

St. Pius X Parish

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Pastoral Staff

Fr. Massillamani Zacharias

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am

Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayer

9 am following Mass at 8:30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Devotions to our Mother of

Perpetual Help

9 am following Mass at 8:30 am

Thursday

Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every first Friday of the month at 9 am following
8:30 am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4 pm to 4:30 pm or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Register online at www.saintpiusx.ca/baptism, or call
or email the office for more information

Sacrament of Marriage

1 year advance notice is required

Call or email the office for an appointment

Parish Ministries/Organizations

- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Ushers/Greeters
- Musicians
- Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation
- Finance Council
- Catholic Women's League
- Building Committee

Catholic School

St. Pius X Catholic School

71 Jane Street Tel: 416-393-5237

Holy Communion for SHUT-INS and SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and would like to have communion brought to them or would like the Sacrament of the Sick, or simply would like to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, contact us

New Parishioners: Welcome!

We invite you to join our Parish family by registering with the parish office at www.saintpiusx.ca or by contacting the Office

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 20

5pm +Mary Hunter

Sunday, April 21

9am + Custodio Rodrigues

11am Parishioners

Tuesday, April 23

8:30am Nora de Cuyper

Wednesday, April 24

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Thursday, April 25

8:30am + Natalie Carvalho

+ Nancy Brien

+ John Rogers

Friday, April 26

8:30am + Maria Estorba

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4.7-12

Psalm: Ps 118.1+8-9, 21-23, 26+28-29

Second Reading: 1 John 3.1-2

Gospel: John 10.11-18

Sponsoring the Vigil Candle

The Sanctuary candle signifies the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It burns for the greater glory of God. Parishioners are invited to become monthly sponsors of the Vigil Candle. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate in the name of the candle. Doing so opens the opportunity for friends and families to pray at the tabernacle knowing the candle burns for their intentions.

The Vigil Candle burns for the intentions of:

Nora de Cuyper
Estorba Family

April
April 21-27

GOSPEL REFLECTION

I Am the Good Shepherd

The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want (Psalm 23:1). Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! (Psalm 80:1) We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25).

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands.

The words which Jesus spoke upset many of the Jewish leaders. How could he speak with the same authority which God spoke and claim to be equal with God? He must either be insane or divine. Unfortunately, some thought he was mad even though he cured a man who was blind from birth. We are faced with the same choice. Either Jesus is who he claims to be - the Son of God and Savior of the world - or the world's greatest deluder! We cannot be indifferent to his claim. For those who accept him as Lord and Savior he offers the peace and security of unending life and joy with God. Do we know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to Christ?

Let us listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and obey his word.



PARISH NEWS

A Prayer for our First Holy Communion Candidates

Please join us in praying for our grade two students who have been preparing and are now going to be receiving their First Holy Communion over the next couple of weeks. May Jesus come to bless you on this most special of days as you are invited to the table to celebrate in the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

Date: Saturday, April 27th at 10am. Everyone is welcome!

A Prayer for Our Confirmation Candidates

Bless our Confirmands as they prepare and come to you with a sincere desire to know your ways, to experience your love, and to walk with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be with them on their journey and keep alive their desire to always please you. May they have an open mind and a willing heart to serve you as the day nears to receive and be sealed with the gifts of the spirit on their day of confirmation.

Date: Saturday, May 11th at 2:30pm. Celebrant: Bishop Kasun. Everyone is welcome!

Canada's Early Church Midland, Ontario

The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs opens the first weekend of May to Thanksgiving weekend in October. At this 100-year-old Shrine, there are Masses and confessions throughout the day, as well as devotions and tours. A special fund-raising Gala will be held in Toronto in June. For more information, please check their website at www.martyrs-shrine.com.

St. Michael's College Scholarship

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College. This scholarship is open to any young woman who

is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by May 31, 2024. For further information, please contact our parish's CWL Education and Health Convener: Madlene at 416-767-7806.

Security Camera Project

We have completed the installation of security cameras throughout the property. This will ensure the security of all parishioners and staff. We thank the government for their sponsorship of this security measure.

ShareLife Sunday

The second ShareLife Sunday will be on April 28. A special collection will be held for assistance to seniors in need. Share the love with our beloved seniors through ShareLife.

Vocation

April 21st is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations**, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email him at vocations@archtoronto.org. For more information: www.vocationstoronto.ca.



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