HOLY NAME PARISH

GOUGH AND DANFORTH (at Pape Subway)

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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 In Residence: Rev. Yaw Acheampong Parish Secretary: Mrs. Pamela Cobham

Director of Music: Peter Smith peter.smith1@hotmail.ca 416-989-3542 **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.

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

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

Holy Name School:
Phone 416-393-5215
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690 Carlaw Ave
Principal: Ms. Maren Askin

The Parish Hall and Rooms are available for rent - please email holynameto@archtoronto.org.

Dear parishioners,

The Feast of the Baptism of Jesus give us an opportunity to think back to our own baptism. For most of us, we were baptized as babies or as very small children, and so we might not have much of a memory of the day. For others, though, baptism occurred at an older age and so we likely remember the experience more. Either way, what is most important about baptism is what actually happened in the depth of my soul, and the relationship with God that began and has (hopefully) developed since then.

Here at Holy Name, we celebrate baptisms every month, typically on the 3rd Sunday. These ceremonies are usually for babies or small children, and it is always a joyful occasion with many family members and friends present. We also have the major ceremony at Easter for the baptism of adults and older children. This year, we will have about a dozen children and adults who will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. They are currently going through instruction in order to be well-prepared for the day.

The Church explains the full effect of baptism in this way: "Through baptism men and women are freed from sin, are reborn as children of God, and, configured to Christ by an indelible character, are incorporated into the Church". There is so much in this sentence, and I encourage all of you to ponder it in some way:

What does it mean to be freed from sin? Do I actually believe that we need to be freed from sin?

What does it mean to be reborn as a child of God? Isn't everyone already a child of God? Why do we need baptism for that?

What exactly is an "indelible" character? Am I really "configured" to Christ, or is there still a bit of a distance between me and Jesus in our relationship?

While pondering these questions, perhaps we can also look back at our own baptism – what is my baptism day? Where was I baptized? Who baptized me? Do I still have a close relationship with my godparents?

Let us give thanks to God for the great gift of Baptism, praying that we might experience, with Jesus, the beautiful love of God the Father and comforting presence of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Eric



Mon. January 13th

12:05 pm: For the Intentions of Kateri Ryan

Tues. January 14th

12:05 pm: Deceased Members of the Jerina Family

Wed. January 15th

12:05 pm: Deceased Members of the Weber

Family

Thurs. January 16th

12:05 pm: Mary & Harry Keane +

Fri. January 17th

12:05 pm: For the Intentions of Ursula Jerina

Sat. January 18th

5:00 pm: Leo & Victoria Stang + Filomena De Lima +

Sun. January 19th

12:00 pm: Constancio Gonsalves +

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, January 19TH, 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 96. 1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 9-

10ac

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.4-11

Gospel: John 2.1-12

Offertory Envelope Boxes for 2025 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 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.

2025 MASS INTENTIONS

There are many openings for Mass Intentions. Please consider booking a Mass for a Repose of the Soul, In Memory of a Loved One or For the Intention of Someone Special. The donation is \$20.00. You are given a date and time which will be placed in the bulletin, a Mass card and is announced at the Mass. Thank you.

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.

Did you know you can give your offertory donation through Pre-Authorized Giving?

Just fill out form (forms available at entrance of church) and attach void cheque and place it collection basket, mail to parish office or drop in parish mail box
71 Gough Ave. Thank you!

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service

2025 Sunday, January 19, 2025, 4:00 p.m. EST
Venue: North City Church (Toronto District Christian High School-Highway 7/Kipling Ave).
377 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge, ON L4L 2V7
Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)
Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau (Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto) and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for His Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches, and celebrates the 1,700th anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea.

Commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day Monday,

January 27, 2025, 6 p.m. EST Venue: Danforth Multifaith Commons, 310 Danforth Ave., Toronto, ON, M4K 1N6 A vigil on the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, paying tribute to both survivors and liberators. We recommit ourselves to a culture of encounter, 'living in an open and neighbourly spirit, sharing our joys and sorrows, our human problems, and preoccupations' (Dialogue and Proclamation, #42). This city-wide event is part of The Dialogue of Life "In Our Time", a commemoration marking the 60th anniversary of the Vatican Declaration on Interreligious Dialogue Nostra Aetate.



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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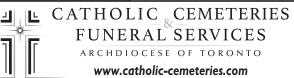
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