

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.

Deacon: John Doomernik

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Pamela Cobham

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

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By appointment and after instruction.

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Dear Parishioners,

I want to give you a few updates:

First, this weekend we celebrate **Mother's Day**. It is a time to reflect on the gift of life and love of all mothers. We come to know the love and goodness of God first and foremost through the love of our mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers and godmothers. Each Mother's Day I am reminded of this quote: "A mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take." On this Mother's Day, we pray for all mothers and may Mary, the mother of all mothers, intercede for them. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!

Second, we have upgraded our **Sound System** in the Church. Our old system was 22 years old and the company that has helped with our system for many years suggested that it is time to replace the existing system. In addition, we have been having ongoing problems with the system in the recent months. So, at the recommendation of the company and with the approval of the Finance Council of the Parish, we have upgraded the sound system to the digital system at the cost of \$26,000. Though we could have gone with an option that was cheaper, I and the Finance Council, considering the long-term goals and planning, chose to go with this option. I do find that the sound quality is much better now and I hope you do too.

Third, we are pleased to have a **New Choir Director**. As you know Sarah Matte has stepped down as Holy Name Parish's music director after 27 years of dedicated service to the Parish. Last Sunday we had a beautiful and well attended reception to thank Sarah for her ministry to our community. A Parish committee had been working to find a new Choir Director for the Parish. As a result of the diligent work of this committee, we are pleased to have new Choir Director in the person of Peter Smith. Peter comes with a lot of experience in the field of music and he will begin his ministry as the new Music Director of our Parish, this weekend, May 13-14. We warmly welcome Peter to our community. We wish Peter the best and we pray that his ministry adds more vitality to our liturgical celebrations. We thank Daniel Colla for all his help to the Parish choir and for directing the choir for the last few weeks.

Fourth, to date our **ShareLife collection** is \$24,010. I want to sincerely thank all those who have already contributed to ShareLife and I want to encourage others to do so in the coming weeks. The target set for our Parish by the Archdiocese is \$37,200 and we are surely moving closer to the target. Our Third ShareLife collections will take place on June 04.

Finally, **I will be out of the Country** for the next four weeks. I will be travelling to India on May 14. After spending a few weeks with my family, on June 07, I will be travelling to the States for two different Congregational meetings and I will return back on June 16. There will be different priests covering for Masses in my absence, along with Deacon John. For any needs during my absence, please call or email the parish office. If need be, you can get in touch with me through my personal email-avijaycsc@gmail.com. Blessings to you all.

Fr. Vijai, C.S.C.



Tue. May 16th
 12:05 pm: **Maria Izaura Cezarina & Constancio Gonsalves +**
 Wed. May 17th
 12:05 pm: **Juan Carlos Basurto + Jackie Marksman + Rosina Gubiani +**
 Thurs. May 18th
 12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
 Fri. May 19th
 12:05 pm:
 Sat. May 20th
 5:00 pm: **Filomena De Lima +**
For the Intentions of Marisa Ciraco
For the Intentions of Tony Ciraco

*Readings for
 The Ascension of the Lord
 Sunday, May 21st, 2023*

1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11
Responsorial Psalms: Ps.47.1-2, 5-6, 7-8
Second Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20



Share your love on Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know that our parish's ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? One such mother is Nikki, who was able to continue her education and receive practice assistance through a ShareLife-funded agency called Rose of Sharon.

"If it wasn't for you and for ShareLife, I don't know where we would be today," says Nikki. "We will always and forever be grateful for your support!"

Thus far we have raised **\$24,010.00** toward our goal of **\$37,200.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 21st after 10 am Mass – Truth & Reconciliation Dialogue Series – meet in large hall.

Thursday, May 25th after 12:05 pm Mass Senior's Lunch in the small hall.

Thursday, June 8th after 12:05 pm Mass Senior's Barbeque Lunch in small hall. Last lunch till the Fall.

Saturday, June 10th – 9:30 am – 12 noon Family Day for 1st Communion in the parish hall.

Saturday, June 17th – 11 am – First Communion

LUNCH WITH THE BEES AND BUTTERFLIES

On June 4, 2023, immediately following the 10 a.m. Mass, in the Parish Hall, The Holy Name Climate

Action Group is inviting you to a special event of a light lunch followed by a presentation on the importance of pollinators and how we can restore our wounded Creation. Our guest will be **Carrie Dohe**, the founder and President of the organization, **Bees for Peace**. Carrie will relate her theme to our faith and spirituality.

We need help in preparing pots of soup. Are there volunteers?

We will ask for a good-will offering to contribute to Carrie's honorarium and the costs of the event.

All are welcome!

REQUESTS FOR HELP IN THE PARISH POLLINATOR GARDEN

This year is the third season for the parish Pollinator Garden beside the Church building. We hope to, once again, have wonderful volunteers to water and weed the Garden which we see as sacred Indigenous land for which we now care. If persons are not able to actually garden, donations to a fund for the Garden are also very much appreciated.

All who are interested can sign the sheet at the back and side doors of the Church.

The Climate Action Group thanks you so much! And may the new life and growth of Spring bring joy to our hearts.

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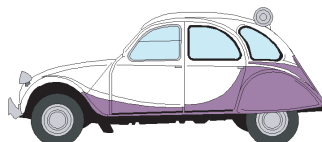
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