Thursday's starting September 8th at 1 pm - 2 pm.

Charge per class is \$7.00

### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### **Nativity of Our Lord Youth Ministry**

After a long summer of sun and fun, we are happy to welcome our Edgers & Lifeteens back for yet another year of Youth Ministry here at Nativity. This year begins with a kickoff social at the end of September followed by alternating youth gatherings on Friday evenings.

Should you have any questions, or would like to stay on top of announcements and events, please follow our youth ministry on Instagram @nativityym, or email Arianne Hashim or Renee Sieczka at youthminister@nativityym.com

Our Edge program is open to those in grade 6-8. Our Lifeteen program is for those in grade 9-12.



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