

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.

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:

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Principal: Ms. Maren Askin

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



Dear parishioners,

Next Sunday we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**. This day, February 2nd, falls on the 40th day after Christmas, and so it is considered to be the full completion of the Christmas season. It might seem odd to even think that we are still in the Christmas season; Christmas feels like it was a long time ago! But that is the way the Church has celebrated liturgically – a fairly long Christmas season to continue pondering the full meaning of the Birth of the Savior.

The feast of February 2nd actually had another name originally, one that is still connected to the feast today. It was called the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Lady was actually the main focus. It was the feast commemorating the important rituals that Mary carried out in the temple, 40 days after the birth of her child. We do see these rituals in the Gospel account, for she and St. Joseph brought with them what was needed for the sacrificial offering: “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons”.

One of the beautiful ceremonies connected with this feast occurs at the very beginning of Mass. The priest and the people assemble at the back or even outside of the church. Everyone holds candles that are then lit. A prayer is said, marking the day as the 40th after Christmas. The candles are then blessed, and everyone processes into the church. The lighting of the candles is an important reminder of the prophecy from Isaiah, who foretold the birth of the Messiah as the light for all the nations. For this reason, the feast of February 2nd is sometimes referred to by the name Candlemas. The candles we hold are the signs and reminders that Christ is our light.

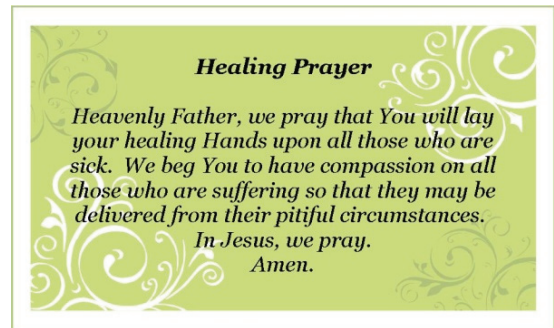
It is nice that this year the feast falls on a Sunday, and so we will be able to celebrate this candle-blessing ceremony with our whole parish community. I invite you this week to bring Christmas back into the picture in some small way. Let us remind ourselves of the birth of the Savior, a light to all nations, and thereby prepare to celebrate next Sunday the grand finale of the Christmas season, 40 days after its beginning.

Fr. Eric

- Mon. January 27th
 12:05 pm: **For the Intentions of Kateri Ryan Felisa Lalamunan and all deceased members of Katigbak Family Vivencita Togle +**
- Tues. January 28th
 12:05 pm: **For the Intentions of Kateri Ryan**
- Wed. January 29th
 12:05 pm: **For the Intentions of Kateri Ryan**
- Thurs. January 30th
 12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
- Fri. January 31st
 12:05 pm: **Rosauro Flores +**
- Sat. February 1st
 5:00 pm: **Romeo A. Lopez +**
- Sun. February 2nd
 12:00 pm: **Maria Izaura Cezarina Gonsalves + John Britto +**

**READINGS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
 Sunday, February 2nd, 2025**

- 1st Reading:** Malachi 3.1-4
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24.7, 8, 9, 10
Second Reading: Hebrews 2.10-11, 13b-18++
Gospel: Luke 2.22-40



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.

SANCTUARY LAMP

is lit this week

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requested by Anna Boudreau and daughters

REMINDER

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

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

**Bereavement Ministry Virtual
Training – Registration Now Open
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The annual archdiocesan training for bereavement ministry training will be offered online on **Thursdays, Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2025 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** This training is designed for new and seasoned parish bereavement ministers. It will explore ways to begin a bereavement ministry in your parish or enhance your present bereavement ministry programs. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass final assessment to receive full training. There is no cost to attend but registration is required. Capacity is limited, please register early. REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/BMT-RegisterFebMar2025> by February 18, 2025.

**Celebrate the Year of Jubilee and
Elevation of Cardinal Leo –
Regional Eucharistic Celebrations
with Cardinal Leo & Auxiliary
Bishops**

All are welcome to attend Regional Masses that will be held throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto in the coming days.

There will be two groups of Masses – one Mass in each of the four regions of the archdiocese will launch the Jubilee Year and also provide an opportunity to give thanks for the elevation of Frank Cardinal Leo to the College of Cardinals. At these Eucharistic celebrations, Cardinal Leo will preside. Other celebrations will take place at the remaining pilgrim churches in each of the four regions of the archdiocese to launch the Jubilee Year. At these Eucharistic celebrations, the Auxiliary Bishop with pastoral responsibility for the region will preside.

Please note, for those interested in obtaining a Jubilee indulgence, requirements include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attending Mass and offering prayers for the intention of the Holy Father. Confessions will be offered at least one hour prior to all celebrations noted below – all Masses will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrations in the Central Region will take place as follows:

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto (*Bishop Kasun to preside*)

Thursday, February 20, 2025 – St. Mary's Parish, Toronto (130 Bathurst St.) (*Bishop Kasun to preside*)

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 - St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York (*Cardinal Leo to preside*)

We received a Thank You letter from Sr. Felicia Matola Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Africa in regards to the Mission Appeal August 17-18, 2024 at Holy Name Parish.

Please refer to the parish bulletin board to read the letter.

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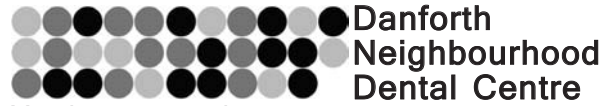
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