## HOLY HAME PARISH

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Parish office hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

#### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm (in the church)

**Sunday:** 10:00 am

(children's program only at 10 am service) 12:00 pm (African Catholic Community)

Weekday: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. at 12:05 pm in the chapel

#### **BAPTISM**

By appointment and after instruction.

#### **MARRIAGE**

**Archdiocesan Marriage Policy:** Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. **Sacrament of Reconciliaton:** Saturdays: 4:30 to 5:00 pm and on request.

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Welcome to Holy Name Parish. We encourage all parishioners to become actively involved in your parish through its many groups and ministries. We also need and appreciate your financial support from regular offertory envelope contributions. Please ensure that you are registered with the office. Parishioners who are changing their address are asked to inform the parish office.

#### MINISTRIES:

Altar Servers

Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 3-12)

Ministers of the Eucharist

Ministers of Communion to the Homebound

Ministers of Hospitality

Ministers of Music: Choir, Cantors, Instrumentalists

Ministers of the Word

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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Sacramental Preparation

#### **COMMITTEES:**

Finance Council Liturgy Committee Pastoral Council

#### **GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES:**

Altar Society

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Beavers, Cubs, Scouts

Seniors Group

St. Vincent de Paul Society 416-469-0842

All these groups may be contacted through

the rectory office.

Bulletin notices must be submitted in writing to the office by noon Monday.

Holy Name School: Phone 416-393-5215 Fax 416-393-5934 690 Carlaw Ave. Principal: Anthony Pauk



## CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

#### DAY OF CONFESSION

Wednesday, December 18th 11:30 am – 12 noon 5:30 pm – 7 pm

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 pm Mass Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10 a.m. Mass 12 noon African Catholic Community Mass

#### Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>
Carol Sing: 6:30 pm
7:00 p.m. Family Mass (Holy Name Choir)
Carol Sing: 11:30 pm
Midnight Mass (African Catholic Community choir - all are welcome)

### Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>
10 a.m. Christmas Morning Mass (Cantor)

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 28th – 5:00 pm Mass Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – 10 am & 12 pm African Community

New Year's Eve: Feast of Mary, Mother of God Tuesday,, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 pm Mass

New Year's Day: Feast of Mary, Mother of God Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 10:00 a.m. Mass 12 noon (African Catholic Community Mass)



First Sunday in Advent

## **Advent Is About Desire**

Advent is all about desire. The deepest-held longings of our hearts are our holy desires. And our deepest desires, those that lead us to become who we are, are God's desires for us. Desire is a key part of Christian spirituality because desire is a key way that God speaks to us, whether in Advent or the rest of the year. Our holy desires are gifts from God. And our deepest desire, planted within us, is our Advent desire for Christ, the Desire of the Nations.

By Fr. James Martin SJ



Rosary at 11:50 a.m.

Tues. December 3rd

12:05 pm: **Cy Halbach +** Wed. December 4th

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12:05 pm:

Thurs. December 5th

12:05 pm: **Esther Ryan +** 

Fri. December 6th

12:05 pm:

Sat. December 7th

5:00 pm:

Readings for Second Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 8th, 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

Responsorial Psalms: Ps 72.1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Second Reading: Romans 15.4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12

## Christmas - A Time for Giving

Please consider giving an older child a gift this Christmas. You may leave gifts with the Saint Vincent de Paul members standing by the Giving Tree before and after Mass Saturday evening and Sunday morning. We are distributing gifts December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

#### ADVENT – THE JESSE TREE

Many of our Advent scripture readings help to PREPARE us for the coming of Jesus by focusing on persons and events in the Bible that "prepared the way" for Jesus. It is a Christian tradition in Advent to decorate a tree with symbols of Biblical



characters (such as Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, King David) who came before Jesus.

This "family tree of Jesus" is called the **JESSE TREE**. It is named after Jesse, who was the father of King David. In the Christmas story, we learn that Jesus was a descendant of the family of King David. The Jesse tree takes its origin from a passage in the book of the prophet Isaiah (11: 1-10):

A shoot comes forth from the stump of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow from its roots... And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him.

A full Jesse Tree would consist of one symbol of a Bible figure for each day of Advent.

The Sunday Children's Program will focus on the Jesse Tree on Dec. 8 (3-6 age group) and on Dec. 15 (7-11 age group).

Any family wishing to use the Jesse Tree as part of their Advent preparation for Christmas can obtain Jesse Tree symbol sets from the Children's Program downstairs in the Church Hall after the 10 am Mass on Dec 1 and Dec. 8.

## **GREEN CHRISTMAS**

As we prepare for Christmas in our hearts and in our homes, let us make this holiday season as green as we can:

December 1st: A handcrafted advent calendar can be both low-waste and a treasured keepsake. Fill it full of activities rather than toys or candy.

#### **Scout Christmas Concert**

We are pleased to advise that our Scouting Group will be putting on a concert at Holy Name Church large downstairs hall on **Tuesday**, **December 10**<sup>th</sup> **at 7:00 pm.** Led by our First Light Scout Band, and accompanied by our youth members ages 5 to 15. Free will giving – funds will be given to Saint Vincent de Paul Society to help with their Christmas hampers. Names and addresses on envelope will allow them to send you a receipt.

Please join us for a fun and entertaining evening.

Thanks from the 236<sup>th</sup> Toronto Scouting Group

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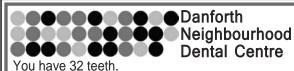
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