

HOLY NAME PARISH

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Feast of the Holy Family

Dear parishioners,

We find ourselves in the midst of the Christmas Octave, celebrating this Sunday the Feast of the Holy Family. The Church gives us several days to celebrate Christmas so that we can linger, so to speak, around the cradle of the Infant Jesus. We are joined there by St. Stephen, St. John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents, who feast days were on December 26th, 27th, and 28th.

Today we join Our Lady and St. Joseph in a special way, knowing that at the heart of the Holy Family is the Child Jesus.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank, on behalf of the entire parish, so many who have worked hard in making our Advent and Christmas celebrations so beautiful. Our musicians, choir and cantors, under the leadership of our music director, Peter Smith, have done such an excellent job in elevating our celebrations with their lovely sounds and voices. Our sanctuary and church environment have been decorated so beautifully – for this, we thank our team of sacristans and volunteers who have helped them. We thank our great altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and ushers for their dedication, both during these festive weeks and throughout the year. Our team of teachers and volunteers for the children’s program, under the leadership of Tom Broadhurst, have helped to prepare our children for a faithful and meaningful celebration of Christmas. Each and every one of you, too – all of our parishioners, that is – have also contributed. Your own prayers and presence, the hidden sacrifices you make at home, the challenges at work or at school...all of these are brought together each week at Holy Mass, and they have helped to bring us the joy of the Christmas season!

As we come to the end of the year and prepare to enter into the Jubilee Year of 2025, I extend my best wishes to all of you for a peaceful and prosperous New Year. Please be assured of my prayers for all of you, and may God continue to send his gracious blessings upon us, now and forever!

Fr. Eric



NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Monday, December 30th – 12:05 pm Mass

Tuesday, December 31st – 12:05 pm Mass

FEAST OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, December 31st – 5:00 pm Mass

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

Thursday, January 2nd – 12:05 pm Mass

FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS – PARISH FEAST DAY

Friday, January 3rd – 12:05 pm Mass; 6:00 pm –

Exposition/Benediction; 7:00 pm – Mass

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 4th – 5:00 pm Mass

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

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.



Monday, December 30th
12:05 pm: **Helen Donnelly +**
Poor Souls in Purgatory
All Deceased Members of Katigbak Family
For the Intentions of Magno & Agapita Katigbak
Thursday, January 2nd
12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
Friday, January 3rd
12:05 pm: **Sheila Hands +**
Saturday, January 4th
5:00 pm: **Jackie Marksman +**

*Readings for
Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 5th, 2025*

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6
Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Second Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the homebound, the “forgotten members” in our community, and their families and caregivers. “Lord surround them with your healing and steadfast love.” especially

Kateri Ryan, Darryl Smart, Carl Wilcox, G. Pitrolo, Ann Gilbride, Paul Ryan, Sherry MacEachern, Daniel Giles, Mae Bradley, Jaden Babcock, Valrie Lashley and Maria Jose Bouey.

2024 Tax Receipts

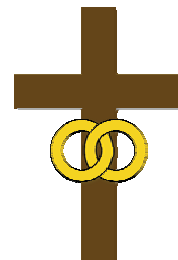
Last day of offertory/donations to be included in 2024 Tax Receipts is on December 31st. All donations received on January 1st will be considered for 2025 offertory.
Please take note: Tax Receipts for 2024 will be mailed to you.



Offertory Envelope Boxes for 2025 are available at the entrance of the church

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

- ***You have a change in your name and 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.***



As part of **Marriage Sunday 2025** celebrations, **Bishop Ivan Camilleri** will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating **25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+** wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m.** on **Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025** at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

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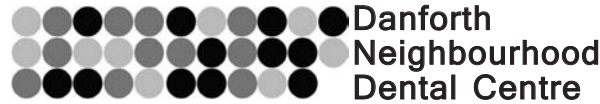
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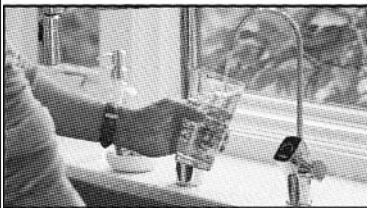
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