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@archtororonto.org

Dear parishioners,

This month, our Archbishop, Frank Cardinal Leo, has issued a new Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Toronto. It is a 7-year plan that is meant to guide the parishes as we live our faith and bring that faith to the world.

To begin the plan, the Cardinal is asking that all parishes establish a **Pastoral Council**. Such a council is made up of parishioners who "assist the pastor in discerning the spiritual needs of the community and its mission as a Church". A pastoral council is consultative in nature: the pastor listens carefully to the discussion and advice offered, but he retains responsibility for making the final decision in communion with the Archbishop. This dynamic reflects the proper synodality at the parish level: shared discernment that informs pastoral leadership, without diminishing the pastor's authority.

Here at Holy Name, we have had a wonderful Pastoral Council made up of dedicated parishioners. Over the last year, the team has taken a bit of a break, but we will now be re-establishing a new Pastoral Council.

To do this, **I would like to draw upon the wisdom and participation of parishioners to help identify those who might serve our community well**. Our parish is blessed with people of different ages, backgrounds, cultures, professions, and life experiences. My hope is to form a Pastoral Council that reflects this wonderful diversity, bringing together individuals from all walks of life who share a common love for Christ and His Church.

With this in mind, I invite you to **recommend the names of parishioners whom you believe would make good members of our Parish Pastoral Council**.

You do not need to recommend someone who is already actively involved in parish ministries or who holds a leadership position. Sometimes, those who quietly live their faith, care deeply about others, and possess a thoughtful and generous spirit have much to contribute.

All names will be carefully considered, with the final appointments made by me after prayerful discernment, taking into account the pastoral needs of the parish and the importance of having a balanced and representative council.

If someone comes to mind, **please forward the name to me at erodrigues@archtoronto.org**, along with a brief explanation of why you believe that person would be a good candidate.

The deadline for submitting names as possible candidates is **Sunday, January 3rd, 2027**.

My hope is that together we can form a Pastoral Council that will help us listen more attentively to the needs of our parishioners, strengthen our sense of community, and continue building a parish where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and called to share in the mission of Christ. Thank you for your continued love, generosity, and commitment to our parish family.

Fr. Eric

December 5th and 12th – 7 am candlelight Mass

This year, we will again be having early morning Masses on Saturdays during Advent. December 5th is the First Saturday of December and December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Both Masses will be celebrated early, in darkness, with the only lights coming from the candles on the altar. Please join us (early!) for these special Advent Masses.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE (2026-27)

December 24th (Thursday) – 9:00 am Mass

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 24th – Christmas Eve

- 6:15 pm Carols / 7:00pm Mass
- 10:00 pm Mass (African Catholic Community)

December 25th – Christmas Day

- 10:00 am Mass

~No 12:00 pm Mass on Christmas Day~

December 26th (Saturday – Boxing Day) – 9:00 am Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

December 31st – 12:05 pm Mass

December 31st (New Year's Eve)

- 5:00 pm Mass

January 1st (New Year's Day)

- 10:00 am Mass
- 12:00 pm (African Catholic Community)

January 2nd (Saturday) – 9:00 am Mass

The **church tabernacle vigil light** is lit this week **For the Intentions of Sue Keeble requested by Sue Keeble.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. November 30th
12:05 pm: **Mr. & Mrs. Kosmalina +**
Roy Soderkrist +
Emelina Cleofe Imperial +
Teckle Gebregioris & Ardanesh Araya Kelati +
Ellen Bettridge +
Tues. December 1st
12:05 pm: **Esther Ryan & Family +**
Wed. December 2nd
12:05 pm: **Poor Souls in Purgatory**
Thurs. December 3rd
12:05 pm: **Deceased members of Katigbak Family**
Fri. December 4th
12:05 pm: **Joe Doherty & John Whitfield +**
Sat. December 5th
5:00 pm: **Leo & Victoria Stang +**

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION MEETING

will be held this **Monday, November 30th** in the **Parish Hall at 7:00 PM**.
Parents wishing their child to receive Confirmation on June 5th, 2027 can register on this day. Late registration will not be accepted.
Please bring your child with you.
There will be a $40.00 fee that will cover the Confirmation Booklet, snacks on each lesson and gowns to be worn on the day of Confirmation.
Cheques and cash only.
If your child is NOT baptized at Holy Name Parish please bring a photocopy of his/her Baptismal Certificate.
For further information please email
teresa.edwards@rogers.com

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 21st, 2026
11 am – 12 pm
6 pm – 8 pm

SUNDAY MISSALS 2026-2027

A new liturgical year will start on November 29th, the **First Sunday of Advent**. ***New Sunday Missals are available at all the Masses the cost is $5.00.***

Offertory Envelope Boxes for 2027 are available at the entrance of the church

Please call or email Pamela at the Parish Office holynameto@archtoronto.org during office hours.

- To keep us informed of any changes to be made to our parish database.
- If you would like a box of envelopes please fill in registration form that are at the entrances of the church and place in the collection basket at the offertory – **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY** envelopes will provided for you the following weekend.
- Please always use the proper year envelopes, write your name and address on the envelope and importantly seal your envelopes.

Christmas – A Time for Giving



CHRISTMAS GIFTS NEEDED

Did you know that Holy Name has had a St. Vincent De Paul Conference to help our neighbors in need since 1968? Thank you for your ongoing and generous support.

Once again, we'd invite you to consider bringing in a small Christmas gift for our neighbours in need. In particular, we'd like to ask for men and women's toiletries, stocking stuffers for children, and non-perishable Christmas food treats.

You will find doves that were made by art students at St. Joseph's Wellesley High School hung on the Christmas tree at the back of the church. These doves have gift requests printed on the back. Please feel free to pick one up as a reminder.

We'd ask that you bring your purchases to the church between now and **Sunday December 6**. You can place them in the bins under the tables at the back of the church.

Your gifts, along with grocery gift cards and non-perishable food items will be gifted to our neighbours in need on **Saturday December 12th** so that they have time to prepare for Christmas.

If you have questions or would like to Christmas help please contact St. Vincent De Paul at 416-469-0842.

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