

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place every year from January 18 to 25. Originally called the Church Unity Octave, this eight-day period is marked annually to foster the unity of all who follow Jesus Christ, in fulfillment of his prayer, “that they all may be one” (John 17:21). The theme of the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is based on a text from the Gospel of John: “Do you believe this?” (John 11:26).

The year 2025 will mark the 1,700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council, in Nicaea. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians as expressed in the Creed formulated at that Council. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an invitation to draw on this common heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians.

Creator of light, we thank you for the gift of that unfading Star, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. May he be a beacon for our pilgrimage. Heal our divisions and draw us closer to the Light that we may find our unity in him. Amen.

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

Pancake Breakfast
today, Sunday January 19
after 9am & 11am Masses

Alpha starts on Tuesday
February 11 at 7pm!
Register using the paper
form on the back of this
Bulletin or online:
holynameparish.ca/alpha

Next weekend, January 25
& 26: **2nd Collection for
Facility Improvements**

**Holy Name Men’s
Breakfast**
Saturday February 1 after
9am Mass



CAN YOU PRAY FOR ALPHA?

OUR NEXT ALPHA BEGINS **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11 AT 7PM**

Did you know that our pastor's goal is for every parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus to invite and accompany someone to Alpha? You might be asking yourself: *Where do I start?* Here is a simple four-stage process of accompaniment that focuses on a "heart-to-heart" approach.

(Source: Walk with One, National Eucharistic Revival)

1. Identify someone in a spirit of humility. Don't just pick someone. Ask God whom he wants you to accompany on their journey home to the Church. He will point you to the person he has in mind and open doors for the conversations that need to happen.

2. Intercede

As soon as the Lord lays someone on your heart, begin to pray for them! Ask God to remove whatever obstacles are making it difficult for this person to draw closer to Christ and his Church. Pray for the grace to be able to accompany them well.

3. Connect in Eucharistic friendship

Look for ways to accompany the person you have prayed for, to build a deeper relationship, and to practice the art of empathetic listening. Eucharistic friendship builds upon the dynamic that Jesus revealed in his relationships with the disciples and, above all, at the Last Supper—he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it. It is important to take or receive what the other person has to share, to bless or lift it up in prayer, to let the Holy Spirit help break open an area for potential growth, and then to give of yourself in response. It is also important to recognize that this may not be a "one and done" conversation but is more likely to be a series of conversations and invitations, developing a real friendship with that person.

4. Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her.

If you discern that inviting the person to Alpha is the next best step, encourage them to come with you and your family or a group of friends. If the person shuts down the conversation, do not take it personally. Maybe they are not yet ready. Follow up with a statement that keeps the door open. "I understand. Thank you for talking with me about this. If you ever want to talk about your faith, I am always here for you." No matter what the outcome is, keep persevering in your friendship and ask the Lord to continue to guide you. After every encounter, thank God for the conversations that you have been having.

And there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:6

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY JANUARY 20 TO
SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2025
(† Deceased)

MONDAY
Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY
Fr. John Eason

WEDNESDAY
Aurora Aquino †

THURSDAY
Marissa Cabigting

FRIDAY
Peter, Alexander & Derwin
Co Lim †

SATURDAY 9 am
Kit Hung Chow Lee

SATURDAY 5 pm
Federico & Rosa Labis †

SUNDAY 9 am
Florence & Servillano Lim †

SUNDAY 11 am
Parishioners



Holy Name Alpha: February 2025

Our next Alpha begins February 11, 2025 and runs Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Use this form or sign up online at www.holynameparish.ca/alpha

Email:
Full Name:
Phone Number:
Please select your age bracket. This is to help us create diverse groups. <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 (high school) <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65+
On my spiritual journey, I identify most with: (circle one) Searching Skeptical Spiritual Christian Catholic Other
Are you bringing a guest? Yes No
If you're bringing a guest, please write their name(s) here:
Have you attended an Alpha course before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at Holy Name of Jesus Parish <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at another church <input type="checkbox"/> This will be my first time coming to Alpha



If you have attended an Alpha course before, when was it?

- Within the last 6 months Within the last 5 years
 Within the last year More than 5 years ago

Do you have any dietary restrictions?

- Vegetarian Gluten free Dairy Free
 Other:

Are you signing up as a guest or volunteer?

- Guest
 Volunteer only (not participating in discussions)
 Both (I will volunteer AND participate in the discussions)

If you're signing up as a volunteer, which team would you like to be assigned to?

- Greeting / attendance Physical setup Physical takedown
 Table host / Table helper Food coordination Kitchen clean up
 Emcee Food prep & serving Prayer Team

Any questions, comments, or information you'd like us to know? (e.g. Leader requests, other participants you'd like to be grouped with, etc.).

Return this form to the mail slot at the parish office or put it in the Sunday collection basket. Thank you!