

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,

This might seem like a bit of a self-serving article, but...this coming **Monday, May 18th**, is the **Feast of St. Eric!** He was King of Sweden in the 12th century, was known for his deep Christian faith and charity, and he died as a martyr. There are not many official documents from his time, and most of what is known about him comes through legend. Nevertheless, several centuries after his life on earth, the Church still honours him and recognizes him as a saint in heaven.

He is not a very well-known saint in the worldwide Church, but as one would imagine, in Sweden there is still a strong devotion to him. The main church of the Catholic Diocese of Stockholm is St. Eric's Cathedral! And in the other Scandinavian countries, St. Eric is well-known. I once had the very unique and interesting opportunity to attend a priestly ordination in Denmark. During that Mass, when the Litany of Saints was sung, for the first time in my life, I heard the name St. Eric being invoked (in Danish) to pray for the new priests.

In some cultures, the tradition of celebrating one's "Name Day" is still important. In addition to celebrating one's birthday, one also celebrates the feast day of the saint whose name you share. This is a beautiful way to honour the saint and to place ourselves under their special care and protection. It also gives an opportunity to learn about that saint. Sometimes, our name day falls on the day of a very well-known saint. In other cases, like mine, our saint might not be as well-known. But all saints are in heaven, immersed in the glory of God, so even the lesser-known saints are great friends to have in heaven.

It could also be that there are unique traditions associated with a particular saint. I once learned about a simple but meaningful one connected to St. David, a 6th century saint from Wales. A longstanding tradition connected with him is to have a hearty leek and potato soup on his feast day of March 1st.

Let us all try to learn more about our special name-day patron saints. May they pray for us and help us to grow deep in our faith. Perhaps

centuries from now, we, too, will be saints that our descendants will learn about and honour.

Fr. Eric

Friday May 22 – No Holy Hour or Confessions

Next Friday, May 22nd, there will be no Holy Hour or Confessions after the 12:05pm Mass. Fr. Eric will be away, and the priest replacing him that day will not be able to stay after Mass due to his own parish schedule. The regular Friday schedule will resume on May 29th.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. May 18th

12:05 pm: **Repose of the Soul of Keith Lovatt
Deceased Members of Channeyv**

Family

**John Rocchio +
Theodor Perejmybida +
Teresa & Felix Katigbak +**

Tues. May 19th

12:05 pm: **Megan Jeffrey Lashley +**

Wed. May 20th

12:05 pm: **Joseph Doherty +**

Thurs. May 21st

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

Fri. May 22nd

12:05 pm: **Dorian Thomas Hendry +**

Sat. May 23rd

5:00 pm: **Maria Diniz Pereira +**

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.



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!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN OF THE AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ON RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, 2026

*Marie-Laurence Ngansini Baseme
Emilia Kisata*



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On the 60th World Day of Social Communication, we are invited to pause and connect with each other – for the Church, for the world, and for the future we are helping to shape together. In this moment, one truth remains clear: the Church endures because of the strength and love parishioners like you.

Your support of ShareLife supports human connection across the world, making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in our community and beyond – funding more than 40 agencies, which help children and youth, families in crisis, seniors, immigrants and refugees, people with special needs, international development and missions, and vocations.

Thus far we have raised **\$13,194.20** 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.

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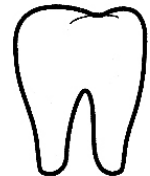
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