

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. Celia De Braga

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

Dear parishioners,

As I go through the preparations for the marathon in October, many people ask me where I go when I run. It's usually a simple answer: I just step out the door and start running through the streets. Two interesting things happen by doing that.

First, it's amazing how much of the city one can actually travel through when going for a long run. Granted, I stay close to the central core of the city, but I can still cover a decent-sized area. This is helpful to me when I am running because it enables me to distract my mind. I can look around at the stores, restaurants, street names, types of houses and buildings...forgetting (slightly) the fact that my body is getting exhausted!

The second part is that when I run close to the parish church, it gives me an interesting perspective on Holy Name Parish. We must remember that there is a difference between "the parish" and "the parish church". The parish refers to the geographic area. In our case, Holy Name Parish covers roughly from Mortimer Avenue in the north, south to Gerrard Street, east to Jones Avenue, and west to Broadview Avenue. When I run through the various streets that cover this area, I realize how big our parish really is! There are so many streets, so many different neighbourhoods, so many varieties of houses and buildings. And, of course, we are so blessed by the iconic, vibrant Danforth Avenue that is right in the middle of our parish.

The parish church should be considered as the spiritual heart of the entire area. It is where we all come together, during the week and especially on Sundays, united in faith to encounter the presence of God in Word and sacrament. We then go back out into the parish area, nourished by the Lord, comforted and consoled (hopefully), perhaps even challenged.

It does also make me think that there are so many people living within our parish boundaries who rarely step into the parish church. This is expected for our non-Catholic friends, but unfortunately so true even for so many of the Catholic families living within our parish.

Perhaps this is something all of us can ponder as we get back into our regular routines with September's return. How can we encourage others to step into the spiritual heart of this parish, to encounter Jesus and the power of his Holy Name?

Fr. Eric



A Special Welcome to all New Members and Visitors to Holy Name Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. September 14th

12:05 pm: **Bohdan Ficak +
Mila Masong Song +
Richard Michael Morra +
Deceased Members of Friends of the
Suffering Souls**

Tues. September 15th

12:05 pm: **For the Intentions of M.K. Bilal**

Wed. September 16th

12:05 pm: **Deceased – Benincasa & Marrelli
Families**

Thurs. September 17th

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

Fri. September 18th

12:05 pm: **Healing & Thanksgiving for Christina
Palermo**

Sat. September 19th

5:00 pm: **Filomena De Lima +**

Sun. September 20th

12:00 pm: **Constancio, Maria & Felix Gonsalves +
Thanksgiving to God for the gift of life
(Melissa Marshall Sassa's Birthday)**

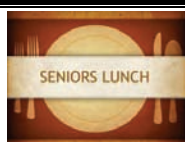
We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the homebound, the "forgotten members" in our community, and their families and caregivers. "Lord surround them with your healing and steadfast love." especially

Joyce Reirie, Venessa Dempsey, Frank Chau, Kateri Ryan, Carl Wilcox, G. Pitrolo, Ann Gilbride, Paul Ryan, Daniel Giles, Jaden Babcock and Maria Jose Bouey



**Welcome to Our Parish Family
Baptized
Sunday, September 13th, 2026**

Ayden Raine Marsilio-Gillespie
son of Mitchell & Kathryn



Seniors Group

The Seniors Group bi-weekly luncheons will recommence starting on **Thursday, September 24th, 2026** after the 12:05 pm Mass in the church. Luncheon will be in the hall. All are welcome!



YOUR FAITH IN ACTION: 2026 FOOD SECURITY GRANTS

For the fourth consecutive year, ShareLife and Catholic Charities are committing funds through the Food Security Grants program. Made possible through the faithful generosity of ShareLife donors, this year, **\$850,000** in Food Security Grants will strengthen local food banks, meal programs and other community-based initiatives serving individuals and families in need.

Your compassionate support of our parish's ShareLife Campaign helps make this work possible. We have currently raised **\$40,453.20** toward our suggested goal of **\$56,000.00**. Please support the fight against hunger by giving at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!

The **church tabernacle vigil light** is lit this week **In Memory of Cathy Quendack** at the request of Pamela Cobham.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program, at the Sunday 10 am Mass, **will start again next Sunday, September 20**, for the 2026-2027 school year.

A reminder to parents about the format & purpose of the program, which is divided into 2 age groups:

The children **aged 7 to 11** (Grade 2 or higher) experience the **Liturgy of the Word**, adapted to their age level. The children hear the Sunday Gospel and have discussion, activities & prayers to reflect on the meaning of that gospel.

The younger group consists of children **aged 3-6**. Their program includes a Bible story, most often the Sunday Gospel, and a craft designed to support that story.

All of the children return to the congregation in time for the Eucharistic Prayer.

If parents prefer to keep their children upstairs for the Liturgy of the Word, that is perfectly fine.

NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME: We welcome any of the middle school and high-school aged youth of the parish to consider volunteering as a student helpers with the younger group. We also welcome parents or other adults to volunteer to become teachers or helpers in our program.

INDIGENOUS BOOK CLUB!

The Holy Name Truth and Reconciliation group invites you to join our new book club.

Our first meeting is **Sunday, Sept 27th after the 10 am Mass**. We'll meet downstairs in the hall.

Our first book is **Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining the Future**. The author is **Patty Krawec**. She is Anishinabe/Ukrainian and lives in Niagara Falls.

We will read one chapter before each meeting and discuss.

Our meetings will last no more than one hour.

If you are interested, please drop by and check out after Mass on Sept. 27th.

Joan Melanson (for the Holy Name Truth and Reconciliation group)

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