

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, 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)

Saturdays 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
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Catholic Women's League

School

St. Pius X Catholic School
71 Jane Street Tel: 416-393-5237

New and Current Parishioners

We invite you to join our Parish family by
registering with the parish office at
saintpiusx.ca/new-to-spx/ or by contacting
the Office.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 14

5pm In Thanksgiving

Sunday, October 15

9am + Vicki Dunwoody

11am + Ranora Udasco

Tuesday, October 17

8:30am + Maria Kang

Wednesday, October 18

8:30am Parishioners

Thursday, October 19

8:30am Parishioners

Friday, October 20

8:30am Parishioners

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10a

Psalm: Ps 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (**R.6cd**)

R. I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Second Reading: Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Intentions of:

Mary Ann Dunphy – October & November

Marie-Thérèse Sophoulis – December

Marthese Fenech – January 2024

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Many are called but few are chosen.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's Psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again, to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

The seemingly exaggerated reactions of the king emphasize the story's intent to jolt its audience into recognizing the magnitude of the divine invitation they receive. It underscores the point that while God's grace is freely given, there's an expectation for believers to develop and live a spiritually and morally aligned life, much like wearing the right garment to the divine feast. The narrative's exaggerated elements are designed to stress the dire spiritual consequences of rejecting or not honoring this divine call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Registration

Registration for Confirmation candidates is open at www.saintpiusx.ca. Stay tuned for the date of the first meeting with parents. You will be provided with the schedule for the candidates' workshops/teaching sessions. Note that we will need the candidates' baptism certificates if you haven't sent it by email.

First Reconciliation/First Communion

Registration remains open until October 20th.

Volunteers Needed!

We have some great volunteers for First Reconciliation/Communion and for Confirmation sessions, but we can't have too many! Volunteers will be asked to sit at tables with small groups of young people and facilitate Fr. Mani's assignments. No special knowledge is needed, and volunteers are guaranteed to learn something new about their faith. These preparation workshops take place on weekday evenings beginning in late October/early November through to January for **Reconciliation** preparation, and from February to May for **Communion** preparation. **Confirmation** preparation workshops are fewer (about 10) and spread out between October and May. You can sign up for one or both of the sacrament preparation sessions.

Multiple Intention Mass

Our Parish will now celebrate a multiple intention Mass each Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. Permission was granted by the Archdiocese for a maximum of 20 intentions per Mass.

Bishop Allen Academy Open House

Grade 8 students and their parents are cordially invited to attend an Information Evening and Open House at Bishop Allen Academy on Wednesday, October 18th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Learn about the Advanced Placement Program, French Immersion, Gifted Program, Leadership Development, Athletics, Music, Drama and more. All are welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

ShareLife Fight Against Hunger –Share Life is committing over \$500,000 to support food banks and meal programs throughout the Archdiocese. We at St. Pius X set ourselves a goal of \$8000. We will publish how close we are in early November. You can do your part to support the fight against hunger by going to sharelife.org/donate or by using a green ShareLife envelope from the church entrance. Thank you to all have so generously donated.



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