

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, January 27

5pm + Andrew Formosa

Sunday, January 28

9am + Manuela & Charlie DeParis Valenzia

11am Parishioners

Tuesday, January 30

8:30am + Amelia & Jose Udasco

Wednesday, January 31

8:30am Fr. Michael Hughes

Thursday, February 1

8:30am Parishioners

Friday, February 2

8:30am Parishioners

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15-20

Psalm: Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7.32-35

Gospel: Mark 1.21-28

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

Jesus Taught with Authority

When Jesus taught, he spoke with authority. He spoke the word of God as no one had spoken it before. When the Rabbis taught, they supported their statements with quotes from other authorities. The prophets spoke with delegated authority - "Thus says the Lord." When Jesus spoke, he needed no authorities to back his statements. He was authority incarnate - the Word of God made flesh. When he spoke, God spoke. When he commanded even the demons obeyed. Faith is powerful, but without love it profits nothing (1 Corinthians 13). Scripture tells us that true faith works through love (Galatians 5:6) and abounds in hope (Romans 15:13).

Our faith is made perfect in love because love orients us to the supreme good which is God himself as well as the good of our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26,27). Hope anchors our faith in the promises of God and purifies our desires for the things which will last for eternity. That is why the word of Christ has power to set us free from all that would keep us bound up in sin, deception, and despair.

Faith is both a gift of God and the free assent of our will to the whole truth that God has revealed. To live, grow, and persevere in the faith to the end, we must nourish it with the word of God. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds so that we may grow in his truth and in the knowledge of his great love for each of us. If we approach God's word with trust and submission, and with an eagerness to do what the Lord desires for us, then we are in a much better position to learn what God wants to teach us through his word.

Are we eager to be taught by the Lord and to conform our mind, heart, attitude, and intentions according to his word of truth, goodness, and love?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Income Tax Receipts

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

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.

Church Repairs Completed!

Our parishioners were so generous during the 2015-2020 Family of Faith campaign that we were able to fix the poor condition of our Church in many ways. We upgraded the sound system, repaired two of our boiler heaters and, just this week, did some much-needed door and lock repairs. The cost of these 3 projects was \$24,382. We remain grateful for your caring contributions, and hope you enjoy the improvements too.

Celebration of Marriage Mass

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3pm on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. Reserved seating is available but limited. Registration and other information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

Vocations

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If 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 or email
vocations@archtoronto.org.

Gift of Securities – A New Way to Help

Do you have securities that have gone up in value? Do you already give to your Parish and the wider Catholic community? Consider the potential tax savings of donating securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds). Donating securities is very easy to do. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-934-3411 or email: development@archtoronto.org, or find more information at www.archtoronto.org/development.



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