

HOLY NAME PARISH

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Welcome to Holy Name. 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.

Pastor: Reverend Vijai Amirtharaj, C.S.C.

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Pamela Cobham

Choir Director: Ms. Sarah Matte

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri 9 am - 12 noon 1 pm - 5 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays: 4:30 to 5:00 pm and on request

BAPTISM

By appointment and after instruction.

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Catholic Cemeteries: 416-733-8544

Archdiocese of Toronto: www.archtoronto.org

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Saint Vincent de Paul Society (to help neighbours in need) 416-469-0842

Holy Name School:

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690 Carlaw Ave

Principal: Matthew Tonks

The Parish Hall is available for rent - please contact Jocelyn the hall manager at 647-292-9146 (cell).



Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the second week of our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. A common question that we are often asked during these days is **“What are you giving up for Lent?”** Hopefully, we don’t fall into the trap of seeing our Lenten sacrifices of “giving up” desserts, coffee without sugar, social media, or smoking, simply as an endurance test. To do so would only be self-serving. So, how can giving up chocolate, therefore, bring us closer to God?

Our fasting, in whatever small form it takes, is intended to help us “return to the Lord” with a greater conversion of heart. We are reminded of this in the first reading for Ash Wednesday, from the Prophet Joel, **“Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning” (12:2).**

In his *Meditation* on “The Season of Lent,” Blessed Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, tells us that “corporal sacrifice is required, but it is unacceptable without sacrifice of the soul, that is amendment of life.” So, during those times when we may feel the “pinch” of our sacrifice, can we take a moment to try to “amend our life” by recalling a person in our family with whom we struggle and to pray for him or her? Can we reflect on how we may have been unfairly judgmental of others during the day and how we can do better in the future? Can our small sacrifices lead us to remember and to pray for those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, or displacement?

Such small practices elicit within us a greater dependence upon God, his mercy and forgiveness, which ultimately brings us closer to Him and leads to our greater conversion of heart to which we are invited to this season. Even in our “giving up,” God assures us that He never *gives up* on us, for his love and mercy is everlasting. May this holy season of Lent continue to be a time of renewal and conversion of heart for us all.

Fr. Vijai, C.S.C.

Tues. March 7th
12:05 pm: **Esther Ryan & Family +**
Wed. March 8th
12:05 pm: **Maria & Francisco Ferreira +**
Thurs. March 9th
12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
Eleanor Zizzi +
Fri. March 10th
12:05 pm:
Sat. March 11th
5:00 pm: **Joseph Castelino +**
Readings for
Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 12th, 2023

1st Reading: Exodus 17.3-7
Responsorial Psalms: Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9
Second Reading: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4.5-42

SANCTUARY LAMP
is lit this week
In Memory of Gary McArdle
at the request of the Kane Family



We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the homebound, the “forgotten members” in our community, and their families and caregivers. “Lord surround them with your healing and steadfast love.” especially

Sherry MacEachern, Daniel Giles, Grace Cornacchia, Jamie Gillingham, Julie Livingstone, Mae Bradley, Jaden Babcock, Valrie Lashley and Maria Jose Bouey.



For next weekend

Don’t forget to turn your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed on **Saturday, March 11th.**



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

PRETZELS FOR LENT

The children participating in the Children's Liturgy Program *next Sunday, (March 12)* will be baking pretzels to share at the hospitality time after Mass. The baking of pretzels is a Lenten tradition in the Church, dating back to the Middle Ages, when monks in Germany, Austria and Poland would bake pretzels as a form of Lenten treat for the people. The shape of the pretzels is the shape of human arms crossed in prayer. Pretzels remind us that Lent is a time for prayer.

A small handout with a pretzel recipe and prayer will be available after Mass next Sunday to anyone who is interested.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

March 10th – Led by Eucharistic Ministers

March 17th – Led by African Catholic
Community

March 24th – St. Vincent de Paul – led by
children

March 31st – Led by R.C.I.A.



Seniors Group Luncheon – Reminder!

The next Luncheon is on **Thursday, March 9th**
after the 12:05 Mass.

All seniors are welcome!

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Communion Preparation followed by
individual confessions

Thursday, March 30th, 2023

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm



Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife
ShareLife Sunday is March 26. Our parish goal
for this year's campaign is **\$37,200.00**

More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are supported through your generosity. Without your contributions, more than 150,000 people would not receive the hope offered through the vital work of these agencies.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Congratulations

to the winners of the
Friars Student Writing Contest 2023!

Theme: "Do good; seek justice"
(Isaiah 1:17)

1st Prize

Peter Leong

St. Michael's Choir School Sr. Toronto

2nd Prize

Alexander Wareing

St. Anne Catholic Academy Sr. Toronto

3rd Prize

Anastasia Shirali

Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School Toronto

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – FISH FRY HOSTED BY: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FRIDAYS – Feb 24 – April 7

5 pm – 6:45 pm

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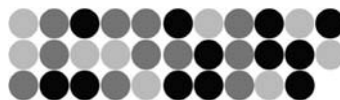
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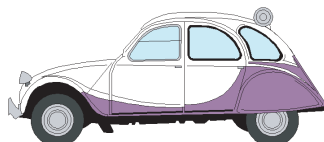


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