NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

Established June 7, 1964

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OUR PARISH TEAM
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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
Knights of Columbus	Chris D'Souza
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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - 01 NOVEMBER - 9:00AM
PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
† DECEASED REYES & BUENO FAMILY MEMBERS
† BENNY FERNANDES
SPECIAL INT - LOVELLEA & JARED BERNARDO
† JEANETTE DEPUTAT
† SANTE & NICOLETTA DETHOMASIS

SUNDAY - 01 NOVEMBER - 11:30AM
† MARY FORAN
† FLORENCE D'SOUZA
† D'SILVA & D'SOUZA FAMILIES
SPECIAL INT - KAROL SWITAKOWSKI

MONDAY - 02 NOVEMBER - 9:30AM
† ROCHA & PINTO FAMILIES
SPECIAL INT - LIVING & DECEASED REMIK & DOTZKO FAMILY MEMBERS
SPECIAL INT - GERALD MARCIAL
† ALEXIUS & LILY MISQUITTA

TUESDAY - 03 NOVEMBER - 7:00PM
† DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

WEDNESDAY - 04 NOVEMBER - 7:00PM
† SALOME BRANDAO
† GLENN PINTO

THURSDAY - 05 NOVEMBER - 9:30AM
SPECIAL INT - MARIEL BUENO
† MARIA PHILOMENA & JOQUIM PEREIRA

FRIDAY - 06 NOVEMBER - 9:30AM
SPECIAL INT - ALL SOULS

FRIDAY - 06 NOVEMBER - 7:00PM
SPECIAL INT – FRANCIS MCEVENUE

SATURDAY - 07 NOVEMBER - 5:00PM
† SARAH PINTO
SPECIAL INT - MARIEL BUENO
† REMEDIOS & XAVIER FAMILIES

VOCATIONS

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many men and women. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church. May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they, too, may know You better and love You more... and serving You, be truly happy. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boiler replacement

The comfort of our parishioners is a priority at Nativity and, unfortunately, the regular Fall Maintenance Inspection revealed the need to replace several parts of the Church's Boiler in order to properly maintain comfort temperatures year round. The labour, replacement parts and corresponding Inspection represent alone a cost of approximately 10 000 dollars. We are accepting donations to help us support this costs. If you are able to help, drop off your donation at the Church Office, in an identified envelope during Mass collections, or speak with Fr. Jan after the Mass. Your help is appreciated.

First Friday

Join us November 6 at 6pm for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Holy hour and Mass at 7pm. We hope to see you there.

Christmas Cards

Christmas will be here in no time, and we want to help you send your wishes in style this year! Nativity Christmas cards are beautiful, unique and a great way to keep your wishes rooted in faith! The stock is limited, so don't forget to stop by the parish office to get yours!

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. All Saints Day envelopes will be at the altar throughout all the month of November, don't forget to place your intention.

Christmas Poinsettia Garden

Parishioners can purchase 8 inch potted poinsettias that will be placed around the altar for Christmas. Each one is 25$ and Special envelopes will be available for parishioners to place their donation, along with an intention. That intention will later be placed on the pot in the altar, once the flowers arrive. Kindly place your order by November 15th at the office or leave it at the Offertory Baskets at Mass.

PARISH LIFE

Nativity of Our Lord CWL 2026

The Annual Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday November 14 from 9am to 2pm, more details to follow. The Annual Fundraiser is back by popular demand: fruitcake, short-bread cookies and chocolate covered almonds, pre-ordering is recommended as supply is limited, see flyers in de church bulleting boards for more info. If you want to become a CWL member or for more information, email us at nativitycwl@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.

Nativity Youth Ministry

Confirmation registration is undergoing and EDGE and LIFETEEN are up and running and better than ever! Visit nativityym.com for details and registration.



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
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. 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 3

Funeral Services Planning
Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us on November 14 @ 9am for an informative session designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith informed decisions. Seminar will be held in the funeral home of Assumption Catholic Cemetery in Mississauga. Register by calling 905-670-8801 ext 2410.

Social Committee
Join your fellow parishioners for a coffee! The last coffee Sunday of the year will be on Sunday November 29 after both morning Masses.Come for the coffee, stay for the community. See you there!

