

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

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Feast of the Holy Family

DECEMBER 28, 2025

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 28 | 9:00 AM

PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY
IN THANKSGIVING FOR MARIEL BUENO
Offered by Joan Seales

Sunday, December 28 | 11:30 AM

IN THANKSGIVING FROM CAROLINE & AJIT D'SOUZA
FOR THE SOUL OF LESZEK CIESLUKOWSKI & JOE
RZEPECKI
Offered by Helen Cieslukowsk

Monday, December 29 | 9:30 AM

FOR THE SOUL OF CAMILLA CINFIO
Offered by Norma Fernandez
FOR THE SOUL OF PERCY D'SOUZA
Offered By Ken, Derek & Shirley D'Souza

Tuesday, December 30 | 7:00 PM

FOR THE SOULS OF ELWYN & LILY AND FOR THEIR
CHILDREN (LIVING)
Offered by Norma Fernandez
FOR GIANCARLO McEVENUE, (LIVING)
Offered by Maria McEvenue

Wednesday, December 31 | 5:00 PM

FOR THE LOVELL FAMILY (LIVING)
Offered by Monica Lovell
FOR THE SOULS OF PURGATORY
Offered by Fatima Weichel
IN THANKSGIVING FOR FERNANDES &
RANSON FAMILIES
Offered by Caroline
FOR THE SOUL OF MARGARET MARTIN
Offered by Caroline
FOR THE SOULS OF TREVOR, MARLYN & DERRICK
Offered by Caroline

Thursday, January 1 | 9:00 AM

IN THANKSGIVING FOR MARIEL BUENO
Offered by Joan Seales
FOR CHRISTOPHER McEVENUE, LIVING
Offered by Maria McEvenue

Thursday, January 2 | 11:30 AM

FOR THE SOUL OF BRAULIO BOTELHO
Offered by Marise Nazareth

Friday, January 3 | 9:30 AM

FOR LUNA GROGAN, LIVING
Offered by Maria McEvenue
FOR THE SOUL OF ALZIRA BOTELHO
Offered by Marise Nazareth

Friday, January 3 | 7:00 PM

FOR THE SOUL OF MARINA LAVIGNE
Offered by Maria McEvenue
FOR THE SOUL OF IGNATIUS NAZARETH
Offered by Marise Nazareth

Saturday, January 4 | 5:00PM

FOR THE SOUL OF BRIDGET REBEIRO
Offered by The Manuk Family
FOR BLESSINGS AND FOR INTENTIONS OF AUXILIARY
BISHOP STEPHEN FERNANDES
Offered by Cynthia & Keith Lewis
FOR THE SOUL OF MARIE CURA ON HER DEATH AN-
NIVERSARY Offered by Sito Cura

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nativity of Our Lord Parish

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

4th Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 21st – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 22nd - 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve:

(Holy Day of Obligation)
Wednesday, December 24th – 5:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. &
12:00 midnight

OR

Christmas Day:

Thursday, December 25th – 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
(with Bishop Ivan Camilleri)

Merry Christmas!

Feast of St. Stephen:

Friday, December 26th - 9:30 a.m.

Feast of St. John:

Saturday December 27th, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph:

Sunday, December 28th - 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Feast of St. Thomas Becket:

Monday, December 29th, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday of the Octave of Christmas:

December 30th, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

Vigil of Mary, Holy Mother of God:

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

Mary, Holy Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, January 1st, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Happy New Year 2025!

New Year Prayer

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year. For all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us. A mighty flame. So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.

PARISH LIFE

Social Committee

We would like to thank all those that contributed to our shoebox drive. One hundred and seventy-five (175) shoeboxes were donated. They were dropped off at Dr. Simone's warehouse on Tuesday and that very day were leaving on a shipping container for Sierra Leone where, I'm positive, they will bring much joy to some young boys and girls. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you missed donating this year, you can always donate next year. The Social Committee wishes all parishioners a Blessed Christmas, filled with the peace and joy that was shared with us that very first Christmas when Jesus, our Saviour, was born.

Nativity of Our Lord CWL

SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual Planning Day will be held on Saturday, January 24th, 2026. From 9:30am to 12:00 pm. More information to follow

2026 CWL MEMBERSHIP

Please remember to renew your CWL Membership for 2026. The annual fee is \$40. You can pay by cheque payable to The Catholic Women's League of Canada, place cheque or cash in sealed envelope marked CWL Membership and drop it off at the church office. Or you can do e-transfer to nativitycwl@gmail.com

WISHING A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, to all our Nativity Parishioners, friends and families. The Nativity CWL Members wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Joy-filled New Year.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Nativity of Our Lord

Our Society assists over 100 families in our immediate area who are coping with financial insecurity. We would like to express a special thank you Nativity parishioners for their support in last week's SSVP annual collection and to those energetic individuals who helped us to deliver Christmas hampers on the 6th of December. Donations may be made to the poor box and by e-transfer at SSVP480@gmail.com. To request assistance or for other inquiries please call (416)695-0169

YOUTH MINISTRY

Nativity of Our Lord Youth Ministry

2-3 hours doesn't always feel like much, but it's enough time to make a meaningful impact in someone's life. Do you have 2-3 hours of time to give every other week? Would you like to make an impact building up your parish community? Nativity Youth Ministry is looking for adult volunteers to join our core team- maybe that's you! We're calling out all young adults, adults, parents, teachers, aunts, uncles, ministers, grandparents, friends who have a heart for Jesus to reach out and learn more about what we do at Youth Ministry! Email Arianne at youthminister@nativityym.com for more info!

EVENTS & MORE

Friars Student Writing Contest 2026 (November 3, 2025, to January 12, 2026)

Theme: "The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (cf. Eph 4:13) High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>. Entries can be submitted at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

Men Silent Retreat: Pilgrims of Hope: Guided by the Past, Inspired by the Future.

Friday, January 23, 2026 06:30 PM - Sunday, January 25, 2026 01:30 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

Men Ignatian Retreat: As people of faith, we journey together as pilgrims—rooted in God's faithfulness, strengthened by hope, and called to witness in love. This year's theme, "Pilgrims of Hope: Guided by the Past, Inspired by the Future," invites us to reflect on where we have come from, where God is leading us, and how we are called to live today. Through three moments of reflection, we will: Remember the Past: Celebrating God's enduring faithfulness throughout history. Walk in Hope: Entrusting our future into God's hands with courage and confidence. Live the Present: Bearing witness through love, compassion, and service in our world today. Come and journey with us as we discover anew what it means to be pilgrims of hope—grateful for the past, trusting for the future, and faithful in the present.

This SILENT retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$270 per person which includes two nights' accommodation, meals, spiritual direction and retreat program. Facilitated by: Fr. Dexter Gray, SJ

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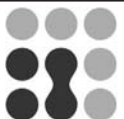
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