

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, February 10

5pm + Tim Garden

Sunday, February 11

9am Parishioners

11am + Guillermo Udasco

Tuesday, February 13

8:30am Parishioners

Wednesday, February 14

8:30am + Dorothy & Patrick Hayes

Thursday, February 15

8:30am Parishioners

Friday, February 16

8:30am Parishioners

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46

Psalm: Ps 32.1-2, 5, 11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.31 – 11.1

Gospel: Mark 1.40-45

Sponsoring the Vigil Candle

Parishioners are invited to become weekly or monthly sponsors of the Tabernacle Vigil Candle. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate towards the Vigil Candle.

The Vigil Candle burns for the intentions of:

Marthese Fenech – January

Carmel Hayes – February

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Lord Jesus Can Make Me Clean

No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him, and he made him whole and clean. Why was this so remarkable? Lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur.

This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well.

How do we approach those who are difficult to love, or who are shunned by others because they are deformed or have some defect? Do we show them kindness and offer them mercy and help as Jesus did? The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean, unapproachable, or unloving towards others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday – February 14

There will be two Masses celebrated with the distribution of ashes on this day: one at 8:30am and one at 7pm.

Tax Receipts for 2023

2023 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed and you will receive them in the mail on or before Friday, February 9, 2024.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend for the parish Building Fund.

Offertory Envelopes 2024

We have quite a few boxes of envelopes left over for pick up. If you are not planning to use envelopes this year, please let us know by the end of February so we can re-assign the numbers to new parishioners.

Ministry Volunteer Screening Forms

We invite all Ministry volunteers to fill out an application form and participate in the screening process. The application form can be found on our website under the Get Involved tab, or you can get a printed copy from Fr. Mani at any time. Thank you for your participation.

Coffee Sunday & CWL Membership Drive – February 18 at 12 Noon

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League will be hosting a Coffee Sunday for parishioners this weekend in the church hall. The CWL will also be holding a membership drive at that time.



Empowerment, Community, and Service: Join the Catholic Women's League Today!

Are you passionate about making a difference in your community while finding solidarity among like-minded individuals? Look no further than the Catholic Women's League (CWL). We are a vibrant, compassionate, and dedicated group committed to service, empowerment, and fostering strong bonds among women of faith. Together, let's elevate each other, serve our communities, and make a profound impact.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 9:00am

1. How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
2. How to create your own legacy
3. About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:

2. follow this QR

link: <https://QRCO.de/WebFeb24>

3. send an email

to: Development@ArchToronto.org

and write "webinar February 24" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



ShareLife Report

Due to your generosity, St. Pius X Parish is one of the 110 parishes that exceeded their Campaign goals for 2023. Our parishioners donated \$55,491.85, which was 104.1% of our goal. Archbishop Francis Leo has written a letter about this fundraising achievement. It is available at this link:

<https://sharelife.org/how-to-help/parish-campaign/resources/archbishops-letter/>

Vocations

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, email him at vocations@archtoronto.org, or go to www.vocationstoronto.ca for more information.

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