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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.
In Residence: Rev. Yaw Acheampong
Deacon: John Doomernik
Parish Secretary: Mrs. Pamela Cobham
Choir Director: Peter Smith

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.

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.

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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Principal: Ms. Maren Askin

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

Dear Parishioners,

In my note for the bulletin last Sunday, I encouraged you to consider getting more involved in the life of our Parish Community by volunteering for one or more of our Parish ministries. In continuation with that theme, the Archdiocese of Toronto has designated this Sunday, September 24 as **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**, which gives me, as Pastor, a wonderful opportunity to encourage parishioners to prayerfully consider becoming more engaged in the life of their Parish.

On this Sunday, I would like to provide you with the following excerpts from Archbishop Leo's homily for Stewardship Sunday: "Reflecting on the Word of God and on the Church's teaching, we acknowledge that we have received so much from the Lord's goodness and have likewise been called to humbly recognise, diligently develop, and generously share all that we are, and all that we have - for the sake of the Kingdom...The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (Matt 20:1-16) which we hear this 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, pointedly holds up a mirror to each of us as disciples of the Master who has blessed each of us with different and abundant gifts. What are we doing with them, how are we using them, generously and responsibly to further spread and strengthen the Kingdom of Christ among us? ...So, Stewardship Sunday is not just about giving some of our money to the Church or a worthy cause; it's much more than that. It's about sharing our love and kindness, our abilities, our time, our skillsets, our faith, our experiences, our wisdom, a piece of our heart and then another piece, and another, until we have given it away completely. For it is in giving that we receive, as St. Francis of Assisi taught us.

...as we celebrate Stewardship Sunday today, I thank you all most sincerely for all that you do to further the Lord's Kingdom in our midst by choosing to be magnanimous with all that you are and have. Let us be mindful each day a little more, of the Lord's many gifts in our lives; let us be grateful for them and be generous in sharing them with others. You can find Archbishop Leo's homily at

http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship

Fr. Vijai, C.S.C.

Seniors Group

The Seniors Group bi-weekly luncheons will recommence with a **Barbeque on Thursday October 5 after the 12:05 Mass. ALL SENIORS**are welcome.



Tues. September 26th

12:05 pm: Maria Malasig +

Wed. September 27th

12:05 pm:

Thurs. September 28th 12:05 pm: Mary & Harry Keane +

Fri. September 29th

12:05 pm: In Thanksgiving for the Life and Faithful

Ministry of Pope Benedict XVI

Sat. September 30th 5:00 pm: Leo & Victoria Stang + Dorothy Hendry +

> Readings for Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, October 1st, 2023

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28

Responsorial Psalms: Ps 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9

Second Reading: Philippians 2.1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32

LIFE CHAIN Sunday, October 1st, 2023 2-3 pm

Intersection of Pape & Danforth Avenues.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30, 2023

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation takes place each year on September 30. At St. Ann's parish in Toronto, home to the Native People's Mission, a

special Mass will be held on October 1, 2023, at 12:30p.m. - all are welcome to attend.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will hold a special collection the weekend of **September 30/October 1, 2023** to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The fund will support both local and national programs proposed by Indigenous communities to nurture the ongoing reconciliation journey. You can donate through your local parish or online anytime at:

www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program at the 10 am Mass starts today, for the 2023-24 school year.

A reminder to parents about the format and purpose of the program:

The Children's program provides the children **aged 3-11** with an experience of God's Word in the form of Bible stories for the younger group, and the Sunday gospel for the older group.

At the start of the Mass, children are called to the front by Fr. Vijai, and are sent downstairs to their program.

The younger group is for children **aged 3-6**. Their program consists of a Bible story and a craft. The program for the younger group continues until near the end of Communion. Then the younger children come back upstairs.

The older group is for children **aged 7 to 11** (Grade 2 or higher). The older children hear the Sunday Gospel and have activities and discussion to reflect on its meaning. They return upstairs just before the Eucharistic Prayer.

NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: We welcome any of the middle school and high-school aged youth of the parish to consider volunteering as a student helpers with the younger group (this can be used to count towards your high school community service requirement).

We also welcome parents or other adults to volunteer to become teachers or helpers. In addition, we welcome any parents of the children in the younger group who want to stay downstairs and act as helpers from time to time.

PEACE IN THE WORLD

Although the International Day of Peace took place on September 21, 2023, the need for Peace in the World remains very great. Pope Francis recently offered a message to leaders gathered at an International Prayer Meeting for Peace in Berlin, September 10-12. It is a powerful message for all of us. Copies of the Pope's Message are available near the side and back doors of the Church. Let us all pray for Peace!

Stand for the Land Fall Campaign

Toronto Diocesan Council - Virtual Fall Campaign Workshop Saturday, September 23rd 9 am to 12 pm On Zoom

Come learn about the next phase of our Stand for the Land campaign, where we'll learn more about how we can support the struggle of water defenders in Guapinol, Honduras, who are opposing a Honduranowned mine that is poisoning important waterways. To register for the webinar: please go to **D & P EVENTS PAGE**

https://devp.org/en/evenements/

You invited on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. St Ann's Parish in Toronto for a special event. Come to meet our very special guests, Brenda Arakaza, DPCC National Council President, and Carl Hétu, DPCC Executive Director. Learn more about our movement, our work, and so much more; get the insight on our partners, our staff, and our National Council. Your questions will be welcome after the presentations. All are welcome, share this invitation widely. This meeting is an in-person meeting only, no RSVP **needed.** For more information contact: Catherine Barry cbdnp27@gmail.com

SEASON OF CREATION

1) Raise our voices and writing to our MPP, Peter

- Tabuns, about preservation of the **Greenbelt**. This piece of land stands for so much: precious wetlands, forests, important biodiversity, and needed farmland. A good deal of that land is still inhabited and farmed by Indigenous communities. We can join the many who are wishing to Save the Greenbelt.

 2) Stand with Indigenous leaders coming to Toronto to demand that the Government of Ontario respect their land in the north being designated for mining. We can join them at the **March for the Land Gathering on Wednesday, September 27, beginning at 12 noon at Grange Park.** We can also be praying for justice for
- 3) The Climate Action Group invites all interested parishioners to gather on Sunday, October 8, in the Church basement after the 10 a.m. Mass to talk about how Holy Name, as a parish, might choose one action for Creation. The meeting could be short, but productive if all come with a possible idea.

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