

# 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

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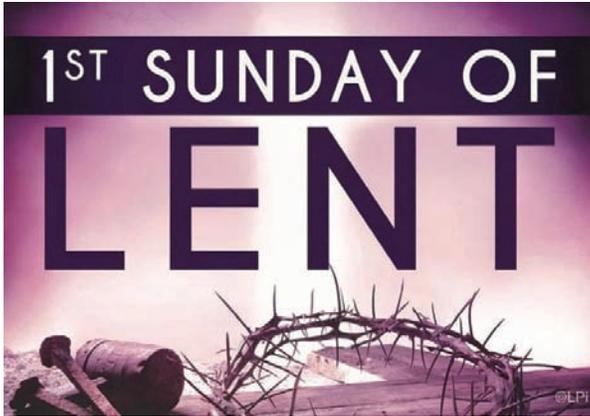
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Dear parishioners,

The First Sunday of Lent brings to our minds the experience of Jesus in the desert. It gives us some rather striking images: Jesus fasting for forty days and forty nights, and then the powerful scenes of Our Lord tempted by the devil. Not surprisingly, the devil was really no match for Jesus. Despite the temptations, Jesus remained steadfast in his dedication to the Father's will. As with everything that we read in the Gospels, we are not meant to be distant spectators to this scene and to these encounters. We are called to enter the desert ourselves. What does this mean for us practically? The image of the desert in the Bible has always been interpreted as either a time or a place in which we detach ourselves, to some extent, from our ordinary routines or activities. A desert, as we know, is a place of emptiness and desolation. It portrays for us, then, a place (or a time) that is meant to be "emptied", so to speak, of whatever can distract us from focusing on our relationship with God.

In the early centuries of the Church, some would literally go into the desert in order to escape the distractions of worldly life. Yes, even in the ancient world people had busy, distracting lives! Those who went into the desert were seeking a deeper relationship with God. It was not easy, of course, but many of them were indeed able to focus more on prayer and on their faith. There was little in the desert to distract them. The challenge, though, was that with little to distract them, the direct temptations from the devil were felt in a stronger way.

For us, then, as we enter the Season of Lent, the "desert" is an important image. Our Lord wants us

to join him in the desert, in the sense that he wants us to remove whatever distracts us from focusing on our relationship with him. We are all very busy, we all have so many good activities, but how many of these might be interfering with the good of our souls? Are there certain ways in which we can "enter the desert" during these weeks of Lent?

And then, as we do so, let us remember that Jesus accompanies us. We rely upon the graces and the spiritual helps that we need—the wonderful sacraments and sacramentals of the Church.

May this year's Lent be a season of spiritual growth and renewal for us all.

Fr. Eric



- Mon. February 23rd  
 12:05 pm: **Elaine Yu +**  
                   **Cindy del Rosario +**  
                   **Jean Marc Auger +**  
 Tues. February 24th  
 12:05 pm: **In Thanksgiving for John Lopez**  
 Wed. February 25<sup>th</sup>  
 12:05 pm: **Romeo Lopez +**  
 Thurs. February 26<sup>th</sup>  
 12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**  
 Fri. February 27th  
 12:05 pm: **Andrew Ngok-Chuen Chan +**  
 Sat. February 28th  
 5:00 pm: **Joe & Cae Leithwood +**  
 Sun. March 1<sup>st</sup>  
 12:00 pm: **Jagdishbhai Vrajlal Chudasama +**

***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, Carl Wilcox, G. Pitrolo, Ann Gilbride, Paul Ryan, Daniel Giles, Jaden Babcock and Maria Jose Bouey.



*Welcome to Our Parish Family  
Baptized  
Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026*

*Nicolás Gordon Abellán  
son of Luis & Alysha*



**Stations of the Cross**  
**Every Friday during Lent**  
**At 7:00 p.m.**



**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US ON  
SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00  
PM MASS**

**Celebrant: Archbishop of Toronto, His  
Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo  
To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of the dedication of our  
church building.**

## **LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 am – 12 noon**

**7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

## **TEACHING SEDER**

A Teaching Seder is being organized for Christians to experience this Jewish ceremonial meal first-hand. This post-biblical tradition of a structured ritual meal tells the story of the Exodus through prayers, sacred readings, and ceremonial foods.

The themes of freedom, redemption, and God's saving grace create a profound experience for dialogue and fellowship between our faith communities.

Register before Monday, March 9 to attend by clicking [bit.ly/3NIAscN](http://bit.ly/3NIAscN).

For more information, please email [ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org) or call 437-529-1765.

## **Annual Mass of St. Patrick**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 10 a.m.**

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto

The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on Tuesday, March 17 at 10 a.m. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at

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