

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.

In Residence: Rev. Yaw Acheampong

Deacon: John Doomernik

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Pamela Cobham

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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.

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

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

Holy Name School:

Phone 416-393-5215

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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).



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Day of Confession

Wednesday, December 13th, 2023

11:30 am – 12 noon

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

4th Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 23rd - 5 pm Mass

Sunday, December 24th – 10 am Mass and 12 noon

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Sunday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Mass at 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 24th – Midnight Mass (Led by ACC)

Monday, December 25th - Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 am

(no ACC Mass at 12 noon)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday, December 30th - 5 pm Mass

Sunday, December 31st – 10 am Mass

FEAST OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1st, 2024

New Year's Day Mass at 10 am

12 noon African Catholic Community



Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin another liturgical new year, Year B, with the songs of Isaiah heralding the season of Advent. We begin a cycle that carries us right through our Christian story – from Advent to Christmas into Lent and the sanctity of the Holy Week culminating in the celebration of Easter and the Easter season until the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. On it goes until Advent time comes around again. What a gift to have this rhythm and pattern in our Catholic lives! It provides a framework for all the bits and pieces of prayers, readings, and intercessions during the different seasons.

During the Advent season we symbolically participate in the waiting of the patriarchs, kings, prophets, and priests, as we await Christ's final and glorious return. Through prayer, liturgy, Eucharist, and the signs and symbols of Advent, we groan with Isaiah for a day when weapons will be turned into agricultural instruments. We cry out with Zechariah, rejoicing that the dawn from on high is breaking upon us. We pray with the likes of Adam, Job, Hannah, Solomon, Micah, and millions of others, named and unnamed, many whose expectations of the future kingdom may have been hazy, yet who still yearned for something more complete and more "real" than what they knew.

Advent is especially a special time for our RCIA candidates, who have completed the first stage of the RCIA program, the Period of Enquiry and Evangelization. *At our 10.00 am Mass this Sunday, they will participate in the Rite of Acceptance and begin the second stage of the program, the Period of Catechumenate.* It is my hope and prayer for all of us that we are able to carve out a bit of a time each day during this season, to pray, meditate and prepare a place for our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Fr. Vijai, C.S.C.



Tues. December 5th
12:05 pm: **Esther Ryan & Family +**
Wed. December 6th
12:05 pm: **Mary Josephine Harrigan +**
Thurs. December 7th
12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
Fri. December 8th
12:05 pm: **Giuseppina Di Nicolantonio +**
Sat. December 9th
5:00 pm: **Raphael Berney +**

*Readings for
Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 10th*

1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Psalms: Ps 85.8ab+9, 10-11, 12-13
(R7)
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14
Gospel: Mark 1.1-8

SANCTUARY LAMP

is lit this week

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***Offertory Envelope Boxes for 2024
are available at the entrance of the
church***

Please call or email Pamela at the Parish Office
holynameto@archtoronto.org during office hours

- You have a change in your name/address.
- If you would like a box of envelopes please fill in registration card and place in the collection basket at offertory - **please print clearly** envelopes will be provided for you the following weekend.
- **Please always use the proper year envelopes, write your name and address on the envelope and importantly seal your envelopes.**

*Thank
You*

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive 2023

A big thank you to Troop 236th Scouting Group, our neighbouring community, parishioners and all the volunteers who helped to make the Food Drive truly successful. 4,067 items of food and \$396 in cash funds were collected. We could not do our good works without you.



**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cheer 2023
Volunteers Needed**

We could use extra hands if you can spare a few hours to help us set up the large hall to welcome our neighbours. Contact Pauline at paulinemrobert@icloud.com if you have any questions.

Fri. Dec. 8th – 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will decorate the hall, set up tables with donated food to create a shopping experience, set up refreshment tables, etc.

Sat. Dec. 9th – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will do last minute preparation, welcome our guests, provide direction, serve refreshments, clean up the hall afterward.

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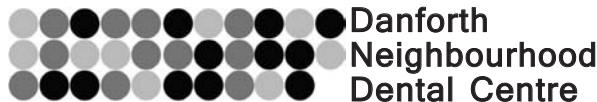
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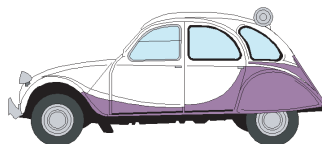
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