



THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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OFFICE HOURS

At this time, visits to the office need to be arranged in advance by calling David at 416-621-2732. Please note, the office is closed Saturdays & Sundays at this time.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am & 11:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	9:30 am
Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday	7:00 pm
Thursday	9:30 am
Friday	9:30 am

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OUR SCHOOLS

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
35 Saffron Crescent 416-393-5288

MOTHER CABRINI
720 Renforth Drive 416-393-5340

**MICHAEL POWER/ST. JOSEPH
HIGH SCHOOL**
105 Eringate Drive 416-393-5529

OUR PARISH TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Michael Machacek
In Residence: Rev. John Mullins
In Residence: Rev. Anthony Akpanessien
Deacon: Deacon Gerry Almeida
Administrative Coordinator: David Ellis
Youth Minister: Courtney Strom
Caretaker: Antonio Marinucci

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

At this time, baptisms are held on Saturdays at 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm. Parents need to contact the Parish office well in advance to pick up the Baptism package.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment only. Please email Fr. Michael (fr.michael@live.ca) to arrange a time.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance.

SACRAMENT FOR THE SICK

If a family member is in the hospital and needs to receive the Sacrament for the Sick, 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.

We Welcome All New Parishioners

Please register at the Parish Office. Thank you & welcome!

Please remember Nativity of Our Lord Parish in your will.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Federal Election Resources from a Catholic Perspective

With a federal election scheduled for September 20, Catholics are encouraged to learn more about the parties and candidates seeking our vote. Catholic Conscience is Canada's non-partisan Catholic civic and political engagement organization. They have prepared a number of resources that will assist Catholics in voter education and engagement in the days leading up to the federal election.

These resources can be accessed at: www.catholicconscience.org/canada-federal-current. All those eligible to vote are encouraged to do so on, or before, September 20, 2021.

Humanitarian Relief – Natural Disasters in Haiti

The Archdiocese of Toronto has opened a humanitarian relief fund to assist Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, which in recent days has been stricken by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and a tropical storm. Donations to Caritas Internationalis, who are already on the ground assisting Haitians, will be used for food, water, shelter, clothing and medical supplies.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Natural Disasters in Haiti – Disaster Relief

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti and all those who suffer after natural disasters. Thank you for your continued assistance.

Catholic Family Services of Toronto Online Counseling Sessions

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering online quick access single sessions. Single-session counselling is a quick and effective way for individuals, couples or families to address a mental health or relationship concern. To arrange for a session, please contact: info@cfstoronto.com or 416-921-1163 or 416-222-0048. Leave a message with your name, email and phone number, and a staff person will contact you. Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the option to access ongoing counselling, wellness or group programs. Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of their inability to pay fees.

Chaplaincy Connect

For our post-Secondary students, campus ministry is waiting for you! Connect with the Catholic community on your campus by visiting: www.chaplaincyconnect.ca.

EVENTS

Come to St. Joseph

Friday, September 17 at 7 p.m. - Sunday, September 19 – 1 p.m.

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for men and women. Come to St. Joseph; come and get to know the one chosen to care for and form God's Son for human life. Come to know the one chosen to care for you.

Facilitated by Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ. A suggested offering of \$235 per person.

Includes two nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

A Journey of Hope

Saturday, October 2 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A day of reflection for Catholic parents of young adults with mental health issues.

Facilitated by Sr. Mary Rowell, csj. A suggested offering of \$50 per person. Includes lunch, break and retreat day program. Space is limited.

Website: www.manresa-canada.ca

Contact: mikehyland@bell.net

Phone: 647-296-2499

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Friday, October 22 to Sunday, October 24

Discover the possibilities of a marriage lived as God intends it!

Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance in your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a special weekend for you to spend together as a couple and share your feelings, hopes and dreams.

It is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be.

No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths.

Contact: Gerard & Marge 905-792-1925
gerard.marge@rogers.com

Website: www.wwme.org

PARISH LIFE



As of August 31st, 2021 we have raised \$71,690.00 for ShareLife, 81% of our parish goal of \$ 88,100.00.

Please remember that ShareLife organizations are also there to help you. If you, your family or other loved ones are in need of support from the services of a ShareLife funded agency, visit sharelife.org and click on the “Need Help?” button.

The final two ShareLife Sundays are: October 2/3 & October 30/31

For those who are able, please give to ShareLife through the parish office or sharelife.org.

September Special Collection

There will be a special collection on the last weekend of September in support of the work of the Canadian Catholic Bishops Conference of Canada.

Thank you for your support.

Rathburn Rd Exterior Project

Work continues on the restoration project of the Rathburn Rd. facade. The cost of this project is being covered by your generous donations through the Family of Faith Campaign from 2015-2019.

Mass Attendance

At the current time, our maximum capacity is 220 people as allowed by the Province of Ontario. We ask that while walk-ins are still possible, we strongly encourage parishioners to register online by going to our Parish website. If you do not have access to a computer, please call David at the office by Friday morning and he will register you.

Nativity Of Our Lord Parish CWL

The Toronto Diocesan CWL has several events planned that are open to all members. These events will be available virtually with no cost but registration will be required. All information to register will be sent out shortly to your personal e-mail.

Rosary Sunday - Sunday September 12th 2021

Celebrating our Cultural Diversity - Saturday September 25th 2021, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

An Introduction and Updates on the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions call to Action - Wednesday September 29th 2021, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Toronto Diocesan Council 100th Anniversary Closing Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral - Thursday October 7th 2021, 7:00 pm.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Welcome to our new monthly parish newsletter! For over 50 years our parish has had a weekly bulletin. However, during the past few years, we would often be running the same items week after week which would make it repetitive and uninteresting.

After discussions with the parish staff and our Parish Pastoral Council, we have decided to move to a monthly parish newsletter that we will publish ourselves. In this newsletter you will find parish news, ministry updates, and events (online, and where permitted, in person) that could be of interest to parishioners.

The newsletter will be published on the 1st weekend of the month. Hard copies will be available at the entrances to the church, the parish office, and of course, online on our parish website www.myparish.org

A big thank you to Courtney Strom, Abigail Murree and David Ellis for this month's newsletter.

Finally, may almighty God bless all of you!

Fr. Michael Machacek.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on September 9, 13 & 16. Attendance is by invitation only. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers. For this year's candidates, registration will open in January.

First Communion/Reconciliation

Details about the upcoming First Holy Communion program for our grade 2 students will be in the November Newsletter

Job Opportunity: Lunch Supervisor

Nativity of Our Lord School is urgently looking for Lunchtime Supervisors to supervise students during the 1 hour lunch period. Please contact the school principal directly for more details and the application. (647) 228- 7261.

Nativity Of Our Lord Youth Ministry



High School students are invited to join us for September P3- Play, Pizza & Pray!

No experience required. Be sure to bring a water bottle!

September 8, 17 & 24.

6:00pm: Ultimate Frisbee at Wellesworth

7:30pm: Pizza & Small Groups at Nativity

LifeTeen & EDGE will officially kick off in November!