

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.

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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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear parishioners,

We have another big feast in the Church to celebrate this week – March 25th (Tuesday) is the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**. The feast commemorates that momentous occasion when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and declared that she would conceive a son, who would be the Saviour of the world and the Son of the Most High. It was the will of God for her to have this awesome role, but she was given the full freedom to respond. Thankfully, she gave her wholehearted yes: “Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to your will” (Luke 1:38). At that very moment, her heart was completely open to God, and she expressed her total willingness to follow God’s plan for her. It was in that openness of heart that was found the presence of the Holy Spirit, so that the Son of God could become man: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14).

Given the powerful role of Mary in our salvation and the amazing benefits of her intercession, Cardinal Leo has asked that we all make a special **Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary** on March 25th. There are various ways to do this, and it does not need to be anything formal. The most important part about consecrating oneself to Our Lady is to sincerely express devotion and love to her from the heart, promising to stay close to her and allow her to guide us. It could mean that on the feast day we all try and do something extra special for Our Lady – attending Mass if we can, praying the Rosary, or simply praying together before an image of Our Lady at home.

We can also try to prepare for the feast day with what Cardinal Leo is calling a “**Marian Triduum**”. This refers to a 3-day preparation period, so that we can actually start to prepare for the feast 3 days before, in order to have our hearts ever more ready. I conclude with the words of the Cardinal: “Guided by the Spirit of unity and accompanied on our journey by Mother Mary’s maternal mediation in Christ, we shall enjoy abundant divine consolations, be empowered with gifts from on High, and we shall truly be, with Our Lady, Pilgrims of Hope to the world”.

Fr. Eric



- Mon. March 24th #
 12:05 pm:
For the Intentions of Kateri Ryan Giuseppe D’Angelo + Maria & Pablito Babadilla +
 Tues. March 25th
 12:05 pm: **Romeo A. Lopez +**
 Wed. March 26th
 12:05 pm: **Laura Butler +**
 Thurs. March 27th
 12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
 Fri. March 28th
 12:05 pm: **Katherine Patricia Lee +**
 Sat. March 29th
 5:00 pm: **Constancio Gonsalves +**
 Sun. March 30th
 12:00 pm: **Antonetta Pereira +**
Rest of the Soul of Helene Brigitte Simba Landu Sassa
For the Intentions of Maria Bonotto

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Sunday, March 30th, 2025

- 1st Reading:** Joshua 5.9a, 10-12
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34.1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21
Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



Stations of the Cross#
Every Friday during Lent#
At 7:00 p.m.#
All Parishioners are welcome!

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| Date | Lead Group |
| March 28th | Eucharistic Ministers |
| April 4th | African Catholic |
| | Community |
| April 11th | Choir |

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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

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MARCH 23, 2025



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

PRETZELS FOR LENT

You are invited to join us for a coffee and hospitality time in a portion of the Church Hall, immediately after the 10 am Mass today. Parishioners are able to access the Hall via the elevator, or through the door at the front of the Church.

The children participating in the Children's Liturgy Program today (March 23) have baked pretzels to share at the hospitality time after Mass. The baking of pretzels is a Lenten tradition in the Church, dating back to the Middle Ages, when monks in Germany, Austria and Poland would bake pretzels as a form of Lenten treat for the people. The shape of the pretzels is the shape of human arms crossed in prayer. Pretzels remind us that Lent is a time for prayer.

A small handout with a pretzel recipe and prayer is available after Mass today to anyone who is interested.



Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry. For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall "is a lifeline for families," says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. "It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be." Our parish goal is **\$51,500.00** for 2025. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, April 16th, 2025

11:00 am – 12 noon

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

LAUNCH OF JUBILEE CAMPAIGN "TURN DEBT INTO HOPE" AT HOLY NAME

Last weekend, in this Jubilee Year, we had a launching of the **Jubilee Campaign** here in the parish. It is a Global Campaign for all Christians; here in Canada it is being organized by **KAIROS Canada and Development and Peace**, responding to Pope Francis' call to a **Jubilee Year of Hope** where he gives special mention of the necessity of cancelling the debts of the poorest countries in the world. One action of the Campaign is to **sign a Petition** addressed to public, private, and multilateral creditors, along with political leaders, to:

1. Stop the debt crisis now by cancelling and remedying unjust and unsustainable debts
2. Prevent debt crises from happening again by addressing their root causes, and reforming the global financial system to prioritize people and planet.
3. Establish a permanent, transparent, binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations.

This **petition** will be available for signing at the back of the Church for weeks to come, as well as **educational material from Development and Peace**.

Please pick up a pamphlet to gain further understanding and information, and please consider SIGNING THE PETITION.

In Canada, the goal is to gain 100,000 signatures, with each parish gaining 100 signatures. Let's meet this goal and perhaps surpass it! This will be a most impactful Lenten practice.

Thank you for your participation!

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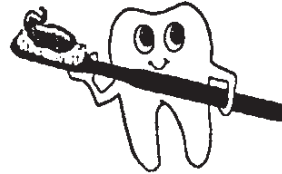
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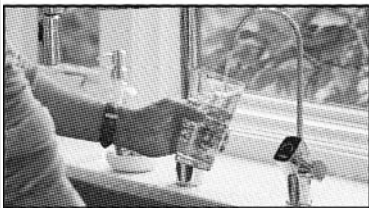
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