

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:

Phone 416-393-5215

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690 Carlaw Ave

Principal: Ms. Maren Askin

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Dear parishioners,

During the season of Advent, I will be using my bulletin section to write about one of the saints celebrated by the Church in the upcoming week. For this first week, let us turn to St. Francis Xavier, a saint from the 16th century, whose feast is celebrated on December 3rd.

St. Francis Xavier was a Jesuit priest from Spain in the 16th century, who later became one of the greatest missionaries the Church has ever known. He had come from a fairly privileged life and was able to study at the University of Paris, one of the great learning institutions of the world. As a priest, though, he soon felt the need to share what he had received about the love of God to those who had not yet heard the message of Jesus Christ.

He travelled first to India and then later to Japan, teaching the people wherever he went about the life and teachings of Jesus. We must keep in mind how difficult it would have been in the 1500s to travel from Spain to those parts of Asia. The journey could only be done by boat, and it would have taken several months. The conditions on the boat were very difficult, and many passengers would get sick and often die during the journey. Yet he persevered and continued his faithful efforts amid the challenges of those new countries and cultures.

We have a very intriguing letter that he wrote from India to his colleagues back at the University of Paris. He spoke of his work and of the great needs that were there. He then criticized quite strongly those in the European universities who seemed to have "more learning than charity". He worried that too many of them were spending too much time in the books and not spending enough effort in spreading that wonderful Gospel message to other parts of the world. St. Francis Xavier gave himself tirelessly in bringing others to faith in Jesus Christ and his Church. After India and Japan, his dream was to China and spread the Gospel there. Unfortunately, he died just before reaching China, and the young age of 46.

May the prayers and example of St. Francis Xavier inspire us to embrace our faith in Jesus Christ and do what we can to spread the message of love and hope to others.

Fr. Eric

Registration for First Communion

Parents/Guardians, if you have not yet registered your child for First Communion, please contact the parish office as soon as possible to pick up a registration package. The deadline for registration will be **December 15th**.



Mon. December 1st

12:05 pm: **Christopher Gillespie +**

Barb Pimento +

For the Intentions of Louis Mathias

Tues. December 2nd

12:05 pm: **Esther Ryan & Family +**

Wed. December 3rd

12:05 pm: **All Poor Souls in Purgatory**

Thurs. December 4th

12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**

Fri. December 5th

12:05 pm: **Heather McCloury +**

Sat. December 6th

5:00 pm: **Maria Izaura Cezarina Gonsalves +**

Sun. December 7th

12:00 pm: **Papa Antoine Lutumba +**

INNER HEALING RETREAT
 "O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me" - Psalms 30.1
1ST DECEMBER 2025 (MONDAY)
6:00PM-9:00PM
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Welcome to Our Parish Family

Baptized

Sunday, November 30th, 2025

THEODORE BENJAMIN HOGLUND

son of Donald & Tracy

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

December 24th – 12:05 pm Mass

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 24th – Wednesday (Christmas Eve)

- 6:15 pm Carols / 7:00 pm Mass
- 10:00 pm Mass (African Catholic Community)

December 25th – Thursday (Christmas Day)

- 10:00am Mass

~No 12pm Mass on Christmas Day~

December 26th (Boxing Day) – 12:05 pm Mass

December 27th (Saturday) – 9:00 am Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

December 31st – Wednesday (New Year's Eve)

- 5:00 pm Mass

January 1st – Thursday (New Year's Day)

- 10:00 am

12:00 pm (African Catholic Community)

*Thank
You*

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive 2025

A big thank you to Troop 236th Scouting Group, our neighbouring community, parishioners and all the volunteers who helped to make the Food Drive truly successful. **5,106** items of food and **\$638.00** in cash funds were collected. We could not do our good works without you. Thank you!

FREE SCOUT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Dear Parishioners: Please join the scouts in the big hall of the church on **Tuesday, December 9th from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm** for a Free Christmas Concert put on by the First Light Scout Band and the scouts.

Arrive early to get your seat.

Refreshments will be served after the concert. All are welcome.

236th Toronto Scout Group

Christmas – A Time for Giving



Please consider taking a **DOVE** on the St. Vincent de Paul bulletin board at the main entrance of the church.

On the back of the **DOVE**, an item is suggested for you to purchase for a neighbour. The item will given out during our **CHRISTMAS GATHERING Saturday, December 6th**. There is a bin inside the church near the main doors where you can place the item.

WE THANK YOU!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOL MASS

Tuesday, December 2nd – 9:15 am

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS –

Monday, December 15th 11 am – 12 noon and 6 pm – 8 pm

SENIORS LUNCH FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 2025

CANCELLED

We regret we have to cancel the Seniors Lunch for Thursday, December 4th due to prior commitments and meetings among the volunteer leaders.

Our next lunch, the Christmas lunch, will be on December 18th. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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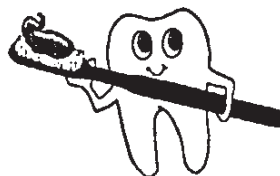
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