

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

Established June 7, 1964

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OUR PARISH TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Jan Gogolewski

Administrative Coordinator: David Ellis

Youth Minister: Arianne Hashim

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: Lisa Tomeczek
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	Mariel Bueno
Bereavement Support Group	Linda Wisz
Bible Study / R.C.I.A.	Franklin & Anjali Louis
Caring Ministry	Karen Armstrong
Catholic Cemeteries	416-733-8544
Catholic Family Services	416-921-1163
Catholic Women's League	Donna Capobianco
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Clive Ferrao
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.	
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

DECEMBER 7, 2025

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 7 | 9:00 AM

PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
FOR THE SOUL OF NELLA JANNETTA

Offered by a Parishioner
FOR THE SOULS OF MICHAEL & MARY DECKER
Offered by Lambert Decker
FOR THE SOUL OF TED JANICKI
Offered by Marek & Anna Kowalczyk & Family

Sunday, December 7 | 11:30 AM

FOR THE SOUL MARIA PTAK & FAMILY
Offered by Roman Bekus

Monday, December 8 | 9:30 AM

IN THANKSGIVING
Offered by Ricardo & Marivic Simbulan
FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FREY FAMILY
Offered by Elfriede Frey
IN THANKSGIVING FOR MARIEL BUENO
Offered by Joan Seales

Tuesday, December 9 | 7:00 PM

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GLAS FAMILY
Offered by Elfriede Frey

Wednesday, December 10 | 7:00 PM

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FREY FAMILY
Offered by Elfriede Frey

Thursday, December 11 | 9:30 AM

FOR THE SOUL OF LIWANAG de GUZMAN
Offered by Myrna Barbaza
FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LYDIA SHERLOCK
Offered by Linda Wisz
FOR THE SOUL OF MATE GRANIC
Offered by the Kolic Family
FOR THE SOUL OF ROSARIO FERNANDES
Offered by the Mary Mother of Carmel Community

Friday, December 12 | 9:30 AM

FOR THE SOUL OF JULIUS CESAR BUENO
Offered by Mariel Bueno
FOR THE SOUL OF JACK MADDEUX
Offered by Maria McEvenue

Saturday, December 13 | 5:00PM

FOR ALL THE SOUL OF SARAH PINTO
Offered by Thaddeus & Virginia Pinto
FOR THE SOUL OF VINCENT PERALTA
Offered by Elsa Peralta
FOR THE SOULS OF AZAZ HUSAIN & ENRICO RENTA
Offered by Robert & Magda Renta
FOR THE SOUL OF PIETRO FELICETTI ON
THE 2 ND YEAR OF HIS PASSING
Offered by the Felicetti Family

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. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Program

Grade 2 or higher. The Information Package is now available (Please type exactly as you see this link) <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DOE4Wmf5Za5Z1YxH0jSly-dl3G302QExi/view?usp=sharing> OR go to the Nativity of Our Lord Website >Parish Life> Sacraments.

Online Registration will be held Oct 6th - Dec 12th. To register you will need: an English copy of your Child's Baptismal Certificate and \$60 to help cover the costs of the program. If your child needs Baptism, please contact Fr Jan Gogolewski at the Parish Office 416 621 2732. If you have specific questions about the program, email the Program Coordinator: miriam.fhc.rec@gmail.com Or call the Parish office and ask to have Miriam Hennessy call you back

Confirmation Sign Up

For Confirmation sign up please register at ww.myparish.org, and select 'Parish Life', 'Sacraments', 'Confirmation' and select the Confirmation link. The office will need you to provide a copy of your child's baptism certificate and a fee of \$52.00 in cash or cheque to cover the cost of the program (gown rental & materials).

Children's Liturgy

We would like to invite all children in grades 1 to 5 to join our children's liturgy monthly meeting program. The next session will take place right after the 9am mass next week, on Sunday, December 7th after the 9am mass. The session will begin at 10.05a.m. The session will conclude at 10.45 am. Please note parents are asked to participate in the session together with their children, and younger siblings are welcome as well.

