

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

Established June 7, 1964

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OUR PARISH TEAM

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Parish Secretary: Liliana Fazenda

Residence: Fr. Ignacio Pinedo

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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 /

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

Caroline D'Souza

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

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Neville Saldanha

Lay Carmelite Community

Linda Wisz

Lectors

Leslie Borbas

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

Youth Minister:

Merite Gnonlonfin

Welcoming Ushers

Carol Janssen

AUGUST 30, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 30 | 9:00 AM

PARISHIONERS ONATIVITY

FOR THE SOUL OF ROSIE D'SOUZA

Offered by Mazza & D'souza Families

FOR MIGUEL CURA ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Offered by Sito Cura

Sunday, August 30 | 11:30 AM

FOR THE SOUL OF LESZEK CIESLUKOWSKI

Offered by Helen Cieslukowski

FOR THE SOUL OF JANE SIMOES ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HER DEATH

Offered by Dennis Simoes And Merissa Menezes

Monday August 31 | 9:30 AM

FOR THE SOULS OF GIUSEPPE AND ELIZABETH DORIA

Offered by Elizabeth Iozzo

FOR THE SOUL OF TERESA DIAS

Offered by Josepha Martyres

Tuesday, September 1 | 7:00 PM

FOR THE SOUL OF ANTON CURA ON HIS

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Offered by Sito Cura

SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR MICHAEL MCEVENUE

Offered by Maria Mcevenue

Wednesday, September 2 | 7:00 PM

FOR THE SOUL OF JOE PETRIELLI

Offered by Maria Petrielli

Thursday, September 3 | 9:30 AM

FOR THE SOUL OF NELLA JANNETTA

Offered by Frances Jacques

Friday, September 4 | 9:30 AM

FOR THE SOUL OF SALOME BRANDAO

Offered by Brandao & Del Rizzo Families

Friday, September 4 | 7:00 PM

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR NORMA FERNANDEZ

Offered by Norma Fernandez

SOULS IN PURGATORY

Offered by Sarah Barbaso

Saturday, September 5 | 5:00 PM

FOR THE SOUL OF CONRAD REBEIRO

Offered by Manuk Family

FOR LIVING AND DECEASED HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Offered by Caring Ministry

FOR THE SOULS OF ALBERTA ROTONDO &

DOMINICA GALLARDO

Offered by M. & E.. Dicarlo

Vocations – Strengthen Me

Loving God, in Baptism You ask me to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with You. Help me to know how to bring justice and love to a world that is desperately in need of You and your values. Strengthen me, as well as my brothers and sisters, with the courage and generosity to respond to your invitation. I ask this in the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RCIA

Our parish is happy to announce the beginning of the Rite of Cristian 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 Holly Communion and Confirmation, you invite you to participate. Full details and registration are available at the parish website <https://nativityoffourlordet.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://nativityoffourlordet.archtoronto.org>

First Friday Devotion

September 4 will be the first Friday of the month, please join us for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm followed by the Holly Hour and mass at 7pm.

FEASTS & DEVOTIONS

Pope Leo tells us, in his Instagram page, that the current world is desperately looking amongst us for new Saints. He dares us to believe in God's word and to become human with Jesus Christ's freedom, by embracing a life less attached to material possessions. He tells us that God is sending us on a mission, through a path for which we do not have maps, for all we need is to follow our heart, obey the Spirit and follow the Resurrected wherever he needs us be. He oU'ers to march with us to the shores, where the injustice and the prepotency of few deny the dignity and the dreams of many.

August 30 - Saint Jeanne Jugan

Founder of the Little Sisters of the Poor, she devoted her life to caring for the elderly poor with tenderness and dignity. "Lord, through Saint Jeanne Jugan's compassion, teach us to serve the vulnerable with love and humility."

August 31 - Saint Joseph of Arimathea & Saint Nicodemus (Optional Memorial) Disciples who cared for the body of Jesus after the Crucifixion, showing courage and reverence in a moment of fear. "God, grant us the courage of Joseph and Nicodemus to honor Christ in all we do."

September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church (Memorial) A wise and pastoral pope who renewed the Church through charity, liturgy, and missionary zeal.

"O God, guide us by the wisdom and humility of Saint Gregory, and make us servants of Your Gospel."

September 5 - Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Optional Memorial)

Mother Teresa served Christ in the poorest of the poor, revealing His love through simple, radical charity. "Jesus, give us hearts that recognize You in the least and love You with the compassion of Saint Teresa."

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, 11:30am to 3pm. Price \$70.00. CWL members can order their tickets through NativityCWL@gmail.com.

Social Committee

After a long, hot summer, the Social Committee is organising a "welcome back picnic" for parishioners. Please take this opportunity to reconnect and start the fall off with a bit of community gathering. The picnic will be after the 11:30 am Mass on September 13th. Tickets will be sold at the event, and will be limited, but we do need you to sign up if you would like to attend to help us plan for numbers. Tickets will be \$5.00 for a hot dog, corn on the cob, water/coffee/tea. Sign up sheets can be found on the bulletin boards of both east and west entrances. Posters are also on the boards with more information. Last day for signing up will be September 6th. Thank you!

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-malemm55@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

All seniors are invited to join us for chats, laughs, coffee, line dancing, and song on Friday, September 4 after the 9:30 am mass in the parish hall. Nativity Seniors Connections is a monthly gathering designed to bring our parish seniors together for fellowship and connection. We meet on the first Friday of each month, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass, in the church hall. The goal of this new initiative is to support and appreciate our parish seniors by providing a welcoming space to enjoy conversation, coffee, and cookies together. Gatherings to follow on October 2, November 6 and December 4.

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

A novena is a nine day prayer devotion, public or private, in the catholic church to obtain special graces. The name "novena" comes from the Latin word "novem", which means "nine". Now, you might be wondering, why nine? That seems kind of random doesn't it? Well, yes and no. Nine can be a number symbolic of expectancy and preparation. For example, how many months is a woman pregnant for? In the case of a novena, there were nine days between Jesus' ascension and the Spirit's descent at Pentecost. During those nine days, Mary and the apostles were instructed to pray, preparing to receive the Holy Spirit on that feast day. Praying a novena is a great way to tap into one of the greatest gifts of God to his children, which is the Church, the Body of Christ and the communion of Saints. When you invite the saints to pray with you and for you, you are uniting yourself to the mystical Body of Christ in a whole new way. Pray the novena, God's grace is waiting.

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