

St. Pius X Parish

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Pastoral Staff

Fr. Massillamani Zacharias

(Fr. Mani), **Pastor**

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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 6

5pm + Mary Hunter

Sunday, April 7

9am + John & Mary O'Toole

11am Parishioners

Tuesday, April 9

8:30am Nora de Cuyper

Wednesday, April 10

8:30am + Celia Aldover

Thursday, April 11

8:30am Gregoria & Teresa Yrastorza
Steve's Intention

Friday, April 12

8:30am + Julio & Dora Abreu

Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4.32-35

Psalm: Ps 118.12-4, 16-18, 22-24

Second Reading: 1 John 5.1-6

Gospel: John 20.19-31

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	April
Estorba Family	April 21-27

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Unless I See - I Will Not Believe

The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them, he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

Jesus did something which only love, and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples, and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles. When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God!

Through the gift of faith, we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Let us believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring us new life, hope, and joy.

APRIL 7, 2024

PARISH NEWS

Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday, April 7th at 3pm

Adoration and the Chaplet in Song followed by refreshments.

Rectory Air Conditioning

Our sincere gratitude is offered to two very generous parishioners who together have funded the repairs to the air conditioning system in the rectory. Thank you so much!



ST. PIUS X CWL SPRING BAKE SALE Saturday, April 20 - 10am to 2pm Parish Hall

The Catholic Women's League is holding its Annual Spring Bake Sale. All kinds of homemade baked goods including cupcakes will be for sale, as well as new gift items and knitted goods.

If you would like to bake something for this event, please drop off your baked goods in the Parish Hall on Friday, April 19th between 5pm and 8pm, or the morning of Saturday, April 20th before the sale opens.

A small café will also be set up where you can buy a cup of coffee or tea with a slice of cake or muffin and catch up with your fellow parishioners. Proceeds from our CWL Spring Bake Sale will go to various charities. Please come out and support this event. Thank you!

Second Collection

The next Second Collection is on April 13-14 and is for the Building Fund. Thank you for supporting your church.

OAPCE Conference 2024

Saturday, April 13, 2024 – 9am to 3pm

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education is celebrating its 85th Anniversary at a Conference on April 13, 2024. The event will be held at Monsignor Percy Johnson Catholic High School (2170 Kipling Ave.). His Grace, Archbishop Francis Leo will lead the Holy Mass at St. Benedict's Parish (2194 Kipling Ave.).

There will be presentations by Karl Subban, Joe Perri, and Dr. Anne Jamieson, and music by Chris Bray. More information can be found at <https://oapce.org/events/>. Registration is now open.

Vocation

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon. Call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations**, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, or email him at vocations@archtoronto.org, or obtain information at www.vocationstoronto.ca.

Dominican Friars

Youth Interfaith Video Contest

A video contest is open to students in Grades 9 to 12 to highlight the importance of harmony and peace in modern times. Contestants are encouraged to highlight the need and power of love and compassion, and how they can transform our society. Contest eligibility and submission requirements are at: www.catholicregister.org/videocontest.

Submissions are being accepted until April 15, 2024. There are cash prizes. Questions can be answered at 416-934-3400 ext. 527 or interreligious@archtoronto.org.



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