



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

Cardinal Collins' Stewardship Sunday Homily

Cardinal Collins' annual homily for Stewardship Sunday which was on September 19, is available in both video and written format, including translations, on the Archdiocese website: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship-sunday.

World Mission Sunday- October 24, 2021

From the moment that Jesus was ascending to heaven and commissioned his disciples to spread the Gospel throughout the whole world (see Matthew 28:19), mission has been the lifeblood of the Church. Every follower of Christ is called to support the missions. Each year in October with World Mission Sunday, the whole Catholic community, not only donates to and prays for the missionary work of the Church, but celebrates and reflects on this essential ministry of the Church. This year, World Mission Sunday takes place on Sunday, October 24, 2021. Please visit www.missionsocieties.ca. Special envelopes for this collection can be found in your envelope boxes.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On Thursday, September 30, 2021, across the country, Canadians observed the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The ongoing journey to healing and reconciliation has a particular relevance for Catholics throughout Canada given the church's involvement in operating many residential schools and recognizing the suffering and intergenerational trauma that remains for many survivors to this day. This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools, and commit to working for truth and reconciliation in the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.

Spiritual and educational resources relating to Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation can be accessed by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

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

Month of the Holy Rosary Retreat

Tuesday, October 12 – 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre (1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga)

Celebrate October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, by attending a day retreat at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga.

Cost: \$40 (includes morning coffee and muffin, hot lunch and the program)

Register: Call Anne at 905-278-5229

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

Is Our God Too Small?

7pm Friday, October 15 to 1pm Sunday, October 17

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre (2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering)

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for men and women. What happens to our faith as we learn just how big the cosmos is? How do we encounter God differently when we realize that all those stars and planets are real places – part of the same universe created by God and redeemed by the Incarnation?

Facilitated by Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, known as “The Pope’s Astronomer.” He is the director of the Vatican Observatory and president of the Vatican Observatory Foundation.

A suggested offering of \$260 per person. Includes two nights’ accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

Register: www.manresa-canada.ca

Contact: registration@manresa.ca

Phone: 905-839-2864

A Day of Recollection: Know How to Suffer and Be Stronger Than Suffering

Saturday, October 23 – 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Francis Centre- (208502 Highway 9, Caledon)

The Evangelist Luke through Peter on Pentecost Day reveals what went on in the secret of Jesus’ heart as he hung agonizing on the cross. We will trace the theme of suffering in the Holy Scriptures and propose seven spiritual goods into which we can transform our suffering.

Facilitator: Fr. Frank Carpinelli.

Cost: \$40 (includes hot lunch)

Register: Call Lina at 519-941-1747

PARISH LIFE

Nativity Of Our Lord Parish CWL

CWL events taking place in October:

Thursday, October 7 - Toronto Diocesan Council Centennial Year Mass starting at 7:00 pm. This event will be livestreamed on the St. Michael’s Cathedral website for all to view.

Wednesday, October 20 - The 4th Annual Moira Ste. Marie Memorial Lecture Series will be held starting at 7:00 pm virtual via Zoom. Topic will be “Catholic Education, Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together” - Registration deadline is October 12, 2021.

Details for these events can be found on www.cwltoronto.ca

If you would like more information about the CWL or have any questions: nativitycwl@gmail.com.

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Nativity Of Our Lord Youth Ministry



EDGE Kick-Off (gr 6-8):

November 5 at 7pm in the Parish Hall

LifeTeen Kick-Off (gr 9-12):

November 12 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

We look forward to seeing our old friends & meeting new ones! Join us for an evening of games, faith, food & friends!

Please contact Courtney if you are interested in volunteering with our Youth Ministry this year: youthminister@nativityym.com

Nativity's Fall Food Drive

We will be holding a Fall Food Drive to support Haven on the Queensway. Haven is a charitable organization meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people in Etobicoke and surrounding communities. The following are two of the free services they offer:

Food Bank – serving over 450 clients weekly

First Care – meeting the material and nutritional needs of pregnant women and parents of newborns by providing food aid, clothing, diapers, formula, and moral support.

The following items are needed for their Food Bank: Toilet paper, canned fish, canned fruit, juice boxes, coffee, tea, cooking oil, dish soap, laundry detergent, diapers, baby formula

Date: Sunday, October 17th, 2021

Time: 1 – 3 pm

Place: Church Hall entrance at rear parking lot

All you need to do is drive to the hall (rear entrance) and volunteers will unload your donated items from your car, following Covid protocols. Volunteer drivers will then deliver all donations to Haven.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

“For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat...”

St. Vincent de Paul - Nativity of Our Lord

The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Nativity of Our Lord Conference provides support to the community with food and clothing vouchers and other assistance.

Please call (416) 695-0169 or speak with Fr. Michael if you require assistance.

For more information on SSVP, please visit: <https://svdptoronto.org>.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear parishioners:

As we enter October, we cannot help but marvel at the glory of God's creation with the change in the season, the change in the feeling of the air outside, and of course, the change in the colour of the leaves. This is a time of blessing, and a time to give thanks. Hence, it is only appropriate that as Canadians we celebrate Thanksgiving once again on the 2nd Monday of this month.

Thankfulness and gratitude are the hallmarks of a Christian. Every single one of us needs to be aware of the countless blessings and talents we have received from our God, blessings and talents that are unique to each one of us. Truly we are stewards of these gifts and talents, and one day, after we have died, God will ask of us what we have done with them (see Matthew 25: 14-30). So, what have we done with them? Have we recognized them, nurtured them, and then generously shared them with our family, and our community? Or have we buried them or else kept them to ourselves?

This past month Thomas Cardinal Collins, the Archbishop of Toronto, has frequently taught that we are called to be grateful and thankful stewards of the gifts and talents we have received. Recently he issued an excellent Pastoral letter to the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto entitled “Pastoral letter on Stewardship”. Copies of the letter were made available after the weekend masses of Sept. 18/19. An electronic copy of this letter, along with the Cardinal's homily on Stewardship Sunday as well as other resources, can be found by going to Archdiocese of Toronto - Stewardship Sunday (archtoronto.org) I urge to take the time to look at these resources as well as the Cardinal's letter.

Finally, on a very happy note, our Parish's Youth Minister, Courtney Strom, will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage with Evan Hennessy of our Parish on October 16th. Please keep them in your prayers and ask for God's blessings upon them!

Peace and prayers,
Fr. Michael Machacek