

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

Established June 7, 1964

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OUR PARISH TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Jan Gogolewski

Parish Secretary: Liliana Fazenda

Residence: Fr. Ignacio Pinedo

Youth Minister:

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.-12:00 p.m. &

12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday-Sunday Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

Monday 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

Thursday & Friday

9:30 a.m.

First Friday of the month

7:00 p.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.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 /

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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

Caroline D'Souza

Bible Study / R.C.I.A.

Franklin & Anjali Louis

Caring Ministry

Karen Armstrong

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416-733-8544

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416-921-1163

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Donna Capobianco

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of Holy Communion

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Legion of Mary

Karen Armstrong

Property/Finance

Peter Matthews

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

AUGUST 16, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 16 | 9:00 AM

PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY

FOR THE SOUL OF ANN ARMSTRONG

Offered by Karen Armstrong

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

Offered by D'souza Family

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF ERIKA MATTHEWS-MAIDE

Offered by Peter Matthews

FOR THE SOUL OF MARIE-JULIE FERNANDEZ

Offered by Patricia Rodrigues

Sunday, August 16 | 11:30 AM

FOR THE SOULS OF ARNOLD & CLAREMARIE ELLIS

Offered by Myrtle

FOR THE SOUL OF GLENN PINTO

Offered by D'silva Family

IN THANKSGIVING FOR TONYA AND ROMANO GONSALVES

FOR THE SOULS OF JOSE OLIVEIRA & FAMILY,

JOSE LUIZ REBELO & FAMILY AND PALMIRA & RAUL MONIZ

Offered by Jennie & Kyle Acker

FOR HEALTH AND PROTECTION OF MARIA DE OLIVEIRA

Offered by Jennie & Kyle Acker

Monday, August 17 | 9:30 AM

FOR THE SOULS OF ANTONIO & CATERINA IOZZO

Offered by Elizabeth Iozzo

FOR THE SOUL OF JOHN MARTAN

Offered by Francis Oravec

FOR THE SOUL OF DOMINIC WHALEN

Offered by Frances Whalen

Tuesday, August 18 | 7:00 PM

FOR THE SOUL OF STEPHEN MELADY

Offered by Maddelena & Michael Volpe

FOR THE SOUL OF JOHN BAPTIST ALVARES

Offered by Elsie Tavares

Wednesday, August 19 | 7:00 PM

FOR THE SOULS OF VICTOR & MARIA BRANCATELLA

Offered by Elizabeth Iozzo

FOR THE SOUL OF GEORGE REMEDIOS

Offered by Alforque Family

Thursday, August 20 | 9:30 AM

FOR MARIA LOURDES & GERALD MARCIAL

IN GRATITUDE TO GOD

Offered by Mariel Bueno

Friday, August 21 | 9:30 AM

FOR THE SOULS OF VITO AND TERESA FOSSELLE

Offered by Elizabeth Iozzo

Saturday, August 22 | 5:00 PM

FOR THE SOULS OF HELEN WISZ & TED WISZ

Offered by The Wisz Family

FOR THE SOUL OF NICOLA DERANGO

Offered by M. & E. Dicarolo

FOR THE SOULS OF FELIX BERTO & NORBERTA RENTA

Offered by Robert & Magda Renta

FOR SITO CURA AS HE LEAVES FOR HIS WALKING PILGRIMAGE
TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

FOR THE SOUL OF GEORGE REMEDIOS

Offered by John Patrick

Vocations – Bringing the Father's Love to the World

Lord Jesus, please grant to me the grace to know my true vocation. In Baptism I was signed in your name and have grown to share in the work of bringing the Father's love to our world. May I respond to the special life's work to which You are calling me. I ask that many will hear the particular call to serve in the Church as priests, religious and consecrated lay people. To whatever You ask of me, may I freely, courageously and lovingly respond. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RCIA & Marriage Preparation Ministry

Our parish is getting ready for the start of this courses at the end of the summer. If you or anyone you know are interested in participating, register and secure your spot! For more information please see notice boards of the church or go to the parish website <https://nativityofourlord-det.archtoronto.org>

FEASTS & DEVOTIONS

We begin the week by gathering as the People of God to hear the Word, celebrate the Eucharist, and renew our call to faithful discipleship. As we live in a large metropole, propense to anonymity and loneliness, we should unite in prayer, accompany progress and find new and creative ways to practice faith and proclaim the Gospel following Pope's August intention.

