

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

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 /

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.

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Caring Ministry

Karen Armstrong

Catholic Cemeteries

416-733-8544

Catholic Family Services

416-921-1163

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Donna Capobianco

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Clive Ferrao

Knights of Columbus

Chris D'Souza

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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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 27 | 9:00 AM
PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
KENETH WALLER ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Offered by Victoria & Evelyn Waller
FOR THE SOUL OF PAT DUNN
Offered by Hilda Xuereb

Sunday, September 27 | 11:30 AM
FOR THE SOUL OF LESZEK CIESLUKOWSKI
Offered by Helen Cieslukowski
FOR THE SOUL OF JOE DIAS
Offered by The Dias Family
FOR THE SOUL OF ROSARIA NERO
Offered by Teresa Stranges

Monday September 28 | 9:30 AM
FOR THE SOUL OF OSCAR BALAGOT
Offered by The Balagot Family

Tuesday, September 29 | 7:00 PM
FOR THE SOUL OF CARMELA NEANDER ON THE 12TH
ANNIVERSARY OF HER DEATH
Offered by Frances Jacovic
A SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE NATIVITY CONFERENCE
OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Offered by Nativity Conference Of Saint Vincent De Paul
Society

Wednesday, September 30 | 7:00 PM
IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL BLESSINGS RECEIVED
Offered by Magda & Robert Renta
FOR THE SOUL OF KIMBERLY SMITH
Offered by Alba & Clive Ferrao

Thursday, October 1 | 9:30 AM
IN HONOR OF THE FEAST OF
SAINT THERESE OF LISIEUX
Offered by Mary Mother Of Carmel Lay Community

Friday, October 2 | 9:30 AM
FOR THE SOULS OF TERESA AND MACARIO RAIMUNDO
AND SOULS IN PURGATORY
Offered by Saldanha Family
FOR ROSARY APOSTOLATE
Offered by Maria Mcevenue
FOR PAULA ADAMICK
Offered by Maria Mcevenue
IN THANKSGIVING
Offered by D'silva Family

Friday, October 2 | 7:00 PM
SPECIAL INTENTION FOR FRANCES ORAVEC
Offered by Maria Mcevenue

Saturday, October 3 | 5:00 PM
FOR THE SOUL OF PASQUALE PLATI ON THE SECOND
ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH
Offered by Bianca Plati

Vocations

O Mary, who raised your Divine Son with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, intercede for all young people, especially those clouded by doubt about their vocation. May the light of grace pierce their hearts so they may answer your Son's call, especially those whom He is inviting to the priesthood and consecrated life. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The collection of non-perishable food items for the Good Shepherd continues until October 12. Share your blessings this Thanksgiving by helping those in need. Look for the sign at the Altar to drop off your donation.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

October 2nd will be the first Friday of the month, please join us for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm followed by the Holy Hour and mass at 7pm.

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 2\$ each or 15\$ for a bundle of ten.

Nativity Memorial Mass for All Souls Departed

Brothers and sisters, This coming November 11th at 7:00 PM, we will gather for a special Mass for All Souls Departed in our Parish. On this day, we remember and pray for all our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. We warmly invite everyone to attend in memory of the family members and friends you wish to commend to God's mercy. Let us come together as a parish community to lift them up in prayer and to find comfort in the hope of the Resurrection. Please mark your calendars and join us for this beautiful and meaningful celebration.



SEPTEMBER 27 - Made with AI

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FUN FACTS & CURIOSITIES

- ONCE ENSLAVED**
He was captured by pirates at age 19 and sold as a slave in Tunis. He later said that experience made him more compassionate.
- APOSTLE OF CHARITY**
He devoted his life to serving the poor and founded the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists) and, with St. Louise de Marillac, the Daughters of Charity.
- INNOVATOR OF CARE**
He organized hospitals, shelters, and missions, changing the way the Church serves those in need.
- A MAN OF PEOPLE**
He was humble, practical, and had a great sense of humor. He loved meeting people where they were.
- WORDS TO LIVE BY**
"Go to the poor; you will find God."

