

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

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, November 25

5pm + Leo Goemaere

Sunday, November 26

9am Parishioners

11am + Victor, Romeo & Esteven Ramirez

Tuesday, November 28

8:30am + Jacob Abreu

Wednesday, November 29

8:30am + Andrew Formosa

Thursday, November 30

8:30am + Holly Rodrigues

+ Amelia Udasco

+ Jose Udasco

+ Virginia Abreu

Friday, December 1

8:30am + Herminia Rodrigues

34th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17

Psalm: Ps 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46

SPONSORING THE VIGIL CANDLE:

Parishioners are invited to become weekly or monthly sponsors of the Tabernacle Vigil Candle. You can make it special by spending time in front of the Tabernacle in family prayer and adoration. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate to the Vigil Candle.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Intentions of:

Mary Ann Dunphy – October & November

Marie-Thérèse Sophoulis – December

Marthese Fenech – January 2024

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Come. Inherit the Kingdom Prepared for You

The Lord Jesus proved his love for us by offering up his life on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. His death brings freedom and life for us – freedom from fear, selfishness, and greed - and new abundant life in the Holy Spirit who fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:5). Do we allow God's love to purify our heart and transform our mind to think, act, and love others as the Lord Jesus has taught through word and example? We cannot remain neutral or indifferent to the commands of Christ. If we do not repent of our wrongdoing (our sins and offenses against God and neighbour) and obey the Gospel, we cannot be disciples of the Lord Jesus nor inherit his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Separation of the good from the bad is inevitable because one way leads to sin, rebellion, and death and the other way leads to purification, peace, and everlasting life with God.

The parable of the goats and sheep has a similar endpoint as the parable of the rich man who refused to give any help to the poor man Lazarus who begged daily at the rich man's doorstep (Luke 16:19-31). Although Lazarus was poor and lacked what he needed, he nonetheless put his hope in God and the promise of everlasting life in God's kingdom. The rich man was a lover of wealth rather than a lover of God and neighbour. When Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom to receive his reward in heaven. When the rich man died his fortunes were reversed and he was cast into the unquenchable fires of hell to receive his just desserts. The parable emphasizes the great chasm and wall of separation between the former rich man held now bound as a poor and miserable prisoner in hell and Lazarus clothed in royal garments feasting at God's banquet table in the kingdom of heaven. When the Lord Jesus comes again as Judge and Ruler overall, he will call each one of us to stand before his seat of judgment to answer the question - who did you love and put first in this life? Inordinate love of self crowds out love of God and love of neighbour. Those who put their faith in Jesus Christ and follow his way of love and righteousness will not be disappointed. They will receive the just reward - life and peace with God in his everlasting kingdom. If we entrust our lives to the Lord Jesus today and allow his Holy Spirit to purify our hearts and minds, then he will give us the grace, strength, and freedom to walk and live each day in the power of his merciful love and goodness. Let us entrust our lives into the hands of the merciful Savior who gave his life for us. And let us ask the Lord Jesus to increase our faith, strengthen our hope, and enkindle in us the fire of his merciful love and compassion for all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Wreath

Would you like to be the one to sponsor the Advent Wreath and candles? First Sunday of Advent is approaching fast. We would be so happy for any amount that helps to pay for a beautiful decorative wreath which will be placed in front of the altar.

Renewal of Ministries

We invite parishioners and their families to participate in the life of their faith by joining one of the parish ministries. We would like to welcome more people in the following ministries: Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Music Ministry, Lector Ministry. Get involved, meet great people! Sign up on our website at: saintpiusx.ca under the tab "Get Involved"!

2024 Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for 2024 will be available for pickup in the church foyer throughout the month of December. If you do not currently have envelopes but would like a box, please contact the parish office.

Pray for Peace

During the whole month of November, please take the time to pray for peace in Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, and other parts of our world that are suffering because of hatred and division.

All Souls Memorial Box & Book of Remembrance

For the entire month of November, we will be praying for all our faithful departed. You are welcome to write the name(s) of your loved one(s) in our book of remembrance after Mass and place your "All Souls" offertory envelope in the memorial offertory basket available to you at the front of the altar.

Remember Your Loved Ones

For the month of November, parishioners are invited to bring in the Funeral Cards of their loved ones. Fr. Mani will place them in front of the altar for your prayers.

Parish Bazaar a Success

The Catholic Women's League Christmas Bazaar last Saturday was a great success. Not only does the CWL Annual Bazaar raise funds to be distributed to various charitable organizations, but it also brings the St. Pius X Parish community together. Our St. Pius X CWL would like to say thank you to you all for your support.

Do You Have Gifts of Time and Talent?

We want to start a **Building Committee** for the Parish. The Committee would advise Fr. Mani with respect to necessary capital and maintenance projects. If you have skills in general contracting, the trades, building, and/or project management, please call the office and speak with Fr. Mani.

We are also recruiting one or two additional members for the parish's **Finance Council**. If you have skills in the business, legal, entrepreneurial, marketing, fundraising or HR arenas and would like to contribute your time, please call the office and speak with Fr. Mani.

St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Pius X Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul has decided to suspend its charitable operations effective December 31, 2023. Donors will receive tax receipts for donations made up to the end of the year. For more information, please see the notice on the church foyer bulletin board.

Archdiocesan Consultation Underway

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. To learn more, read the letter of invitation and complete the short survey by December 15, 2023:

www.archtoronto.org/consultation.

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