Totus Tuus Toronto 2026

Totus Tuus ("Totally Yours") is a dynamic Catholic summer program that brings faith, fun, and renewal to parishes across the Archdiocese of Toronto. Designed as a week-long "parish mission" for youth in Grades 1–12, Totus Tuus helps parishes proclaim the Gospel and ignite a deeper love for Jesus, Mary, and the Church among young people. The Office of Vocations hires, forms and sends out teams of 4 university-aged missionaries—young Catholic leaders who are discerning their vocation and dedicated to serving the Church. These missionaries bring energy, witness, and authentic joy as they lead faith-filled activities, catechesis, and prayer throughout the week. If you know young adults (ages 18–30) interested in serving as Totus Tuus missionaries, please encourage them to apply.

Missionary Application: <https://forms.gle/9oU7KqvY-s4w6DrPbA>. CONTACT: Office of Vocations EMAIL: totustuus@archtoronto.org PHONE: 416-934-6812 WEBSITE: www.totustuustoronto.ca

Advent Prayer

God of hope be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond, be with us in our meeting and in our travelling together, be with us in our worship and our praying together, be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond, our God of hope. Amen

PARISH LIFE

Nativity's Social Committee

We invite you to participate in our outreach initiative this Advent called the Shoebox Drive.

Here's what you do:

Get a shoebox or any other sturdy box. Go to the Dollar Store or look around your house for any of the needed items. (see list below) Wrap the box in Christmas paper and add a label/tag (e.g., girl, age 6-8 or boy, age 2-4). Do as many boxes as you'd like!

Shoeboxes will be delivered to Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children warehouse and will be shipped to developing countries and distributed to children living in poverty.

Please drop off your wrapped shoeboxes the weekend of December 6th /7th before or after all the Masses or at the Carolling event Sunday afternoon. Thank you! Please note the following items, suggested by Canadian Food for Children: "we welcome items suitable for children such as small toys, school supplies, personal hygiene supplies, hair accessories, balls, hats, socks, candy, etc."

Nativity of Our Lord CWL

2025 CWL MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew your CWL Membership for 2026. The annual fee is \$40. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to The Catholic Women's League of Canada. You can place your cheque or cash in sealed envelope marked CWL Membership and drop it off at the church office. Or you can e-transfer to nativitycwl@gmail.com. Be sure to check your emails and/or visit the CWL bulletin board outside the parish hall for CWL News and updates.

CWL 2025 Community Project:

Nativity CWL is collecting items for the Youth Without Shelter in Etobicoke. This shelter is an emergency residence and referral agency servicing homeless youth ages 16 to 24. They provide shelter as well as support programs. They are looking for donations of: Toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, etc. as well as stocking stuffer items such as socks, playing cards, chocolates, hair products and accessories. You can drop off the unwrapped items in the Parish Hall on December 14 th after the 9:00 am Mass. Be sure to check your emails and/or visit the CWL bulletin board outside the parish hall for CWL News and updates.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Nativity of Our Lord

Our Society helps many families in need in our immediate area. Our annual collection will take place on December 13th & 14th. Our annual report will be available soon. Donation envelopes are found in your Parish donation boxes and will be placed at the Parish entrances. Donations may be made in the weekend mass collections or by mailing or dropping an SSVP envelope at the parish office (with donation designated for SSVP, your name, address, parish envelope number and donation amount indicated). Donations may also be made by e-transfer to SSVPNativity480@gmail.com. Tax receipts will be mailed in February 2026 for donations over \$20 received up to December 31st ,2025. Thank you for your generosity.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Nativity of Our Lord Youth Ministry

2-3 hours doesn't always feel like much, but it's enough time to make a meaningful impact in someone's life. Do you have 2-3 hours of time to give every other week? Would you like to make an impact building up your parish community? Nativity Youth Ministry is looking for adult volunteers to join our core team- maybe that's you! We're calling out all young adults, adults, parents, teachers, aunts, uncles, ministers, grandparents, friends who have a heart for Jesus to reach out and learn more about what we do at Youth Ministry! Email Arianne at youthminister@nativityym.com for more info!

EVENTS & MORE

Friars Student Writing Contest 2026 (November 3, 2025, to January 12, 2026)

Theme: "The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (cf. Eph 4:13) High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>. Entries can be submitted at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Tuesday, December 09, 2025 07:00 PM - Tuesday, December 09, 2025 08:00 PM. St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Parish, 1148 Finch Ave. The Youth and Parish Choirs of St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Pickering, invite you to an evening of Lessons and Carols. Use this time for contemplation and for preparing our hearts for the mystery of Christ's incarnation and His promised future.

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