Knights of Columbus
KOC Dinner Dance, Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 6pm Dinner, music, dancing, fellowship and prizes, while supporting the charitable work of the KOC. Dinner includes Beef Steak, Chicken, Fish,Veggie Rice, Garden Salad, Parisienne Potatoes, Vegetables, Dinner Rolls & Butter. We kindly welcome donations of gifts or prizes for our raffle. Thank You to all who have donated or promised to bring a donation. Tickets will be sold at the weekend masses or at the parish office on weekdays.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
The next Bundle Up Weekend will be held on Saturday November 7 and Sunday November 8. The Society will be collecting gently used clothing, footwear, bedding, drapes, towels, and children's toys (new toys only). Please, no mattresses, dishes, video/audio cassettes, baby cribs, car seats, strollers, and any other baby furniture, books, construction material, and furniture, with the exception of small dressers. Please bring your donations to the Society's container at the rear parking lot. Volunteers will be available to assist you during each of the three weekend masses on Saturday Nov. 7 (5PM), and on Sunday Nov. 8 (9 and 11:30AM), from a half hour before, during, and after each mass. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Secondary students are welcome to volunteer for hours required for community involvement.

Altar Servers
Nativity is welcoming new Altar Servers. We invite all children/youth, who received their First Communion, to be apart of our team. Please speak with Fr Jan or contact 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

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY

These two days stand side by side, like two great doors that open onto the mystery of heaven. One door shines with the brilliance of the saints, those men and women whose lives radiated God's grace in extraordinary ways. The other door is gentler, quieter, lit by the soft glow of remembrance, where we pray for all the faithful departed—our parents, our friends, our children, our ancestors—every soul whom God has loved into being. Together, these feasts remind us of a truth we often forget: we belong to a communion that death cannot break. On All Saints Day, we lift our eyes to that "great multitude" spoken of in the Book of Revelation—people from every nation, every language, every story. They are not distant heroes. They are our companions. Their holiness is not meant to intimidate us but to encourage us. The saints show us that holiness is not perfection. It is cooperation, a willingness to let God shape our lives in ways we could never shape them ourselves. Some saints preached to crowds, others lived hidden lives of quiet charity. Some were scholars, others could not read. Some were joyful, others carried heavy crosses. But all of them allowed God to work through the ordinary fabric of their days, and that is our invitation too. Holiness is not reserved for the few, it is the destiny of us all, and its up to us to accept this calling and fulfill our purpose. On All Souls Day, our hearts turn toward those who have gone before us. We remember their faces, their voices, their laughter, their struggles. We remember the unfinished conversations, the blessings they gave us, and even the wounds we still carry. This makes many of us face this day in fear, when it is in fact about hope. The Church teaches that the souls of the faithful departed are in the hands of God—hands that are gentle, hands that heal, hands that never let go. Death, for the Christian, is not an ending but a passage. We pray for our loved ones not because God forgets them, but because love continues its work even beyond the grave. Our prayers accompany them, just as their love accompanied us. These two feasts together proclaim something extraordinary: We are one family—those on earth, those in heaven, and those being purified in God's mercy. The saints cheer us on. The souls of the departed await the fullness of God's light. And we, still on the journey, walk in faith and hope. This communion is not symbolic. It is real. It is the heartbeat of our Church.There is a story about a young girl that once asked her grandmother, "Where do people go when they die?". The grandmother pointed to a stained-glass window glowing in the afternoon sun. "Do you see how the light shines through each piece—blue, red, gold, green?" she said. "The glass is different, but the light is the same. When we die, we go into God's light. And just like that window, each soul lets God's love shine in its own beautiful way." So let us rejoice in the saints—our heroes, our companions, our examples. Let us pray for the souls of our loved ones and let us remember that we too are called to holiness, to let God's light shine through the unique piece of glass that is our life. May the saints inspire us. May the faithful departed rest in peace. And may God, who began His good work in us, bring it to completion.

Amen.

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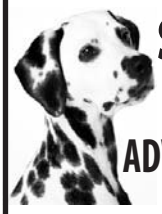
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