

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 7

5pm Parishioners

Sunday, October 8

9am + Moses Saybe

11am + Robert Tremblay

Tuesday, October 10

8:30am Parishioners

Wednesday, October 11

8:30am Parishioners

Thursday, October 12

8:30am Parishioners

Friday, October 13

8:30am Parishioners

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7

Psalm: Ps 80.8+11, 12-13,
14-15, 18-19(**R.** Isa 5.7)

R. *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

Second Reading: Philippians 4.6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Intentions of:

Mary Ann Dunphy – October & November

Marie-Thérèse Sophoulis – December

Marthese Fenech – January 2024

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

The first reading and the gospel this Sunday both use the image of the vineyard to speak to us about the patience and generosity of God.

Jesus tells the chief priests and the elders a parable. The owner of the vineyard sends workers into his vineyard to collect the harvest. However, these poor servants do not receive a positive welcome. They are attacked and beaten. The owner then sends more workers into the vineyard. Sadly, these workers are treated in much the same way. Lastly, the owner decides to send his son in the hope and belief that they will treat him with respect. Alas, his hope is ill placed; they kill his son.

It comes as no surprise to us that the owner of the vineyard represents God and his son is Jesus Christ. The first group of servants that the landowner sent to the vineyard to retrieve his produce represents the prophets. Finally, after the people killed His prophets, God sent His only Son to them. Those who killed the servants and the owner's son are Scribes, Pharisees and the elders, God's own people. Imagine their shock and anger when they heard this. They would have loved nothing better than to lay their hands on Jesus then and there and do away with him. In doing so, they would underline the truth of the parable; and in fact, they will not have long to wait before they will end Jesus' life on earth.

But this, like all the parables, is held up to us today so that we can see ourselves and learn from it. Through Jesus' life, mission, death and resurrection, God offers us the chance to reap an abundant harvest of love, mercy, and forgiveness. They are offered to us freely out of love. Like those in the gospel, we can freely choose whether to accept or decline God's generous offer. God looks to us to produce the fruits of love, mercy, compassion, and the values of the Kingdom of God. The burning question from this parable to us today is simple but challenging; what sort of fruits and harvest are we producing through our ordinary daily lives as followers of Jesus Christ?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 at Thursday's Mass.

Confirmation Registration

Registration for Confirmation candidates will open on the Parish website on October 10th at www.saintpiusx.ca. A Letter to Parents has been posted and is available now.

Fr. Mani's Pilgrimage

Fr. Mani will be away on a Marian Pilgrimage from September 28 to October 13, 2023. His journey will take him to Portugal, Spain, France, Monaco and Italy. He will be praying for us at each Marian shrine and asks that you keep him in your prayers during his pilgrimage. There will be a priest here during his absence to take care of the spiritual needs of the parish.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Registration for your child is now on our website at www.saintpiusx.ca under "Sacraments". Note that you will need to provide your child's baptism certificate. You will be notified of the date of Fr. Mani's first group meeting with parents to review the process.

Volunteers for First Reconciliation/Communion and Confirmation

We still need volunteers to help at the preparation workshops for children receiving these sacraments. The sessions will take place on weekday evenings beginning in late October through to January for Reconciliation preparation, and February to May for Communion preparation. Confirmation preparation sessions are fewer and take place from October to May. Thank you to those who have already offered!

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

Building Fund – Each month, we ask for your offerings to support your church building. We need your help now more than ever because necessary maintenance and repairs of our 68-year-old church have been delayed for many years. As a result, several aspects of the building need urgent upgrading or repair. Please support your church and be generous!

ShareLife Fight Against Hunger – Ensure no one goes hungry this Thanksgiving! Through our parish's support, ShareLife is committing over \$500,000 to support food banks and meal programs throughout the Archdiocese. Please support the fight against hunger by going to sharelife.org/donate or by using a green ShareLife envelope from the church entrance.

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