

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

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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

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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

Bible Study / R.C.I.A.

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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Legion of Mary

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Peter Matthews

Rosary Apostolate

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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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 13 | 9:00 AM
PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MONIQUE SIMANDL
Offered by Maria Mcevenue

Sunday, September 13 | 11:30 AM
IN THANKSGIVING FOR LAURA FERNANDES
Offered by The D'souza Family

Monday September 14 | 9:30 AM
FOR THE SOUL OF CATERINA FEROLITO, MAY HER
SOUL REST IN PEACE
Offered by Elizabeth Iozzo

Tuesday, September 15 | 7:00 PM
FOR THE SOUL OF ALICIA SANCHEZ DE CARDENAS
Offered by Mariel Bueno Liz Adriana Cardenas Sanchez

Wednesday, September 16 | 7:00 PM
FOR THE SOUL OF ROSA MARIA DIAS
Offered by The Dias Family

Thursday, September 17 | 9:30 AM
SPECIAL INTENTION FOR FLORENCE BURROWS
Offered by Maria Mcevenue

Friday, September 18 | 9:30 AM
FOR THE SOULS OF ALESSANDRA RUSCIO &
ROCCO & CONCETTA LOMORO
Offered by The Ruscio & Lomoro Families

Saturday, September 19 | 5:00 PM
FOR THE SOUL OF SARAH PINTO
Offered by Pinto Family
FOR THE SOULS OF JOE & INA REYS AND JOE &
INGRID HANCOCK
Offered by Reys Family
FOR THE SOUL OF KAROLINA OSTROVSKI JANKOVIC
Offered by Her Family Members
ANNA TAX AND MARY KLEFAS, WITH GET WELL
WISHES AND BLESSINGS
Offered by Magda Renta

Vocations

Loving God, each member of our family is a special gift from You. You have given each of us gifts and talents so that we may enjoy life but also so we can share with others. Generous and loving people are needed for service and leadership in our Church. Help us to know how to encourage and support each other so that we can respond generously to this need. We know that You will be with us, invite us to become the kind of people You desire us to be. Help us to trust in You and in each other. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RCIA

The Rite of Cristian Initiation of Adults is starting 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, we invite you to participate. Full details and registration at the parish website <https://nativityofourlordet.archtoronto.org>

Marriage Preparation

Marriage Preparation Course starts this week on September 15. Engaged and committed couples are warmly invited to take part, grow in faith, and build a strong foundation for a happy and successful marriage. If you wish to enroll please visit the parish website, for full details and registration, or e-mail/call the parish office ASAP.

Christmas Cards

Christmas is just around the corner and the Nativity Christmas Cards have arrived! Get yours today at the Parish Office and send your Christmas wishes in style this year! Price is \$1.50 each or \$10 for a bundle of ten.

Nativity is welcoming new altar servers

We invite all children/youth, who received their First Communion, to consider becoming part of our team. Please speak with Fr Jan after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

Donations for victims of Natural Catastrophes

We are accepting donations for the victims of the August 26th flash-floodings and mudslides in Nepal, and the August 10th earthquake in Colombia. If you are able, consider making a donation for this causes.

Novena to St. Michael the Archangel

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, invites us to join him in praying a Novena to St. Michael, from September 18 to September 26, in anticipation to the Solemnity of St. Michael the Archangel, the patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto, on September 27.

FEASTS & DEVOTIONS

September 13 - Saint John Chrysostom

A brilliant bishop and Doctor of the Church known for his golden preaching and courageous reform. "Lord, grant us wisdom and courage like Saint John Chrysostom"

September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This feast celebrates the Cross as the great sign of God's love and victory. The tradition began in 335, when the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem first displayed what Christians venerated as the True Cross. According to Christian tradition, St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, traveled to Jerusalem around the age of 80 and searched for the Cross of Christ. Later writers describe her humble origins and her determination, and her story inspired devotion throughout the Christian world. In 614, the Cross was taken during a Persian invasion, but Emperor Heraclius later recovered it. A well-known legend says he could not carry it while dressed in royal finery; only when he removed his rich garments and walked barefoot—imitating Christ's humility—could he lift it. While Good Friday focuses on Jesus' suffering, this feast celebrates the Cross itself as a symbol of hope and new life—showing how God transformed a tool of death into the "tree of life."

September 16 - Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

Pope Cornelius and Bishop Cyprian defended the unity of the Church and encouraged mercy toward repentant sinners. "Lord, make us steadfast in faith and generous in forgiveness"



PARISH LIFE

Nativity of Our Lord CWL 2026

September 15 (7:30pm) -

CWL general meeting at the Parish Hall

September 24 (7:00pm - 8:30pm) - "Fraud Awareness and Protection" presentation at the Parish Hall

October 4 (11:30am - 3pm) - 55th Anniversary Luncheon at Markland Woods. Cost \$70, tickets at NativityCWL@gmail.com

Nativity Seniors Connection

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. Our next session is on Friday, October 2 following the 9:30am mass in the church hall. We have a guest speaker from the Archdiocese of Toronto visiting to speak about Technology Scam Prevention. The goal of this 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 November 6 and December 4.

Nativity of Our Lord Bereavement Group

480 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke. We invite you to join us starting on Tuesday, October 27, at 7:00 pm, in Upper Room #1 for the next 6-week small group session. October 27, November 3, November 10, November 17, November 24, December 1 (7:00 to 9:00PM) Working through grief

can be one of the most difficult times in our life. We offer support and important information to assist you in reconciling your loss and to companion you on your grief journey. There is no cost to participants. All are welcome. To register and for more information, contact Caroline D'Souza 416 200 0774 or the parish office at: 416-621-2732

Fitness Classes

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

Join Us for Our Annual Ministry Fair!

Save the date – We warmly invite you to our Annual Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 27, in the Parish Hall following the 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM Masses. All our Ministry members will be there to chat with you, share information about the good work they do, and answer any questions you may have. You can also find a list of our parish Ministries on the front page of the parish bulletin. We sincerely hope you'll join Fr. Jan and your fellow parishioners for coffee, conversation, and a wonderful opportunity to get involved in the life of our parish. 1 Peter 4:10: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Knights of Columbus

We are looking for new members and volunteers! It's a great opportunity to meet new people, get involved in our parish/community, and make a difference. Volunteering with the Knights can also help you develop valuable skills, including Customer service, communication, Planning, Teamwork, Event planning, public speaking and networking. We would love to have you join us, come meet us! Email Chris at council12735@outlook.com or call our Church office.

REFLECTION

The September prayer intention released by Pope Leo, talks to us about the importance of water and urges us to respect it and preserve it. Among the recurring symbols used by the biblical authors, water maintains a dynamic position. It serves as a symbol of chaos and destruction, as seen in the Great Flood, but also a symbol of purification and new life, in the waters of baptism. This month, let us pray with the Pope for those who work to keep water pure and flowing, and that all may have access to clean water. Let us be good stewards of the people and ecosystems downstream from us through a responsible use of our water, and let us pray that all might come to drink the living water of Christ—that which will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

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