

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/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, March 22

5 pm Mary Anne Dunphy

Sunday, March 23

9 am + Rosa Mallia

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, March 25

8:30 am + Romualdo & Carmen Candelario

Wednesday, March 26

8:30 am + Marcellino Candelario, Sr.
Sabine Beblo

Thursday, March 27

8:30 am Gratitude for UnKnown and Known
Benefactors

Friday, March 28

8:30 am + Roy Concessio



Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15

Psalm: Ps 103.1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8+11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13.1-9



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 March for the intentions of: Marilyn Tremblay

GOSPEL REFLECTION

“A man had a fig tree...”

The Gospel today refers to two incidents. The first is an atrocity brought about by human cruelty. Orders from Pilate have instigated a massacre of a number of Galileans who were sacrificing in the Temple. The second incident is due to natural causes: the fall of a tower in Siloam, occasioning the death of 18 persons. Jesus is told of the first and then recalls the second for two reasons. First, he wards off something to which the religious instinct is ever prone when faced with episodes of this kind: to conclude that the victims were being punished for sinfulness from which others – specifically themselves – were exempt. Jesus heads off all thinking of this kind. He mentions the second incident and goes on to tell the parable about the fig tree to make the point that, far from attempting to judge the sinfulness of others, everyone should interpret such events as a warning to take stock of their own lives lest far greater disaster – eternal ruin – befall them.

Jesus is the Gardener, and we are the fig tree. This parable leads us to look at our lives and examine whether or not we bear good fruit for the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus comes to you to cultivate the soil of your heart, fertilizing it with His holy Word, watering it with His Sacraments and doing all He can to give you the opportunity to produce the fruit of charity in your life.

Imagine the joy in the Hearts of our Lord and the Father in Heaven if they were to look upon you and see good fruit being produced beyond expectation. Why wouldn't this be your goal in life? Reflect, today, upon the image of you being this fig tree and our Lord as the divine Gardener. Commit yourself to His actions of tilling and fertilizing. You do so by strengthening your commitment to reading and understanding the Word of God, by participating more fully in the Sacraments, by being more focused upon your daily prayer, by examining your conscience more fully, and by sincerely confessing your sins. Do all you can to cooperate with the action of our divine Gardener and you will be amazed at the good fruit that begins to pour forth from your life.

In the First Reading, the first words that God speaks out of the bush are, “Moses, Moses!” He calls Moses by name. There is a particularity to Moses' mission. God knew that Moses was the right person for the job and shows this by using his own name as he calls him forward. As stewards, we too are all called by name to a special mission. We each have our own unique set of gifts that can be used for the glory of Christ and the Church. It is up to us to heed the call because no one else can do the particular mission God has ordained for us. (Excerpts from: *Fr. Brendan Byrne, SJ; My Catholic Life; Archdiocese Office of Formation.*)

PARISH NEWS

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent after the 8:30 am Mass, at approximately 9 am.

Lenten Reconciliation/Confession

Parishioners and others who wish to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation may do so by calling the Parish Office to make an appointment with Fr. Mani. We will not be devoting a special day for Reconciliation during the Lenten season.

Journey through Lent video

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has posted a series of videos featuring Lenten reflections for each Sunday in Lent. They are available at this website: [Journey through Lent 2025 - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#).

Donation from CWL

We are grateful to the Catholic Women's League for having donated such a generous amount toward Parish needs. Thank you for all the benefits you bestow on our Parish!

Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The celebration of the archdiocesan Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Tuesday, March 25th, the day of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord. This act of Catholic devotion and spirituality is an opportunity for the faithful to gather in different ways in prayer. Extensive resources can be found here: [Consecration Resources for Annunciation 2025.03.05 Final.pdf](#). Cardinal Leo has also published a letter about our Consecration to the Blessed Virgin: [Cardinal Leo - Communication re Consecration to the BVM - Annunciation 2025.pdf](#)

Good Friday Procession

St. Francis of Assisi Parish (72 Mansfield Ave) is holding its annual Good Friday Procession on April 18th. The procession includes religious statues, musical bands, and people representing different characters associated

with the Passion of Christ. They are looking for volunteers of all ages to participate in the process. To volunteer, visit the parish website at [www.stfrancis.ca](#). Volunteer registration deadline is April 13, 2025. Tel: 416-536-8195.

ShareLife 1st Collection

The first of three special collections toward the ShareLife campaign will take place next weekend, on March 29-30. Please give using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [www.sharelife.org/donate](#).

ShareLife Parish Goal

ShareLife has suggested that our 2025 Parish campaign goal be set at \$47,000. This amount was determined after taking the average of the offertory donations to our Parish for 2022-23. The overall goal of ShareLife throughout the Archdiocese is \$14.5 million. For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. The \$750,000 in Food Security Grants given to the ShareLife agency's Rosalie Hall FoodShare program are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve and need to be able to learn and parents are supported in the process. And every day, individuals and families facing mental health struggles, trauma, and domestic violence turn to Catholic Family Services for healing and support. Your donation counts.

ShareLife 2024 Gratitude

Frank Cardinal Leo, our Archbishop, has expressed his thanks for your commitment to caring for others. The amount of last year's donations is a testament to your kindness. The complete letter is available here: [FINAL-SL-Cardinal-Leo-Thank-you-letter.pdf](#).

Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

The Catholic Mom's Group is holding a conference on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Old Mill. The event includes a light lunch. The closing Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert Kasun. Please see the posters in the foyer for speakers and topics. To register, go to: [http://dwf2025.eventbrite.ca/](#).

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