

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.

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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,

Our Catholic faith draws upon over 2000 years of teaching and experience. The Church is the oldest continuing institution in the world, it is present in every corner of the world, and it has gone through just about every type of human situation. However, for those of us living in Toronto in the year 2026, we might feel that our Catholic faith does not quite address the questions that we ask or the needs that we have. Whether it is the uncertainty of the future, the unstable world situation, the problems in our own city, or the challenges of technology – can that dusty old Catholic faith still be relevant today? As I mentioned last weekend, this year we had a group of 15 young people go through the RCIA program to enter the Catholic Church. Throughout North America and parts of Europe, record numbers of people this year wanted to learn about the Catholic faith and joined the Church. Somehow, they recognized something in the Catholic Church that was indeed relevant for their current life situations.

Our RCIA program has concluded for the year, but we will continue our discussions and explorations of the Catholic faith for several more weeks. There is a richness to the Catholic faith that is just waiting to be discovered. Among many others, we will look at the following questions:

- What are the reasons and background to some of the Church's more challenging or difficult teachings?
- How do Catholics read the Bible and how can I experience God speaking to me directly through the Sacred Scriptures?
- Can my Catholic faith lead me to a deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ that some of my other Christian friends speak about?
- What does the Church teach about "the end" – both of my own life and of the world?

Please join us on **Wednesday evenings from 7pm-8:30pm**, beginning this week on **May 6th**. We will plan to meet in the parish room downstairs.
Fr. Eric

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon. May 4th
12:05 pm: **For the Healings of Daniel Forest**
Father Terry Gallagher +
John Rocchio +
Lucio & Noraida Mendoza +
- Tues. May 5th
12:05 pm: **Esther Ryan & Family +**
- Wed. May 6th
12:05 pm: **Gloria E. Flores +**
- Thurs. May 7th
12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
- Fri. May 8th
12:05 pm: **Sid Rodgers +**
- Sat. May 9th
5:00 pm: **Leo & Victoria Stang +**

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026-27

Parents/Guardians of children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027 (i.e., in **Grade 7 or higher in 2026-27**).

There will be an initial meeting on **Monday, June 8th at 7 pm** in the **parish hall**.

We will be providing important information for the upcoming year regarding classes and dates.

First Holy Communion 2026-27

Parents/Guardians of children who would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2027 – i.e., **children who will be in Grade 2 in 2026-27**, or older children who have not yet made their First Communion.

There will be an initial meeting on **Monday, June 15th at 7 pm** in the **parish hall**. Important information and dates for the upcoming year will be provided.

SANCTUARY LAMP

is lit this week

In Memory of Antonia & John Valant

requested by Kane Family

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

May 3-8, 2026

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is **"Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness"**



Congratulations & Blessings to the 17 young people who received 1st Holy Communion

Lord Jesus Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Emma Biber
Izabela Dulanovic
Iyanha Salangsang Galvan
Evelina Rose Howell
Matteo Badillo Hughes
Madeline Nicole Lamanna
Ava Sofia Montoya
Julian Rafael DaSilva Navarro
Mikaela Anne Nicholas-Schmidt
Everly Joanna Gulia Potts
Lia Madison Tinta Pouxai
Kate Emma Ripley
Toni Estelle Sacuevo
Daniela Elise Solecki
Jack Edward Steeves
Jason Link Tsang
Alexa Medeiros Tzakas



Holy Name Pollinator Garden – Volunteers Needed

It is such a gift to have Spring unfolding around us! And the Pollinator Garden will very soon need some care. We have been very fortunate in having volunteers every year to tend to the Garden with watering, weeding, maintaining a beautiful sacred space beside, and in front of the Church. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church on May 2 and onwards for all those wishing to volunteer or those wishing to make a financial donation to the Garden. Creation will bless you, and the pollinators will give you a kiss!

Young Person Sought for a Summer Job Collaborating in Care for Pollinators

Through the parish pollinator garden, we have come to know Carrie Dohe, the Executive Director of **Bees for Peace**. Carrie offered a wonderful presentation to the parish a couple of summers ago. She will be in Toronto in the **last weeks of July**, and would like a **young person (late teens, early twenties)** to assist her. If you would love to learn more about pollinators and pollinator gardening, this would be a fun and enriching experience. **A grant from Canada Works would offer remuneration.**

All of Carrie's work is **faith-connected**, designed to respond to the needs and spirit of multifaith, multicultural communities. Carrie also sees this relationship with pollinators as **peacebuilding**. Over two weeks in July, you would collaborate with Carrie in offering a Summer Camp for children, offering workshops and teaching to interested communities, and establishing pollinator gardens in these communities.

If interested, please email Carrie Dohe info@beesforpeace.org.

St Vincent de Paul

Honouring The Month of Mary

In May we honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We also celebrate Mother's Day. Items that the mothers of young children have been requesting are larger size diapers and baby wipes. The cost of these items can take away from the family grocery budget. This month, please consider donating one of these items **Sat. May 9 and Sun. May 10**. You can leave your donation with a member or in a labelled bin that will be placed at the back of the church. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

On Saturday, May 9th at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, four men will be ordained to serve as priests in our archdiocese. Please pray for the "Class of 2026" faithful priests, retired priests and religious women and also pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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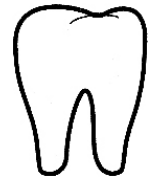
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