

St. Pius X Parish

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Pastoral Staff

Fr. Massillamani Zacharias

(Fr. Mani), **Pastor**

Michelle Somers, **Parish Secretary**

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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/Committees/Organizations

- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Ushers/Greeters
- Musicians
- Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation
- Collection Counters
- Finance Council
- Building Committee
- Volunteer Screening Committee
- 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

To Join



To Donate



To Volunteer



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 18

5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

Sunday, July 19

9 am Parishioners

11 am Anna Migliore

Tuesday, July 21

8:30 am + Luz Pulido
+ Dora Abreu

Wednesday, July 22

8:30 am + Alec Riley

Thursday, July 23

8:30 am + Peter Pham

Friday, July 24

8:30 am + Fr. Ron Krafchik



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 12.13, 16-19
Psalm: Ps 86.5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Second Reading: Romans 8.26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13.24-43



Sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary lamp 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 Sanctuary Lamp. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate. Doing so becomes an opportunity for friends and families to pray at the Tabernacle, knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in July for the intentions of: Anna Wong

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"I will proclaim what has been hidden..."

Each of today's parables describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The parable of the weeds sown among the wheat sounds a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?

Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. We should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat—truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. Yeast is small—invisible once it is worked into the dough. And yet, its influence is pervasive and powerful. This simple image—yeast worked into three measures of flour, causing it to slowly rise—reveals that the Kingdom of Heaven is built quietly, almost imperceptibly, from within. Like leaven silently transforming dough from the inside, so too does God's grace operate—hidden yet active—in the heart, in the Church, and in the world. Like leaven in dough, this transformation takes time. Though not immediate, it is steady, enduring, and complete.

The good within us can wither from lack of commitment and engagement, through a failure to sink roots, or choked by the pursuit of what is not of God. We must do our part, clearing away the weeds and rocks, making ourselves fertile soil for receiving all that God has in store for us.

God is at work within you, within the Church, and throughout the world. Though you might not always perceive the movement of grace, trust that it is active—like yeast in dough—gently transforming, sanctifying, and preparing hearts for the glory to come. Resist the temptation to measure your spiritual growth by visible signs or immediate results. (*Excerpts from: My Catholic Life; Loyola Press; Scott Hahn Reflections.*)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the third weekend of the month, we remember the sick people who are admitted to hospitals and at home:

Almighty ever living God, healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. Relieve the worry and sorrow of the sick persons among us with Your gentle love and grant them the grace and strength to accept this burden. We place them under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to good health again. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Summer Music Series

Join us every Wednesday in July (beginning **July 8**) for A Celebration of Music starring our wonderful cantors. The concerts begin at 7 pm and admission is free. See the poster in the foyer for more details.

Mission Cooperative Program

The weekend of July 25-26 will be Mission Co-op Sunday. Our speaker is Rev. Dr. Benjamin Mfaume, Md, Mmed, who is visiting us from the Diocese of Iringa in Tanzania. Fr. Mfaume is the Director General of the Regional Hospital and also an orthopedic surgeon. He is here to raise funds for furnishing a great need in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit and to equip the maternity and neonatal departments. You will find envelopes this weekend in the foyer for you to take home and bring back on the weekend of July 25-26. Please give generously to help this important need.

News about Church Plumbing

The church is once again experiencing plumbing problems. The basement sewage pump failed early this week and Fr. Mani is acted quickly to do what is necessary to correct the problem, and it is temporarily under control. He will update parishioners on the outcome.

Chaplaincy Connect for Students

Calling all graduating high school students! Graduation marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. As you close your high school books, open your heart to a journey of spiritual growth

and community. Join a campus ministry for an opportunity to grow deeper in your faith, form lasting friendships, and experience university life in a different way. Check out Chaplaincy Connect at [Office of Catholic Youth - Chaplaincy Connect](#) to find your Catholic home on campus.

Summer Camp Opportunities

Summer camps are being offered for children and youth at 59 parishes inside the Archdiocese of Toronto this summer, with over 86 weeks of dates and locations to choose from. Parents who may be interested in having their kids attend a parish day camp can access the complete list of parishes, locations and dates here: <https://ocytoronto.org/parish-camps>, and are encouraged to contact the parish of interest directly to register or get more information.

Annual Mass for Faithful Departed

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, **August 12**, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Details, including location of cemeteries, are at the following link: <https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca/news/annual-mass-for-the-faithful-departed-2/>. The cemetery closest to St. Pius X is Mount Hope Cemetery (305 Erskine Ave.). In case of rain, the Mass will be celebrated at St. Monica's Parish.

Bequests to the Parish

A bequest in your Will to our church is a way of returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan. Bequests are not just for the wealthy. See the archdiocesan estate planning guide at <https://tinyurl.com/25o2mxk2> for information.




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