

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

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



Dear parishioners,

With the season of Lent now into its second week, and with our upcoming 100th anniversary celebrations just 2 weeks away, we should not forget the Church’s focus during the month of March—the great St. Joseph. I suppose it is almost fitting to have other major distractions during his month, for the greatness of St. Joseph shines through his hiddenness and his silent faithfulness. Nevertheless, as we enter his month, we should allow ourselves and our families to be drawn under his protection.

One of the popular images of St. Joseph is one that depicts him sleeping. It is drawn from the fact that in the Gospels, the great messages that he received from God were in dreams, while he was asleep. Pope Francis had a great devotion to the “sleeping” St. Joseph. The late Pope once said about St. Joseph: “Even when he is asleep, he looks after the Church.” This reminds me of that scene in the Gospels when the disciples were in a boat with Jesus. In the middle of a storm, Jesus was asleep! They were filled with fear and wondered why he was sleeping. Perhaps Jesus, as a young boy, had watched St. Joseph many times and observed: “Even when he is asleep, he looks after us.” Jesus was doing the same. Though he was asleep in the boat, there was nothing to worry about. “Why are you afraid, O men of little faith,” he said to them, before miraculously calming the winds and the sea. May St. Joseph watch over and protect us, as he did with Jesus and Mary, and as he does with the Church all over the world. And may he help us to confidently trust that God, who is sometimes silent and seems to be asleep(!), always keeps us carefully in his hands.

Fr. Eric

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon. March 2nd
 12:05 pm: **Romeo Lopez +**
Hui Wai On +
Randy Elmer Dean & Deceased
Members of the Dean Family
 Tues. March 3rd
 12:05 pm: **Esther Ryan & Family +**
 Wed. March 4th
 12:05 pm: **Eugenio Katigbak +**
 Thurs. March 5th
 12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
 Fri. March 6th
 12:05 pm: **Marlene O’Connor Depledge +**
 Sat. March 7th
 5:00 pm: **Joseph Castelino +**

CONFIRMATION CLASS – SATURDAY, MARCH 7th

This is a reminder to our Confirmation candidates and their parents and guardians: the next catechism class will take place next **Saturday, March 7th, from 9:30am-11:30am** in the parish basement.

WELCOME TO FR. ANTANIOS FARAH

Last week, we welcomed Fr. Antanios Farah OAM, who will be staying in the residence here at Holy Name. Fr. Antanios will be serving as a hospital chaplain at Sunnybrook and Michael Garron Hospitals. We are happy to have him with us and pray for him in his very important hospital ministry.

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

Seniors Group

Our next biweekly luncheon will be on **Thursday, March 5th, 2026** after the 12:05 Mass in the parish hall.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 28th & 29th

Masses Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am and 12 noon African Catholic Community

Monday, March 30th

Lenten Day of Confessions

11 am – 12 noon

7 pm – 9 pm

12:05 pm Mass

Holy Tuesday, March 31st

No 12:05 p.m. Mass (Chrism Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral)

Holy Wednesday, April 1st 12:05 p.m. Mass

Holy Thursday, April 2nd **Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.** (Led by our African Community Choir) (Bring bells to ring) .Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday, April 3rd **Good Friday Service at 3:00 p.m.** (Led by our English Community Choir) Reminder: Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence for Catholics

Holy Saturday, April 4th **Easter Vigil at – 8:00 p.m.** Sacraments of Initiation for R.C.I.A Candidates (Bring bells to ring)

Easter Sunday, April 5th **Easter Mass at 10:00 a.m.** (Bring bells to ring)

African Catholic Community Mass at 12:00 p.m. (Bring bells to ring)



Cardinal Leo's visit and the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of Holy Name Church

Volunteers Needed!

Would you be able to volunteer for this celebration on Saturday, **March 14, 2026**? Volunteers are needed to help at the reception for **2 hour shifts** either with **set-up 2-4 p.m.** or with **monitoring the food tables during the reception 6-8 p.m.**, or with **clean-up 8-9.30 p.m.** If you can give a two hour shift, please contact the parish at 416-466-8281 or sign-up on the **volunteer-sheets** at the entrance to the church. **Thank you!**



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM PRETZELS FOR LENT

The children participating in the Children's Liturgy Program next Sunday, (**March 8**) will be **baking 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 will be available after Mass next Sunday to anyone who is interested.

St Vincent de Paul Activity Report 2025

Members of Holy Name Conference made **84** visits to neighbours in need between **Jan.** and **Nov.** We served **105 adults** and **78 children**. At Christmas, we provided a grocery card and a gift to **143 households in need**, serving **230 adults** and **128 children**. Over the year we provided non-perishable food items, toiletries, grocery cards, clothing and furniture. We sent children to summer camp. We were also able to contribute to our Toronto Central Council to assist with maintaining operations.

All of this was possible because of the support of our benefactors. Your kindness and generosity allowed us to serve our less fortunate neighbours with love, respect, justice and joy.

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