

# 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

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

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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](mailto:holynameto@archtoronto.org)**

Dear parishioners,

This week (April 19-25) is National Volunteer Week across Canada. The Archdiocese of Toronto is taking the opportunity to recognize all of our volunteers who provide such amazing service in our parishes and various Catholic agencies. The theme given for the week—**Ignite Volunteerism**—is meant to reflect the fact that volunteers both serve those in need as well as inspire others to take up a similar attitude of service.

As always, as Catholics we draw our inspiration from the Sacred Scriptures. The particular verse chosen for this year's week comes from the Prophet Isaiah: *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said, "Send me!"* (Isaiah 6:8). The verse describes the Prophet Isaiah's encounter with God in the temple, when he had a vision of heavenly glory, and in that context was given his great mission by God. Being a prophet was not an easy mission, but Isaiah was confident that God would equip him for the task.

Most volunteers would describe a similar experience. It is their own life of faith and their relationship with God that tends to fill them with a desire to serve others. Volunteers in the Church often feel that God is the one who calls them to this task. It is also common to feel a bit nervous and even unqualified for certain volunteer positions. The prophet Isaiah felt this way, too. Before answering the call, he did acknowledge that he was incapable and unworthy. When we give ourselves, anyway, we will always find that God provides what we need.

Here at Holy Name Parish, we have so many dedicated parishioners that volunteer their time and talents in various ways. It is wonderful gift that we have and a great sign of the deep sense of community that is here, rooted in our faith.

As we commemorate this Volunteer Appreciation Week throughout the Archdiocese, we are planning a special event to thank and honour our parish volunteers. This will take place the weekend of **June 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>**, with the main event taking place in the parish hall on **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**, following the 5 pm Mass. More details on this will follow.

For now, though, let us thank our dear volunteers for all of their efforts. And may their example ignite a similar spirit of volunteerism in many others.

Fr. Eric



## Mass Intentions

- Mon. April 20th  
12:05 pm: **Frank Banwell + Pat Rocchio +**  
**For God's Healing Graces on Mary Pinto Mallon**
- Tues. April 21st  
12:05 pm: **Jose & Maria Alves Azevêdo +**
- Wed. April 22nd  
12:05 pm: **Nicole Houston +**
- Thurs. April 23rd  
12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
- Fri. April 24th  
12:05 pm: **Romeo Lopez +**
- Sat. April 25th  
5:00 pm: **Maria Diniz Pereira +**



**Welcome to Our Parish Family  
Baptized  
Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Olivia Juliette Violet McMurdy**  
daughter of Robert & Rebecca

## SANCTUARY LAMP

is lit this week  
**In Memory of Clelia and Alfredo  
Mastrantoni Anniversary**  
requested by Holy Name Choir

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



### Through ShareLife, you helped Tara rebuild her life

Tara's childhood was anything but safe. Conflict and fear filled her days, and as she grew older, home became unbearable. She waited, hoping things would change, but she had to leave once she became a teenager. Because of your warm heart, Tara found safety at Covenant House Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. After a short stay in the crisis shelter, she moved into the Rights of Passage (ROP) program, determined to rebuild her life.

You gave Tara the strength to take charge of her future—adding her name to waitlists for affordable housing and taking steps to stand on her own. In the meantime, she balanced multiple part-time jobs while staying in school, saving every dollar she could. With your caring support, she connected with a counsellor to begin working through the challenges that had forced her to leave home. Today, she's living independently and building the future she once thought was out of reach.

ShareLife Sunday special collections are taking place next weekend on April 26. Thus far we have raised **\$6,061.00** toward our goal of **\$56,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).



You are invited to a “**Day With Mary**” taking place on **Saturday, May 30, 2026** at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all. Registration will open from April 8 until May 15:

<https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>

Complete information can be found at

<https://archtoronto.org/Mary>

## Message from the Archbishop Francis Leo

We invite you to take a few moments to support the protection of human life by visiting [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) and contacting your Member of Parliament (MP) regarding Bill C-218. This proposed legislation seeks to amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) when mental illness is the sole underlying condition.

Bill C-218 is expected to come to a vote in April 2026. Without its passage, the law is set to expand in March 2027.

Yet important truths must guide us:

- A desire to die can be a symptom of mental illness itself.
- Mental illness is often treatable, and recovery remains possible.
- Serious gaps in mental health care support persist in Canada.
- Those who suffer are frequently among the most vulnerable.

Our response must be love, solidarity, and a steadfast commitment to care. We are called to offer help, not harm; hope, not despair; protection, not abandonment. As people of faith, we are called to respond with love, hope, and solidarity. Advocating for laws that protect life is a meaningful expression of our faith in action. Please visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) and contact your Member of Parliament (MP) in support of **Bill C-218**.

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others. To donate securities, follow this link: [Archdiocese of Toronto - Gift of Securities \(archtoronto.org\)](https://archtoronto.org) and download:

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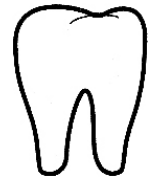
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