NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

Established June 7, 1964

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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 - 15 NOVEMBER - 9:00AM
PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
SPEC INT - THERESA, ANTHONY & CLAYTON D'SOUZA
SUNDAY - 15 NOVEMBER - 11:30AM
† LEONARD KRUCZKOWSKI
† GERTRUDE & MATHEW D'SOUZA
† LILY & STEVEN D'SA
SPEC INT – VICTIMS & FAMILIES OF THE CNADIAN MILITARY AFFECTED BY THE GRASS FIRE IN ALBERTA
MONDAY - 16 NOVEMBER - 9:30AM
† CHRISTOPHER FERRAO
SPEC INT - JOSEPHINE & GLEN YABUT
SPEC INT - SITO CURA
† RINALDO SANNUTO
† FAITH BOULTER & JOHN BOWMAN
TUESDAY - 17 NOVEMBER - 7:00PM
† TERRENCE RODRIGUES
† LIYA FRANCIS
WEDNESDAY - 18 NOVEMBER - 7:00PM
† MATHEW KONGOLA & THRESSIAMMA MATHEW
† RITA FERNANDEZ
THURSDAY - 19 NOVEMBER - 9:30AM
† JOLANTA BUBIENCZYK
† RITA FERNANDEZ
† MANUEL GING
FRIDAY - 20 NOVEMBER - 9:30AM
† JEFF DOBBS
† PAGLIARO FAMILY
SPEC INT - FOR ALL SAINTS
† LEO GIANNI
SATURDAY - 21 NOVEMBER - 5:00PM
† DOREEN & ANTHONY RODRIGUES
† DECEASED GRINO FAMILY MEMBERS
† MARIA TERESA NGUYEN
† SPECIAL INT - IVAN GUEST

Vocations

Lord Jesus, call forth generous hearts in our parish. Bless us with holy priests, devoted religious, and faithful disciples who serve Your Church with love. Guide those You are calling, and give them courage to say yes. Amen.

If you are feeling the calling, don't waste any more time. Talk to Fr. Jan after Mass.

Mass intentions and Mass Cards

Have you ever thought of giving a gift of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? What a beautiful thing to give a loved one, letting someone know they are in your prayers or remember a special occasion or a loved one that is no longer with us. There are 2 ways in which you can do this

Announced Mass

A Mass where your gift of $20 will ensure that your intention is announced on the chosen/available date at one of our regular Masses. This included a beautiful Mass card you can offer or save as a keepsake. This Mass will also be printed in the Parish Bulletin if ordered with at least 2 weeks in advance.

Unannounced Mass

A Mass where your gift of $10 and the intention is celebrated by our pastor at Nativity, or a neighborhood parish, at a non publicized date.There is always space for intentions at our Parish and we will be happy to take your request at the Parish Office.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners who attended the All Souls Departed Mass on November 11. Your presence, prayers, and reverence helped make this beautiful celebration truly special. Together, we honored our loved ones who have gone before us and lifted their souls to God with faith, hope, and love. Thank you for helping our parish community create a Mass filled with peace, remembrance, and deep spiritual unity, it's truly a personal blessing to serve such an honourable community.

Fr. Jan

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.

Red Wednesday

Observed on November 18, uniting Canadians in prayer and action since its first official event in the UK in 2016, the initiative has grown with events now taking place in more than 20 countries. In Toronto, which has hosted Red Wednesday since 2018, a Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica by Bishop Vincent Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. The Cathedral's facade will be lit red as in previous years. Attend the Mass, organize a Rosary, host a prayer vigil, light a building in red, or wear red in solidarity. Share online with #RedWednesday2026. More info: acn-canada.org/red-wednesday or contact Evellyne Lemos at el@acn-canada.org. An ACN Canada initiative with the support of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Books of Remembrance

As you might have noticed, we placed our Books of Remembrance at the altar and they will be kept there throughout the whole month of November. All parishioners are invited to add the names of their dearly departed to the appropriate alphabetical section of the books. We suggest placing the names inside a plastic sleeve so its easy to keep it in place and help preserve your special memory. If you have placed something in the books in previous years and you cannot find it, please be patient and rest assured its probably just misplaced. A lot of parishioners go through the books every year and they are bulky, it's not always easy to maintain the exact order. Your understanding is appreciated.

