

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 24

5pm + Tracey Olivera

Sunday, February 25

9am Parishioners

11am + Joseph Slobodnik

Tuesday, February 27

8:30am + Andrew Formosa

Wednesday, February 28

8:30am Anna & Krystina

Thursday, February 29

8:30am + Amelia & José Udasco

+ Michael Dunphy

Friday, March 1

8:30am Ordinandi

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Psalm: Ps 116.10+15, 16-17, 18-19

Second Reading: Romans 8.31b-35, 37++

Gospel: Mark 9.2-10

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 weekly or 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 up 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:

Carmel Hayes – February

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Is My Son, the Beloved - Listen to Him!

Are we prepared to see God's glory? God is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white (Mark 9:2,3).

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - but he also wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory: follow me - obey my words - take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the glory and blessings of my Father's kingdom - your names will be written in heaven (Luke 10:20).

Jesus succeeded in his mission because he willingly went to Calvary (where he offered up his life for us on the cross), so that Paradise (our true dwelling place with God) would be restored to us once again. He embraced the cross to obtain the crown of glory that awaits each one of us. If we hope to share fully in his glory, we, too, must follow him in the way of the cross - by dying to sin and embracing his will for our lives. This is the only true path that leads to everlasting peace and joy with God.

How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions in the light of Christ's truth. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ to forsake all for him and his kingdom. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God.

Therefore, we, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. We all, with unveiled faces, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Let us seek his presence with expectant faith, reverence, and willing obedience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stations of the Cross

During the Lenten season, a Stations of the Cross service will take place every Friday after the 8:30am Mass.

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.

Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest

A video contest is open to students in Grades 9-12. 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 between February 5 and April 15, 2024. There are cash prizes. Questions: 416-934-3400 ext. 527 or interreligious@archtoronto.org.

Vocations

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah – called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, 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.

Dynamic Women of Faith Conference March 23, 2024

The 15th Annual Conference for Catholic women in the Archdiocese of Toronto is taking place on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at the Old Mill between 9am and 4pm. The opening Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins. Speakers include Kathleen Beckman, Tammy Peterson (wife of Jordan Peterson), and others. A light lunch will be served. To register, visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com.

Tallis Choir Concert – Renaissance Tenebrae

**Saturday, March 02, 2024 7:30-9:30pm
St. Patrick's Church, 141 McCaul St.**

Renaissance composers drew inspiration from the dramatic ceremonial of the Holy Week Tenebrae Service. The Tallis choir presents some of the greatest music of the 16th century, in seasonal choral works by Tallis, White, Victoria, Gesualdo and Allegri, in the beautiful setting of Toronto's historic St. Patrick's

Second Collection

There will be a second collection this week for the *Church Insurance Fund*.



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