

# 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](http://www.archtoronto.org)

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Dear parishioners,

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord this weekend, we are given the opportunity to consider our own baptism. However, I would like to consider another sacrament that most of us have received and that is very much connected to baptism: **the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

This month, the catechism classes begin for our young parishioners who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in May. These classes are very important, as they provide the opportunity for our children to learn more deeply about the faith. The extra effort in coming to the church on a Saturday morning will enable them to benefit from the wonderful graces that the sacrament can give.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is meant to deepen the graces that one has received at Baptism. When one is baptized, the Holy Spirit enters the soul and draws one into a personal relationship with God. Confirmation strengthens these graces so that one can be ready to live as a faithful Catholic in the world. Another important effect of Confirmation is that it deepens the connection to our Archbishop. The effect is obviously seen when Confirmation is administered by a bishop. But what about when the bishop is unable to do so, and Confirmation is administered by the parish priest?

During the ceremony, the central act is when the young person is anointed with a special oil called **sacred chrism**. A large amount of this special oil is blessed at a beautiful ceremony during Holy Week at the Cathedral. It is blessed by the Archbishop, and then representatives from every single parish take a small amount to be used in their communities. Thus, even though the Archbishop cannot be present at every Confirmation ceremony, the sacred chrism that is used comes from his blessing, from his very hands. It is as though he himself is present.

Let us pray for our young people and their families as they prepared for Confirmation. And let all of us who are confirmed call upon the Holy Spirit to deepen our life in the Church, enabling us to be faithful witnesses in the world.

Fr. Eric

**Reminder: Confirmation classes begin on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

This is a reminder that our Confirmation classes begin on **Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am** in the parish hall.

Dear parents/guardians: if you have not yet provided a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, please do so as soon as possible. Also, please ensure that your child has decided upon a sponsor, as the sponsor plays a very important role in preparing for Confirmation.



**Mass Intentions**

- Mon. January 12th  
12:05 pm: **Helen McGrath +**  
Tues. January 13th  
12:05 pm: **For the Intentions of Kateri Ryan**  
Wed. January 14th  
12:05 pm: **Deceased Weber Family**  
Thurs. January 15th  
12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**  
Fri. January 16th  
12:05 pm: **Clelia Mastrantoni +**  
Sat. January 17th  
5:00 pm: **Leo & Victoria Stang +**  
Sun. January 18<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 pm: **In Thanksgiving for Carl D'Souza**

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#### Having Issues?

Contact the parish office for help.



## Lectors' Workshop

**Saturday, January 17th, 10:00 am**

Attention all lectors, both new and old! On Saturday, January 17th, we will be having a workshop in the church from 10:00-11:00 am. We will go over the meaning of being a lector and outline some of the practical details of our celebrations. This will culminate with a special blessing ceremony for all lectors the weekend of January 24th/25th, when the Church celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God.

Please mark these dates in your calendars and plan to attend. For those who are interested in becoming a new lector, please contact Fr. Eric at [erodrigues@archtoronto.org](mailto:erodrigues@archtoronto.org)

## Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2026

Parishioners are invited to join Bishop John A. Boissonneau on **Sunday, January 18, 2025, 4 p.m.** at Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

**Theme:** "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4) *This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.*

## Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop John Boissonneau – February 8, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau 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 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, 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 2026. 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](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)



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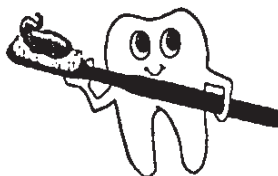
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