

# NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

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*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

# DECEMBER 21, 2025

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 21 | 9:00 AM**

PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY  
FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANTHONY, THERESA &  
CLAYTON D'SOUZA

Offered by Anthony D'Souza  
FOR THE SOUL OF ALZIRA BOTELHO  
Offered by Marise Nazareth  
FOR THE SOUL OF TED JANICKI  
Offered by Marek & Anna Kowalczyk & Family

**Sunday, December 21 | 11:30 AM**

FOR THE SOUL OF ALFONSO NOVOA  
Offered by his Family

**Monday, December 22 | 9:30 AM**

FOR MICHAEL CRISTOBAL ON HIS 1<sup>ST</sup> ST  
DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Offered by the Cristobal Family  
SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF MARY ELLEN HISSON  
Offered by Elfriede Frey  
THE SOUL OF ROXANNA ZWOZDESKY  
Offered by Sheree Hryhor  
SOULS OF EULOGIA DELA PASION &  
JUANITA MADRIAGA  
Offered by Lucia Madriaga

**Tuesday, December 23 | 7:00 PM**

SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF GRETA GOMES  
Offered by Elfriede Frey  
MARIEL BUENO IN THANKSGIVING  
Offered by Joan Seales

**Wednesday, December 24 | 5:00 PM**

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**Wednesday, December 24 | 9:00 PM**

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DOROTHY & REGINALD GONCALVES &  
REGINALD FERNANDES  
Offered by Rosemary Fernandes

**Wednesday, December 24 | 12:00 PM**

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**Thursday, December 25 | 9:00 AM**

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FOR MORRIGAN LOVELL ON HER BIRTHDAY  
Offered by Monica Lovell

**Thursday, December 25 | 11:30 AM**

PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY  
IN GRATITUDE FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED BY OUR  
FAMILY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR  
Offered by Cheryl Alphonso

**Friday, December 26 | 9:30 AM**

FOR THE SOUL ANGELITA BONDOC ON HER DEATH  
ANNIVERSARY

Offered by Sito Cura  
FOR THE SOULS OF EMANUEL & HELEN BORG  
Offered by Naz & Rita Perta

**Saturday, December 27 | 5:00 PM**

FOR THE SOUL OF DAISY DIAS  
Offered by The Manuk Family  
IN THANKSGIVING  
Offered by Romano & Tonia Gonsalves

FOR THE SOULS OF FRANCIS & HELEN ROACH AND  
ROSE & ALEC TOLOUS  
Offered by Len & Etty Roach

### 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

### Nativity of Our Lord Parish

#### Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

##### 4th Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 21st – 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 22nd – 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

##### Christmas Eve:

(Holy Day of Obligation)  
Wednesday, December 24th – 5:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. &  
12:00 midnight  
OR

##### Christmas Day:

Thursday, December 25th – 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.  
(with Bishop Ivan Camilleri)

#### Merry Christmas!

##### Feast of St. Stephen:

Friday, December 26th – 9:30 a.m.

##### Feast of St. John:

Saturday December 27th, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.

##### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph:

Sunday, December 28th – 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

##### Feast of St. Thomas Becket:

Monday, December 29th, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

##### Tuesday of the Octave of Christmas:

December 30th, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

##### Vigil of Mary, Holy Mother of God:

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.

##### Mary, Holy Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)  
Thursday, January 1st, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

#### Happy New Year 2025!

### Advent Prayer

All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PARISH LIFE

### Social Committee

We would like to thank all those that contributed to our shoebox drive. One hundred and seventy-five (175) shoeboxes were donated. They were dropped off at Dr. Simone's warehouse on Tuesday and that very day were leaving on a shipping container for Sierra Leone where, I'm positive, they will bring much joy to some young boys and girls. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you missed donating this year, you can always donate next year. The Social Committee wishes all parishioners a Blessed Christmas, filled with the peace and joy that was shared with us that very first Christmas when Jesus, our Saviour, was born.

### Nativity of Our Lord CWL

#### SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual Planning Day will be held on Saturday, January 24th, 2026. From 9:30am to 12:00 pm. More information to follow

#### 2026 CWL MEMBERSHIP

Please remember to renew your CWL Membership for 2026. The annual fee is \$40. You can pay by cheque payable to The Catholic Women's League of Canada, place cheque or cash in sealed envelope marked CWL Membership and drop it off at the church office. Or you can do e-transfer to nativitycwl@gmail.com

**WISHING A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**, to all our Nativity Parishioners, friends and families. The Nativity CWL Members wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Joy-filled New Year.

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

Our Society assists over 100 families in our immediate area who are coping with financial insecurity. We would like to express a special thank you Nativity parishioners for their support in last week's SSVP annual collection and to those energetic individuals who helped us to deliver Christmas hampers on the 6th of December. Donations may be made to the poor box and by e-transfer at SSVP480@gmail.com. To request assistance or for other inquiries please call (416)695-0169

## 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>.

### Men Silent Retreat: Pilgrims of Hope: Guided by the Past, Inspired by the Future.

Friday, January 23, 2026 06:30 PM - Sunday, January 25, 2026 01:30 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

Men Ignatian Retreat: As people of faith, we journey together as pilgrims—rooted in God's faithfulness, strengthened by hope, and called to witness in love. This year's theme, "Pilgrims of Hope: Guided by the Past, Inspired by the Future," invites us to reflect on where we have come from, where God is leading us, and how we are called to live today. Through three moments of reflection, we will: Remember the Past: Celebrating God's enduring faithfulness throughout history. Walk in Hope: Entrusting our future into God's hands with courage and confidence. Live the Present: Bearing witness through love, compassion, and service in our world today. Come and journey with us as we discover anew what it means to be pilgrims of hope—grateful for the past, trusting for the future, and faithful in the present.

This SILENT retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$270 per person which includes two nights' accommodation, meals, spiritual direction and retreat program. Facilitated by: Fr. Dexter Gray, SJ



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