

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
- Building Committee

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, March 9

5pm Parishioners

Sunday, March 10

9am Parishioners

11am Parishioners

Tuesday, March 12

8:30am Anna Soltys

Wednesday, March 13

8:30am Karol Czajkowski

Thursday, March 14

8:30am Parishioners

Friday, March 15

8:30am Parishioners

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23++

Psalm: Ps 137.1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10

Gospel: John 3.14-21

Sponsoring the Vigil Candle

The Sanctuary candle 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 Vigil Candle. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate in the name of the candle. Doing so opens up the opportunity for friends and families to pray at the tabernacle knowing the candle burns for their intentions.

The Vigil Candle burns for the intentions of:

George Mareczko

Nora de Cuyper

Estorba Family

March

April

April 21-27

GOSPEL REFLECTION

God so Loved the World That He Gave Us His Only Son

Jesus points to a key prophetic sign which Moses performed in the wilderness right after the people of Israel were afflicted with poisonous serpents. Scripture tells us that many people died in the wilderness because of their sin of rebellion towards Moses and God. Through Moses' intervention, God showed mercy to the people and instructed Moses to "make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live"(Numbers 21:8). This miraculous sign was meant to foreshadow and point to the saving work which Jesus would perform to bring healing and salvation to the world.

The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual power and gifts, especially the seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence for God and his ways, and a holy fear in God's presence (see Isaiah 11), to enable us to live in his strength as sons and daughters of God.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). God proved his love for us by giving us the best he had to offer - his only begotten Son who freely gave himself as an offering to God for our sake and as the atoning sacrifice for our sin and the sin of the world.

God is a loving Father who cannot rest until his wandering children have returned home to him. Saint Augustine says, God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love. God gives us the freedom to choose whom and what we will love.

Jesus shows us the paradox of love and judgment. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief, or we can love the light of God's truth, beauty, and goodness. If our love is guided by what is true, and good and beautiful then we will choose for God and love him above all else. What we love shows what we prefer.

PARISH NEWS

Stations of the Cross

During the Lenten season, a service for the Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday after the 8:30am Mass.

Tenebrae

Come to a beautiful Tenebrae service on Tuesday, March 26th at 7pm.

TRIDIUM

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper
March 28, 2024, at 7pm
Followed by Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024

Stations of the Cross - 9am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil – Resurrection of the Lord
March 30, 2024, at 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord
March 31, 2024, at 9am and 11am

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 7th at 3pm
Adoration and the Chaplet in Song

Garden of Lilies

Parishioners are welcome to bring a lily plant in honour of the faithful departed to be placed in our Garden of Lilies that will adorn our altar for Easter. Plants may be dropped off on Tuesday to Friday, March 26-29, between 9am and 1pm. Labels will be provided to put the names of your loved ones on your lilies.

Reconciliation/Confession

Parishioners who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) may do so by calling the Parish Office to make an appointment with Fr. Mani. During the Easter

season, Father will also be hearing confessions on Saturdays as usual. We will not be devoting a special day for Reconciliation.

Food Bank

Bloor West Food Bank is now a registered charity! This means that they will issue tax receipts for donations over \$20. It is so rewarding to see what this group of dedicated volunteers has accomplished since moving their operations to our church basement in 2020. **Bloor West Food Bank is an independent organization. It is not operated by St. Pius X Parish - we only share a part of our space with them.** If you wish to make donations or offer your help in any way, please contact: Karen Allmen-Chow at infofoodbank.lf@gmail.com.

Rectory Air Conditioning

The air conditioning system in the rectory needs repair. The cost will be about \$10,000. A kind donor has already contributed 50% of the cost of this project. Are there any other parishioners wishing to help too? You can talk to Fr. Mani after any Mass.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection on March 9-10 for the Parish Building Fund. Help keep your church functioning and beautiful.

ShareLife – March 17

Our Parish ShareLife goal for 2024 is \$56,500. On March 17th, the first of three special collections, we will be hosting a speaker from ShareLife at the 11am Mass. Parishioners are asked to make their first Offering at any Mass on that weekend. Thank you for sharing your good fortune.

Dynamic Women of Faith

The Catholic Moms Group is holding its 15th Annual Conference on Saturday, March 23rd between 9am and 4pm at the Old Mill. Cardinal Collins will celebrate the opening Mass. There are several interesting speakers, and a light lunch is included. To register, visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com.

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