

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

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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

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

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,

As we celebrate the **Third Sunday of Advent** “**Gaudete Sunday**” and light the third candle of our Advent Wreath, we continue to prepare the way of the Lord. As we continue on the path of preparation, I invite you to reflect for a moment, and in no particular order, upon 12 types of people. This reflection was provided by Rev. Terrance Klein in *America Magazine*. *Call it an Advent 12-step examen in preparation for the 12 Days of Christmas. And so we pray for:*

- Those who are approaching their first Christmas after the death of someone, whom they have dearly loved.
- Those who come to Christmas to celebrate the Word made flesh, knowing that cancer or some other disease has invaded their own flesh.
- Those who are, late in life, once again raising children in their home because unless they do their grandchildren will have no nurturing home.
- Those who, advanced in age, live in fear that this will be their last Christmas in their own home, still able to live life in their own way.
- Those who struggle to make Christmas something their children will always remember but only add to the mounting worry about bills that cannot be paid.
- Those who came to this country, desperate to find a new life, and who now live in fear that everything might be lost.
- Those who want to live in the freedom of Christ but are still held captive by addiction.

- Those who try to spread holiday cheer and comfort, all the while returning to homes where discord and distrust hold reign.
- Those who are growing up different than others, in communities where young people are expected to mature in well-worn ways.
- Those who are alienated from their family and friends, cut off from the faces meant to give them life.
- Those who think that they are alone in struggling with unbelief and with questions about their faith.
- Those who are not here in the parish most Sundays because it has never been a place of comfort for them.

If a face or two has come before your mind, realize that God has given you a gift. You have seen the suffering of God's cherished ones. Now it is up to you to decide how to make this command of God into the promise of your parish.

Fr. Vijai, C.S.C.



Tues. December 19th
12:05 pm: **Rachelle Ann Meeres +**
Wed. December 20th
12:05 pm:
Thurs. December 21st
12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
Fri. December 22nd
12:05 pm:
Sat. December 23rd
5:00 pm: **Filomena De Lima +**
Leo & Victoria Stang +
Manuel De Sousa +

*Readings for
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 24th, 2023*

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89.1-2, 3-4, 26+28
Second Reading: Romans 16.25-27
Gospel: Luke 1.26-38



Please join the Choir at 6pm on Christmas Eve for some music, readings and Carol singing prior to the start of the 7pm Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th.

Please also join the Choir on Thursday December 21 at 6pm for some jocular and robust Carol singing from the front porch/portico of the Church, as we lend our voices to the people strolling The Danforth. Carol sheets will be provided.

No Children's Liturgy Program on Dec. 25, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1

Please note that final Children's Liturgy Program for 2023 will be on Sun., Dec. 24, at the 10 am Mass.

There will be no Children's Liturgy Program on Christmas Day, on New Year's Day or on Sunday Dec. 31.

The Children's Liturgy Program will resume on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 (Epiphany of the Lord).

Fr. Vijai and the Holy Name Truth and Reconciliation group are pleased to welcome Deacon John Brown to the parish on Sunday, January 14th, 2024.

Deacon John is with St. Ignatius of Loyola parish in Mississauga.

He is a lawyer at McCarthy Tetrault and chairs the firm's Reconciliation Committee.

Deacon John also works in an advisory capacity with the Toronto Archdiocese.

He offers guidance on Indigenous issues, including the Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation fund which supports local and national initiatives that assist in the journey of healing.

Deacon John will serve on the altar at the 10 am Mass. You are invited to meet him over coffee in the church hall after Mass.

An invitation has also been extended to parishioners at St. Ann's and Our Lady of Lourdes.

We hope you'll join us in giving Deacon John a warm Holy Name welcome on January 14th.

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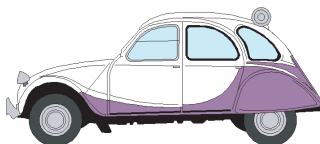
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