

# 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 Eric Rodrigues

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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:** Monday-Friday at 12:05 pm in the church

**Eucharistic Adoration:** every Friday 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm in the church.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm and on request.

## BAPTISM

By appointment and after instruction.

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Dear parishioners,

The Advent season can be seen as having two parts. The first part runs for the first 2-3 weeks (roughly). The main theme presented to us in the readings and prayers of the Mass during this first part is the final Coming of the Lord. We are confronted by various images from the Scriptures – especially the words of Jesus – that remind us to “keep awake”, to “be alert”, and to prepare our hearts.

The second part of Advent begins on December 17<sup>th</sup> and runs until the beginning of Christmas. These are considered to be more focused days to prepare us for the feast. They serve as a novena to help us prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christ’s birth. We will notice that the readings and prayers of the Mass during these days bring to mind the various events surrounding the birth of Jesus. The key biblical figures will be prominent – Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist and his parents.

An ancient tradition from these days is the singing or praying of what are called the “O Antiphons”. An “antiphon” is part of a prayer that the Church recites. During these special days close to Christmas, each day is associated with a title or name for Jesus drawn from Old Testament imagery. For instance, December 17<sup>th</sup> refers to Jesus as “Wisdom of our God Most High”. In the prayers, each title is preceded by the letter “O”, which serves as a word of honour by which we call upon Our Lord. We often do this: “O Lord...O God...please help us!” From December 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> the Church does this daily, using the titles for Jesus: O Wisdom, O Root of Jesse, O Emmanuel...hence they are called the O Antiphons.

Quite fittingly, our Advent School Mass will be taking place at the beginning of these days. *The students and teachers from Holy Name School will be coming to the Church on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am for Mass. Members of the parish community are most welcome to attend.*

May we all enter more deeply into the Advent season this week, joining the Church in this ancient tradition and opening our hearts to the joyful celebration of the birth of the Saviour.

Fr. Eric



## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

### Advent Day of Confessions

Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

11 am – 12 noon

6 pm – 8 pm

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 12:05 pm Mass

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm Mass

**\* Please note change of time\***

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00am (no ACC Mass at 12 noon)

Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – 12:05 pm Mass

Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> – 12:05 pm Mass

Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am Mass

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am Mass; 12:00pm Mass (ACC)

Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – 12:05 pm Mass

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 12:05 pm Mass

### FEAST OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:00 am Mass; 12:00pm Mass (ACC)

Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12:05 pm Mass

### FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS – PARISH FEAST DAY

Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12:05 pm Mass; 6:00 pm –

Exposition/Benediction; 7:00 pm – Mass

### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am Mass; 12:00 pm Mass (ACC)



## Mass Intentions

Mon. December 16th  
12:05 pm: **Fr. Bill Comerford, C.Ss.R. +**  
**John Rocchio +**  
**Cecilia Chen +**  
**Mary Wilkinson +**  
Tues. December 17th  
12:05 pm: **Romaldina Fernandes +**  
Wed. December 18th  
12:05 pm: **John Rocchio +**  
Thurs. December 19th  
12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**  
Fri. December 20th  
12:05 pm: **Dorothy Belins +**  
Sat. December 21<sup>st</sup>  
5:00 pm: **Filomena De Lima +**  
**Leo & Victoria Stang +**  
Sun. December 22nd  
12:00 pm:

*Readings for  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 22nd, 2024*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Micah 5.2-5a  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 80.1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18  
Second Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10  
Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

## No Children's Liturgy Program on Dec. 25 and Dec. 29

Please note that the final Children's Liturgy Program for 2024 will be on Sun., Dec. 22, at the 10 am Mass. There will be no Children's Liturgy Program on Christmas Day, or on Sunday Dec. 29, 2024. The Children's Liturgy Program will resume on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025 (Epiphany of the Lord).

## SANCTUARY LAMP

is lit this week

**For the Repose of the Soul of Mary  
Wilkinson**

requested by Anne Evans and Iona D'Cruz

## 2024 Tax Receipts

*Last day of offertory/donations to be included  
in 2024 Tax Receipts is on December 31st. All  
donations received on January 1<sup>st</sup> will be  
considered for 2025 offertory.*

**Please take note: Tax Receipts for 2024 will  
be mailed to you.**

## First Reconciliation and First Communion class

*will begin in  
January. Parents wishing to have their grade 2 and  
older children prepared for these sacraments are invited  
to the Parent Meeting on January 7, 2025 at 7 pm in  
the church.*

*At this meeting you will have the opportunity to register  
your child and to receive the schedule and to purchase  
the program. From January to March the children will be  
working on the First Reconciliation (Confession)  
program at a cost of \$25 for the booklet. First  
Communion classes will start in May and finish at the  
end of June. That booklet is also \$25.*

*If you have any questions or concerns please contact  
the parish office 416-466-8281.*

*Parents are the first teachers and we will need your help  
as you journey through these two sacraments with your  
children.*

## CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATIONS AT HOLY NAME PARISH



The Holy Name Parish Choir will be presenting a beautiful selection of Advent and Christmas readings, choral works, and **Christmas Carols** prior to the 7 pm Christmas Eve mass at Holy Name.

Please come out for this pre-mass event, listen to the choral works, and join with the Choir in singing some favourite Christmas Carols. Bring along family and friends!

**Proceedings will commence at 6 pm on Christmas  
Eve, December 24, Holy Name Church, followed by  
the 7pm Holy Name Christmas Eve Mass.**



**ALTAR DECORATORS NEEDED  
for Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm  
(please enter through Gough Ave. ramp entrance to the  
church)**

*Please come and help beautify our Church for the  
Christmas celebrations. "Many hands make light work!"  
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*Thank you, The Sacristans*

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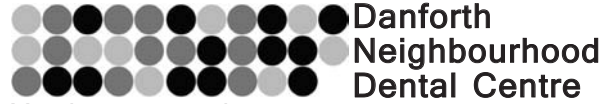
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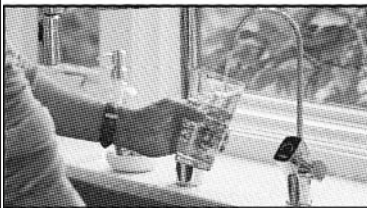


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