# 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:
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Principal: Ms. Maren Askin

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

#### Dear parishioners,

There are two interesting perspectives to help us understand the meaning of this Second Sunday of Easter that we celebrate today. The first one has to do with one of the older names given to this day: Low Sunday. It comes from the idea that the entire week following Easter Sunday should be a full celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. We know this now as the Easter Octave, that is, a celebration of the feast of Easter that extends to a full 8 days. Every day this past week was celebrated in the Church as an Easter weekday. Today, then, the Sunday after Easter Sunday, was not considered as a "separate" Sunday, but rather as the "conclusion" of the fullness of Easter Sunday. The "first" Easter Sunday was seen as the beginning of the weeklong celebration – the "high" point, so to speak. The "second" Easter Sunday, maintaining the connection with the first one, was called Low Sunday (the "low" point of the weeklong celebration). The Church wanted it to be seen really as the "same" Easter Sunday, extended over 8 days, distinguished by the names "high" and "low". Nowadays, we don't use those terms anymore, but we can still understand the meaning because of the Easter Octave that we still celebrate. The Resurrection of Jesus is so incredibly significant to our lives as Christians that we extend the feast far beyond just one day.

The second perspective of this day is that the Second Sunday of Easter is also called Divine Mercy Sunday. It comes from the powerful message of Jesus' mercy that was given to St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun from the early 20th century. Many of us have a fondness for the Divine Mercy devotion, and we are familiar with the beautiful Divine Mercy image: Jesus, with the beautiful rays shining from his heart, representing his blood and water pouring forth over the whole world. Pope John Paul II had a

great devotion to the Divine Mercy and he recognized how much the world needs this message of God's profound love. It was 25 years ago, in April 2000, during the Mass of Canonization for St. Faustina, that John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a beautiful way to conclude the Easter Octave, in that we see how Jesus' Resurrection becomes the source of all our hope and comfort.

Fr. Eric



Mon. April 28th

12:05 pm:

Francisco, Maria & Francisco Junior Ferreira +

Tues. April 29th

12:05 pm: For the Intentions of Kateri Ryan

Wed. April 30th

12:05 pm: For All the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thurs. May 1st

12:05 pm: Mary & Harry Keane +

Fri. May 2nd

12:05 pm: Patricia Eakin +

Sat. May 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:00 pm: Tony Miles +

Sun. May 4th

12:00 pm: Maria Izaura Cezarina Gonsalves +

Readings for Third Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1st Reading: Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 30. 1+3, 4-5, 10+11a+12b

Second Reading: Revelation 5.11-14

**Gospel:** John 21.1-19

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
Ivan Raspor, 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.



The First Communion classes for children in grade 2 and up will be starting on May 3 and May 4. If for some reason, you did not register your child in this program please go to parish website holynameto.archtoronto.org to get form, fill in form and return to Holy Name Parish office with baptismal certificate. The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be held on Saturday, June 21 at 11 am.

This is a six week program and the booklet is \$25.

## **SL ShareLife**

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The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4.

Thus far we have raised \$11,025.00 toward our goal of \$51,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate

#### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**

May 4-9, 2025

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "Pilgrims of Hope"

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### **Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents**

(https://www.lifegivingwounds.org/) is a Catholic ministry to young adults and adults with divorced or separated parents that provides three-day healing retreats, ongoing support groups and online resources. The retreat gives participants a greater understanding of the wound of divorce and the ways it affects their lives, offers advice about the difficulties concerning love and trust of others and explains how the Catholic faith, spiritual practices and the Sacraments are essential to self-knowledge and healing. REGISTER: https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-

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