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
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 - 22 NOVEMBER - 9:00AM
PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
† KRYSTYNA DIOMEDE
† JOLANTA BUBIENCZYK
SPEC INT - ANDREW MARCIAL
† JAMES MCPHEE
† GIANCARLO CORVINELLI
SPEC INT - BLESSINGS RECEIVED
† NATIVIDAD VERZOSA

SUNDAY - 22 NOVEMBER - 11:30AM
† JOSEPH BROOKS
† PASQUA & SAVERIO RANIERI
† HENRY BEKUS & FAMILY
† CLEMENT D'SOUZA

MONDAY - 23 NOVEMBER - 9:30AM
† LOUIS D'CRUZ & DECEASED LAZARINE FERNANDES FAMILY MEMBERS
† WALTER MIELCZAREK
† DECEASED ROSARY APOSTOLATE MEMBERS
† RINALDO SANNUTO

TUESDAY - 24 NOVEMBER - 7:00PM
† JOHANNA MCEVENUE
† ALTHEA SMITH
† CLARENCE & BRIDGET LORIMER

WEDNESDAY - 25 NOVEMBER - 7:00PM
† DECEASED PINTO & FERRAO FAMILY MEMBERS

THURSDAY - 26 NOVEMBER - 9:30AM
† VINCENZO AMENDOLA

FRIDAY - 27 NOVEMBER - 9:30AM
† TERRENCE RODRIGUES

SATURDAY - 28 NOVEMBER - 5:00PM
† TONY MARIASELVANAYAGAM
† VINCENT PERALTA
† SARAH PINTO
† JOAO CARLOS MORGADO

Mass intentions and Mass Cards
A mass offering is a beautiful way to place your loved ones and your intentions into the heart of the Church's prayer. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest gift we can offer. At Nativity we always have space for Mass intentions and we offer both announced and unannounced Masses. Please stop by the Parish Office where we will be honored to help you entrust your intentions to the loving care of our Lord through the celebration of the Eucharist.

Vocations
The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. David Twaddle, Director of Vocations with the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-261-7207 ext 801 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

Dear Parishioners, Next Sunday, November 29, we begin a new liturgical year, Year B, with the First Sunday of Advent. While most of the world is already preparing for Christmas with decorations and shopping, the Church invites us to take a different path: a path of prayer, reflection, and hopeful expectation. Advent is a sacred season of preparation. It is a time to open our hearts to Christ, who came to us at Bethlehem, who comes to us each day in Word and Sacrament, and who will come again in glory. As we begin this new year in the life of the Church, let us take time to renew our relationship with the Lord through prayer, participation in the Mass, reading of Scripture, and acts of kindness and charity. May this Advent be a season of grace for you and your family. Let us journey together in hope, preparing a place for Christ in our hearts so that we may celebrate His birth with renewed faith, joy, and peace. Fr Jan

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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 LIFE

Nativity CWL Annual Fundraiser

Thank you from the Nativity CWL to all Nativity Parishioners that came to our Christmas Bazaar last weekend. Our Fruitcake and cookies sold out early. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.Be sure to check your emails and/or visit the CWL bulletin board outside the parish hall for CWL News and updates.

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

Last Coffee Sunday of 2026

Please join us on Sunday, November 29, for our last Coffee Sunday of 2026 after both Sunday morning Masses. As we gather for this final coffee fellowship of the year, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who have so generously donated their time, talents, and hospitality to make Coffee Sunday such a wonderful part of parish life. Your warm smiles, welcoming spirit, and behind-the-scenes dedication have helped create a place where parishioners can connect, build friendships, and grow as a parish family. Throughout the year, these gatherings have reminded us of the beauty of community. Sharing a cup of coffee and conversation after Mass has brought people together across generations and helped strengthen the bonds that unite us in Christ. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, served, cleaned up, and supported this in any way. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and has been a blessing to our parish community. We look forward to welcoming you one last time this year on November 29. God bless all our volunteers and parishioners for making Coffee Sunday such a cherished tradition.

Our Lady of Nativity-Legion of Mary

Apostolic association of Catholics who seek to grow in holiness through prayer and service under the guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through regular meetings, spiritual formation, and works of evangelization and charity, Legion members deepen their own faith by bringing Christ to others, in nursing homes, schools and domiciliary visits of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. All parishioners are welcome to learn more about this beautiful ministry dedicated to prayer, outreach, and devotion to Our Lady. We meet for prayers every Saturday at 10am, if you are interested in joining us, please contact the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Hamper Delivery

Volunteers are needed to help deliver Christmas Boxes to families in our neighborhood. Drivers, vehicles (vans, trucks, cars) and helpers, please come to the Church Hall on Saturday, December 5th at 10:00 am. With many hands, the deliveries should take a few hours. This is an excellent way for you and your families to share the joy of Christmas Season with others in our community. We will provide volunteer hours for students. Thank you for helping. Please call us at (416) 695-0169 if you are interested.

St Vincent de Paul - Annual Collection

Will take place on December 12-13. Our annual report will be available soon. Donation envelopes are found in your Parish donation boxes and will be placed at the Parish entrances. Donations may be made in the weekend mass collections or by mailing or dropping an SSVP envelope at the parish office (with donation designated for SSVP, your name, address, parish envelope number and donation amount indicated). Tax receipts will be mailed in February 2027 for donations over $20 received up to December 31st,2026. Thank you for your generosity

Knights of Columbus

Thank you to all parishioners, family members, and friends who attended our Dance/Dinner Party on November 7. Your enthusiastic support and participation surpassed our expectations and made this evening a tremendous success! It was wonderful to see our parish come together for an night of good food, great music, lively dancing, and joyful fellowship. To all Knights, volunteers, donors, and supporters - This event would not be possible without your help. Thank you for making this party memorable. God Bless you All. We are always welcoming new members, come make a difference! Contact us at counsil12735@outlook.com

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 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.

POPE LEO'S NOVEMBER INTENTION

"Lord of life, all we have comes from You: the fertile land, the talents we've received, the effort of those who came before us. Nothing is ours alone — everything is a shared gift. But so often, Lord, we let the wealth we seek or attain harden our hearts, lock us in selfishness, and make us forget the most vulnerable. Forgive us for storing up instead of sharing, and for using goods as power rather than as service. You remind us that true wealth is not found in what we keep, but in what we give with love. A heart detached from possessions transforms the world: it opens paths of justice, tears down walls of indifference, and sows hope among the poor. We ask you, Lord, that your Spirit teach us to use what we have — money, time, talents, opportunities — as instruments of fraternity. May each economic, family, or community decision spring from a free heart, able to recognize that every good is meant for all, and that only by sharing we build the future. Make us witnesses of a wealth transformed into service and mercy, so that our lives, united to the lives of others, may be a sign of your Kingdom of justice and peace. Amen."

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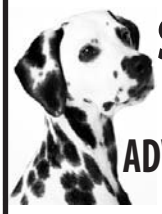
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