

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

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Pamela Cobham

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri 9 am - 12 noon and 1 pm - 5 pm

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am (children's program only at 10 am Mass)

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: Fridays: 12:45 pm-1:15 pm, Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 pm and on request

BAPTISM

Contact parish office to book appointment with Rev. Eric Rodrigues

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: 690 Carlaw Ave. 416-393-5215

Principal: Ms. Maren Askin

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

Dear parishioners,

Recently, I have come across several news stories regarding the number of people who have been making the decision to become new Catholics. It seems that in North America and Europe, many dioceses are reporting record numbers of adults who will be entering the Catholic Church at Easter. Many of these are “young” adults—that is, those belonging to the so-called Gen Z and Millennial age groups. It is quite remarkable, given that the usual trend over the last several years (even decades) seems to have been young people leaving the Church and abandoning the practice of their Catholic faith.

It is hard to pin down a single reason for this phenomenon. Each person has his or her own unique life story. One factor that is common is the fact that there are now many excellent Catholic resources available through social media and the internet. As we know, this is pretty much the major source of contact and information for so many, especially among those generations. Thankfully, there are many great resources providing excellent guidance.

Perhaps a more important factor, though, is simply the state of the world and our society. Even though we are in the most modern, technologically and medically advanced period in human history, it does not seem to be helping the world to be a better place. We think about the horrible wars and violence taking place, the tremendous economic uncertainty that many are facing, the challenges from mental health and social disturbances. And then, on an individual level, do the incredible advances in technology really satisfy the desires of the human heart? With technology, we can do almost anything. So many things in life have become easier and, with artificial intelligence, we have access to all kinds of information and can find the answer to any question. These do not always equate, though, to personal fulfillment and happiness.

St. Augustine, one of the Church’s great saints, wrote in the late 4th century: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You”. Over 15 centuries, those words still ring true. Without God at the centre of our lives, our hearts will always be “restless”, no matter what else we accomplish in life. It could be that thousands of young people across the world are discovering this.

May their search for Jesus satisfy their hearts and inspire all of us to do the same!

Fr. Eric

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon. March 9th
12:05 pm: **Silvino & Andrea Katigbak and all deceased members of Katigbak Family +**
- Tues. March 10th
12:05 pm: **Vincent Mathias +**
- Wed. March 11th
12:05 pm: **João Sá +**
- Thurs. March 12th
12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
- Fri. March 13th
12:05 pm: **In Thanksgiving for Rose Lopez**
- Sun. March 15th
12:00 pm: **Constancio, Maria & Felix Gonsalves + Thanksgiving to God for the gift of life (Eric Sassa’s 60th Birthday)**

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

PRETZELS FOR LENT

You are invited to join us for a coffee and hospitality time in a portion of the Church Hall, immediately after the 10 am Mass today.

The children participating in the Children’s Liturgy Program today (March 8th) have baked 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 is available after Mass today to anyone who is interested.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: There will be no Children’s Program on Sunday, March 15th.

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)



PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF MEGAN JEFFREY

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon her.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

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!**



**Through ShareLife, you ensured Tyler didn't face his
hardships alone**

Many of our brothers and sisters are struggling in silence.
Because of your support of ShareLife, Tyler didn't face his
hardships alone. When he first came to counselling at a
Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife,
he was withdrawn and guarded -reluctant to open up. But
slowly, with support, he began to share the weight he
carried: the trauma of losing his father to a drug overdose
and the pain of repeated loss in his family life.

Over time, Tyler found the courage to face his story, make
sense of his struggles, and take steps toward healing.
Today, he says counselling has become something he
looks forward to - even when it's hard - because it's helping
him grow. Through ShareLife, you help people in our
community access mental health services. You offer healing
to those who feel forgotten and hope to those who are
hurting.

The **first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22.**
Our parish goal this year is **\$56,000.00.** Please give at the
parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our
parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS

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