

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

Established June 7, 1964

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OUR PARISH TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Jan Gogolewski

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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

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Caroline D'Souza

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Franklin & Anjali Louis

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Karen Armstrong

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416-733-8544

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416-921-1163

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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

Youth Minister:

Merite Gnonlonfin

Welcoming Ushers

Carol Janssen

AUGUST 23, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 23 | 9:00 AM

PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY

WISHING ANNE ABATE GOD'S BLESSINGS ON HER BIRTHDAY-

Offered by Teresa Borysewicz

FOR THE SOULS OF ANTHONY & ROSY D'SOUZA

Offered by D'souza Family

IRENEO CADELINA JR. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE

Offered by Maria Agluba

Sunday, August 23 | 11:30 AM

FOR THE SOUL OF TINA BLAIS BARBERIA ON HER BIRTHDAY-

Offered by Filippelli Family

FOR THE SOULS OF VITO & TERESA FOSSELLE

Offered by Elizabeth Iozzo

Monday, August 24 | 9:30 AM

FOR THE SOUL OF CESAR DE GUZMAN ON HIS DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Offered by De Guzman Family

FOR THE SOUL OF JOHANNA MCEVENUE

Offered by Maria Mcevenue

Tuesday, August 25 | 7:00 PM

FOR THE SOUL OF TIRSO CURA SR. ON HIS DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Offered by Sito Cura

Wednesday, August 26 | 7:00 PM

FOR THE SOULS OF GIUSEPPE AND ELIZABETH DORIA

Offered by Elizabeth Iozzo

Thursday, August 27 | 9:30 AM

FOR THE SOULS OF LEO GIANNI AND THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CARBONE FAMILY

Offered by Connie

SOULS IN PURGATORY

Offered by Sarah Barbaso

FOR HEALTH AND PROTECTION OF GRAZYNA

Offered by Grazyna

Friday, August 28 | 9:30 AM

FOR THE SOUL OF TERESA GILLIGAN ON HER BIRTHDAY

Offered by Jackie Gilligan

SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR SEAN MCEVENUE

Offered by Maria Mcevenue

Saturday, August 29 | 5:00 PM

PAUL KINGSLEY MARCIAL IN GRATITUDE TO GOD

Offered by Mariel Bueno

FOR THE SOULS OF JOE AND INA REYS & JOE &

INGRID HANCOCK

Offered by Reys Family

FOR THE SOUL OF GEORGE REMEDIOS

Offered by Brian & Nikki Fernandez

Vocations – Responding to Baptismal Graces

Creator God, life is your gift to me. Through Baptism, You invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose each day to show your presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call. I pray especially for priests, brothers, sisters and all those who endeavor to serve You in witnessing to the Gospel. Keep them close to You. Open the minds and hearts of many other men and women that they may accept your challenge to build the Kingdom. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RCIA

Our parish is happy to announce the beginning of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults on October 7. If you or anyone you know wants to become a catholic, or was baptized catholic but did not receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation, you invite you to participate. Full details and registration are available at the parish website <https://nativityofourlordet.archtoronto.org>

Marriage Preparation

Our parish Marriage Preparation Course is starting on September 15. Engaged and committed couples are warmly invited to take part in this joyful and faith-filled journey as you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Strengthen your relationship, grow in faith, and build a strong foundation for a Christ-centered marriage. Full details and registration are available on the parish website <https://nativityofourlordet.archtoronto.org>

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FEASTS & DEVOTIONS

Pope Leo urges us to embrace prayer and faith more fully in our daily lives, saying the church's public prayer is an antidote to a world shaped by technology, consumerism and an efficiency-driven mindset. On his Instagram page he reminds us, the liturgical calendar offers outstanding and honourable examples, and invites us to try to know them better and be inspired by their lives, conduct and faith.

August 24 — St. Bartholomew, Apostle

One of the Twelve Apostles, traditionally identified with Nathanael. He proclaimed the Gospel with courage and fidelity, ultimately giving his life in martyrdom. "God of all truth, grant us the apostolic courage of St. Bartholomew to witness faithfully to Christ in our daily lives. Amen"

August 27 — St. Monica

A model of persevering prayer, St. Monica interceded tirelessly for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine, and her family. "Merciful God, strengthen our trust in Your timing and hear our prayers for loved ones, as You heard St. Monica's. Amen"

August 28 — St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

One of the Church's greatest theologians, Augustine's conversion and writings continue to shape Christian thought and deepen understanding of grace. "Lord, enlighten our minds and hearts through the wisdom of St. Augustine, that we may seek You above all things. Amen"

August 29 — The Passion of St. John the Baptist-

This solemn memorial recalls John's martyrdom for defending truth and righteousness. He prepared the way for Christ through fearless proclamation. "God of justice, grant us the boldness of St. John the Baptist to stand for truth with humility and fidelity. Amen"

PARISH LIFE

Nativity of Our Lord CWL 2026

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday Sept 24th 2026, 7:00 to 8:30 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.

CWL General Meeting will be on September 15th 2026, at 7:30pm in the parish hall.

Nativity CWL 55th Anniversary Luncheon, Sunday Oct 4th 2026. Location Markland Woods, 11:30 am to 3pm. Price \$70.00. CWL members can order their tickets through 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 dalemm55@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 etransfer 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

- While normally only clergy administer sacraments, in case of imminent danger of death, any person can perform a baptism even if they are not baptized themselves. This is done utilizing water poured over the head while reciting the Trinitarian formula ("I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit") to effect the remission of original sin, incorporation into the Body of Christ, and assurance of assurance of salvation should death ensue.

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