Parish Registration

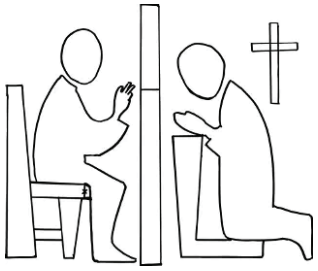
We are always happy to welcome new parishioners to our community, and we encourage everyone who is active in parish life to register with the parish. Registration helps us stay connected with you, support your sacramental needs, and plan our ministries more effectively. It is also important for donation records: only registered parishioners can receive an official income tax receipt for their yearly contributions. Becoming registered is simple — just stop by the parish office and fill out a short registration form. The whole process takes no more than five minutes. For all the parishioners who are already registered, kindly inform us of any changes in address or contact information, so that we mail your income tax receipt to the correct address. Lastly, keep in mind that you cannot use envelopes from previous years. Soon the donation envelopes boxes for 2027 will be available for grabs at the church. Please look for them at mass times. Once the year ends, please discard old envelopes and start using the new ones. If you do not pickup your new envelopes your number might be reassigned, and your donations may not be credited to you correctly.

Pre-Authorized Giving at Nativity Parish
Did you know that you can support Nativity Parish through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)? This simple and secure option allows your weekly or monthly offering to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account. It ensures steady support for our parish—even when you are away, travelling, unable to attend Mass or if the weather acts out. Pre-Authorized Giving helps the parish plan responsibly, reduce administrative costs, and maintain the ministries and services that rely on your generosity. If you would like to enroll, change your contribution amount, or learn more about how PAG works, please contact the parish office. We will be happy to assist you. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us build a strong, faithful community.

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!

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 at the office or leave it at the Offertory Baskets at Mass.

Prepare Your Heart for Christmas
As we approach the joyful celebration of the Lord's birth, we are reminded that the best gift we can offer Christ is a heart renewed by His mercy. Advent Confession is a beautiful opportunity to experience God's forgiveness and peace, preparing our souls to welcome Jesus with joy. At Nativity Parish, our Christmas Confession will take place on December 4, the first Friday of December, beginning at 6:00 p.m. All parishioners are encouraged to come and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.Let us make time for prayer, reflection, and confession so that our hearts may be ready to celebrate Christmas in grace and peace.



PARISH LIFE

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. The last gathering of the year will be December 3

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!

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.

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.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul November 15 - World Day of The Poor
The Annual St Vincent de Paul collection will be held at Nativity on the weekend of December 12/13 after de observance of the World Day of the Poor, on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (November 15). The theme this year is "Be a Refuge of Hope". One in 10 Canadians live bellow the poverty line. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, we have been fighting the symptoms of poverty by distributing Christmas baskets, clothing and food vouchers. Such gestures of solidarity help people to come out of their isolation and allow them to experience wonderful moments of joy. By taking the time to welcome our sisters and brothers in Christ, we not only give food, but we also share as equals with humans. In a letter dated June 13, Pope Leo himself invites everyone to join him in the celebration of the 10th World Day of the Poor. We pray this time will inspire us to always have the poor with us. "The World is the Refuge of the poor" (cf. Ps 14,6) .

Knights of Columbus
Nativity Knights of Columbus are looking for enthusiastic new members and volunteers. Joining is a perfect opportunity to meet great people, serve our parish and community in fundraising events, and develop useful skills Come make a difference with us. Contact us today: Email council12735@outlook.com.

Nativity CWL Annual Fundraiser
Fruitcake,Shortbread Cookies and Chocolate Covered Almonds. Preordering is recommended as supply is limited.See the flyers at all church entrances for more information. Or you can contact us at nativitycwl@gmail.com.

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. Also, don't forget to purchase your tickets and join us for KARAOKE NIGHT on November 28! We cannot wait see you there! Look for the posters at the church bulletin boards for more details.

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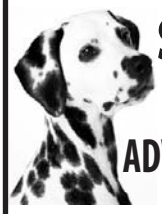
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