PRAYER

Lord, through the intercession of St. Vincent de Paul, teach us to see You in the poor and to serve with love, humility, and generosity. Amen.

LIVES OF SAINTS

September 29 – Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Archangels Throughout Scripture: Michael the protector, Gabriel the messenger of the Annunciation, and Raphael the healer from the Book of Tobit. Their feast celebrates God's guidance and protection through His heavenly messengers.

September 30 – Saint Jerome Brilliant scholar and fiery personality, Jerome translated the Bible into Latin—the Vulgate, the Church's official text for centuries. He lived as a monk in Bethlehem and was known for his sharp wit, deep learning, and love for Scripture.

October 1 – Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus Known as the Little Flower, she entered the Carmelite convent at 15 and taught her "Little Way" of holiness—doing small things with great love. Though she lived a hidden life, she became a Doctor of the Church and one of the most beloved saints worldwide.

October 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels This day honours the angels who, as Jesus taught, “always behold the face of my Father.” The Church teaches that each person is entrusted to a guardian angel who offers protection, guidance, and prayerful companionship throughout life.

PARISH LIFE

Nativity of Our Lord CWL 2026

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

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.

Saint Vincent de Paul

Helping those in need with food assistance, shelter, recovery programs, summer camps and more. The Nativity Conference assists over 100 local families with food and clothing vouchers and basic furniture. If you need help call: 416-695-0169, learn more: ssvptoronto.ca or donate: parish poor boxes or e-transfer ssvpnativity480@gmail.com

Our Lady of Nativity-Legion of Mary

Focused on spiritual growth, and apostolic work: visiting the sick and nursing homes, teaching the rosary in schools and domiciliary visits of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. We meet on Saturdays at 10 am for prayers, if you are interested in joining us, call the Parish Office

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

First Holy Communion/Reconciliation Program

For students in Grade 2 or higher. Information package is now available, and registration is open at the Nativity Website/ Parish Life/Sacraments. You will need an English copy of the child Baptismal Certificate, and the cost is 60\$. For questions email miriam.fhc.rec@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.

Nativity Seniors Connection

Nativity Seniors Connections is a monthly gathering designed to bring our parish seniors together for fellowship and connection. We meet in the church Hall on the first Friday of each month, following the 9.30am Mass. Next date is Friday/ October 2 and we have a guest speaker from the archdiocese talking 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

Join us starting on Tuesday/October 27 at 7:00 pm, in Room #1 for the next 6-week small group session. Following dates: November 3, November 10, November 17, November 24, December 1. 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 parish office.

Annual Ministry Fair!

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. Dates for following Coffee Sundays are October 25 and November 29. See you there!

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.

Altar Servers

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.

REFLECTION

Parable Of The Merciful King

In a peaceful kingdom ruled by a kind and powerful King, a thief started stealing from the royal treasury. Each time the thief stole again, the king increased the punishment: first 10 lashes, then 25, then 50, a sentence so severe no one could survive it. At last, the thief was found. To everyone's shock, it was the king's frail, elderly mother. The kingdom held its breath: would the king choose justice and punish her, or mercy and forgive her? People in disbelief, watched as the King ordered her to be tied to a post and the sentence to be carried out, but...just as the whip was raised, he shouted, "Halt!" He removed his crown and robe, walked to his mother, wrapped his body around her, and said: "Now, administer the lashes." He took every blow in her place, fulfilling justice while showing perfect mercy. This story shows the dilemma at the centre of the Christian faith: How can a perfectly just God forgive guilty people without compromising His justice? In the parable, the king cannot simply ignore the law, that would make him unjust. But he also cannot bear to see his beloved mother killed by the punishment she deserves. He steps down from his throne, lays aside his royal garments, and takes the lashes in her place. Justice is fully carried out, yet mercy is fully given. This is exactly what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. We are the guilty ones, unable to bear the consequences for our sin. God's justice demands that sin be punished, yet His love desires our salvation. In Christ, God Himself takes on our punishment, satisfying justice while extending mercy. God does not choose between justice and mercy; He fulfils both through the sacrifice of His Son.

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