

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

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Holy Name School: 690 Carlaw Ave. 416-393-5215

Principal: Ms. Maren Askin

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Dear parishioners,

“We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.”

This short prayer is said during the Stations of the Cross, typically at the beginning as each Station is announced. It is a prayer that comes to us from St. Francis of Assisi. The tradition is that while he would be travelling (always by foot, of course), whenever he would see a Catholic church, he would say the following prayer: “We adore you, O Lord Jesus Christ, in this church and all the churches of the world, and we bless you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.”

St. Francis had a very deep understanding of how powerful and important to us are the events in the human life of Our Lord. During Christmas time, the tradition of the creche or Nativity scene goes back to St. Francis. He encouraged us to draw spiritual insights and deepen our faith by pondering the birth of Jesus and all the surrounding events at Bethlehem. Not only that, though, St. Francis clearly knew how essential the sufferings of Jesus were for our salvation. This is why he frequently offered that prayer, which recalls to our mind that it is by his Cross—his Passion, his suffering, his wounds—that Jesus has redeemed the world. How fitting, then, that this short but meaningful prayer sets the stage, so to speak, for each Station in the Way of the Cross.

This Sunday the Church begins Holy Week, the most sacred time of the year. We are called to think about the sufferings of Jesus in a special way, in order to experience ever more deeply the power of his Resurrection. St. Francis of Assisi is one of the saints who can really assist us in doing that.

It is especially good to think about St. Francis because this year, 2026, is a special Jubilee Year of St. Francis. The great saint died in the year 1226, and so the Church is commemorating the 800th anniversary of his death—i.e., this exit from this world in order to enter into eternal life. We will have time over the next several months to ponder the life and influence of St. Francis. For now, though, let us allow him to assist us in entering

spiritually and prayerfully into this great time of Holy Week.

Fr. Eric

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. March 30th

12:05 pm: **Bernard Scanlan +
Dionne Aleman +
For the Intentions of Imelda Uy
For the Intentions of Frank Chau**

Wed. April 1st

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



**HOLY THURSDAY POTLUCK SOUP
SUPPER**

April 2nd, 2026

6:15 pm

Parish Hall

The Holy Name Parish Community and the African Catholic Community are invited to a simple soup potluck supper. Please bring enough soup for you/your family + 2 people. This is a wonderful opportunity to break bread together as we begin the Easter Triduum.

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

Frank Chau, Joe Doherty, Ivan Raspor, Kateri Ryan, Carl Wilcox, G. Pitrolo, Ann Gilbride, Paul Ryan, Daniel Giles, Jaden Babcock and Maria Jose Bouey.



Holy Week

Monday, March 30th

Lenten Day of Confessions

11 am – 12 noon

7 pm – 9 pm

12:05 pm Mass

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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)

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

The Sundays where the children will stay upstairs and not have a separate Liturgy of the Word (at the 10 am Mass), is next **Easter Sunday, April 5th**. The Children's Liturgy of the Word (downstairs) will continue on all the other Sundays. **Further updates are posted on the parish website.**



ECUMENICAL WALK

April 3rd, 2026

**10 AM – St. Barnabas Anglican Church
East End United Church**

Holy Name Roman Catholic Church

11:45 AM - Riverdale Presbyterian Church (south of Pape Ave.)

ALL ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR REFRESHMENTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.



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Our parish goal this year is **\$56,000.00**. As of March 22nd we have collected **\$2,105.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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