August 19 - Saint John Eudes, Priest

Saint John Eudes was a French priest who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and worked for the renewal of priests and Christian life. "Saint John Eudes, help us love the Hearts of Jesus and Mary and serve the Church with generous hearts. Amen"

August 20 - Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux was a Cistercian monk, abbot, preacher, and Doctor of the Church, known for his deep love of Christ, his devotion to Mary, and his spiritual writings. "Saint Bernard, guide us to seek Christ with humility and to speak of God's love with wisdom. Amen"

August 21 - Saint Pius X, Pope

Saint Pius X was a humble pope who encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion, renewed the liturgy, and worked to strengthen the faith of the Church. "Saint Pius X, help us love the Eucharist deeply and live our faith with simplicity and devotion. Amen"

August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This memorial honours Mary as Queen, sharing in the glory of her Son and interceding for the Church with a mother's care. "Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us and lead us closer to your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen"

PARISH LIFE

Nativity of Our Lord CWL 2026

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday Sept 24th 2026, 7:00

pm. Presentation/Information Night on "Fraud Awareness and Protection", hosted by Nativity CWL. This will be held in the parish hall and will be open to everyone. More details to follow.

Reminder to all CWL members that our next general meeting will be in September 15 at 7:30pm in the Church 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.

Knights Of Columbus

Knights of Columbus are always looking for new members and welcome Catholic men 18 yrs and over to join our fraternity. We can be reached at by email council12735@outlook.com or call Br. Neville 416 620 5976.

Fitness Classes

Nativity's fitness is returning September 10th! Drop-in every Monday and Thursday at 1pm. The cost of only 7\$/class. This program is geared for ages 60+ but it is still a moderately lively Aerobic Class, so all are welcome! For more information e-mail dallem55@yahoo.ca

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul provides support to those in need. Our diverse outreach addresses food insecurity in local communities, and includes professionally run shelters, recovery programs, summer camps and much more. The Nativity Conference, part of an international organization, helps more than 100 families in the immediate area to cope with financial insecurity. This includes providing families or individuals with food and clothing vouchers and basic furniture. To request assistance, the phone number is (416) 695-0169. For more information about the organization, please see ssvptoronto.ca. Donations can be made via our poor boxes in the parish or by e-transfer to SSVPNativity480@gmail.com

Nativity Seniors Connection

We are pleased to announce the return of the senior gatherings. NSC is a popular monthly event designed to bring our parish seniors together for fellowship and connection. We meet on the first Friday of every month, following the 9.30am mass, in the Church Hall. Upcoming dates are September 4, October 2, November 6 and December 4. Our goal is to support and appreciate our parish seniors by providing a welcoming space to enjoy conversation, coffee, cookies and, perhaps some line dancing! All seniors are invited and warmly encouraged to join us. See you there!

Our Lady of Nativity – Legion of Mary

Do you seek to enrich your prayer life and deepen your Catholic faith? Do you feel called to grow closer to Jesus and His Mother Mary? The Legion was founded in 1921 and is a global ministry focused on the spiritual growth of its members and parish community. Here at Nativity of our Lord we meet weekly on Saturday mornings at 10am for prayers, spiritual reflection and apostolic work: visiting the sick, teaching the rosary in the schools, bringing the Pilgrim Virgin statue to homes and enthronement of the Sacred Heart, visits to nursing homes and all for the glory of God. We need new members to join us in our work in assisting the parish priest in the work of Evangelization. Please contact the Parish office to join and be part of our group. All to the glory of God through Mary.

FUN FACTS AND CURIOSITIES

Brazil is home to the largest number of Catholics globally, with estimates indicating between 120 million-180million of Catholics, it represents about 13% of the world's total Catholic population, surpassing other nations such as Mexico, the Philippines, and the United States

The Vatican City Is the Smallest Country in the World and it's the official residence of the Pope. The average population stands bellow 1,000 residents and although surrounded by Rome, the Vatican is an independent sovereign state. Despite its size, it maintains diplomatic relations with most countries and its influence is felt worldwide

The rosary is a primary signature of Catholic devotion. The word "rosary" means "garland of roses." The rose is one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary, and the prayer of the rosary is very closely associated with her

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