

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, March 2

5pm + Anthony Mullin

Sunday, March 3

9am Parishioners

11am + Victor Vaitekunas

Tuesday, March 5

8:30am + Soul of Zacharias

Wednesday, March 6

8:30am + Anita Henes

Thursday, March 7

8:30am + Simplicia Abreu

+ Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

Friday, March 8

8:30am + Julio & Dora Abreu

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 20.1-3, 7-8, 12-17

Psalm: Ps 19.7, 8, 9, 10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25++

Gospel: John 2.13-25

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 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:

George Mareczko

Nora de Cuyper

Estorba Family

March

April

April 21-27

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Destroy This Temple, and in Three Days I Will Raise It Up

Jesus' dramatic cleansing of the temple was seen by his disciples as a prophetic sign of God's work to purify and restore true worship and holiness among his people.

When Jesus went to Jerusalem at Passover time, he shocked the Jewish leaders by forcibly expelling the money-changers and traders from the temple.

The Jewish authorities wanted proof that Jesus had divine authority to act as he did. They demanded a sign from God to prove Jesus' right, otherwise, they would treat him as an imposter and a usurper of their authority. Jesus spoke of himself as the true Temple which cleanses and makes us a holy people who can dwell with God. The sign Jesus gave pointed to his sacrificial death on the cross and his rising from the tomb on the third day: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19).

The Jews did not understand that the temple Jesus referred to was his own body. The "tent of his body" had to first be destroyed (that is, be put to death as the atoning sacrifice for our sins) to open the way for us to freely enter the holy presence of God in his heavenly sanctuary (Hebrews 10:19).

Through his death and resurrection, the Lord Jesus has reconciled us with God and made us adopted sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, and he fills us with his Holy Spirit and makes us living temples of our God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:16).

Do we recognize the indwelling presence of God within us through the gift and working of his Holy Spirit? The Lord Jesus wants to renew our minds and to purify our hearts so that we may offer God fitting worship and enjoy his presence both now and forever. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill us with a holy desire and burning zeal for his holiness and glory to grow in us and transform the way we think, act, and live as a son or daughter of God.

MARCH 3, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stations of the Cross

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

Tenebrae

Come to a beautiful Tenebrae service on Tuesday, March 26th at 7pm.

TRIDIUM

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper
March 28, 2024, at 7pm
Followed by Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024
Stations of the Cross - 9am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil – Resurrection of the Lord
March 30, 2024, at 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord
March 31, 2024, at 9am and 11am

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 7th at 3pm
Adoration and the Chaplet in Song

Garden of Lilies

Parishioners are welcome to bring a lily plant in honour of the faithful departed to be placed in our Garden of Lilies that will adorn our altar for Easter. Plants may be dropped off on Tuesday to Friday, March 26-29, between 9am and 1pm. Labels will be provided to put the names of your loved ones on your lilies.

Reconciliation/Confession

Parishioners who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) may do so by calling the Parish Office to make an appointment with Fr. Mani. During the Easter season, Father

will also be hearing confessions on Saturdays as usual. We will not be devoting a special day for Reconciliation.

World Day of Prayer

A service sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada will take place on Saturday, March 9th, at 10am at the Runnymede Presbyterian Church (680 Annette St.). The service will be followed by a reception and everyone is welcome.

Food Bank

Great news! Bloor West Food Bank is now a registered charity! This means that they will issue tax receipts for donations over \$20. It is so rewarding to see what this group of dedicated volunteers has accomplished since moving their operations to our church basement in 2020. If you would like to donate, please go to www.bloorwestfoodbank.ca or email infofoodbank.LF@gmail.com.

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 form from Fr. Mani at any time. Thank you for your participation.

Daylight Savings Time

We remind parishioners that Daylight Savings Time will start on Sunday, March 10th at 2am. Set your clocks one hour ahead, as Mass Times will be held in accord with this change.

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.

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