

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 23

5pm + Lucy Cassai

Sunday, March 24

9am Parishioners

11am Tricia Robertson

Tuesday, March 26

8:30am + Maria Semkovich

Wednesday, March 27

8:30am + Andrew Formosa

Thursday, March 28

8:30am Ludovina Mateus

Friday, March 29

8:30am Parishioners

PALM SUNDAY

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

Psalm: Ps 22.7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23

Second Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Mark 14.1 – 15.47

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 Marezcko

Nora de Cuyper

Estorba Family

March

April

April 21-27

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Blessed Is the King Who Comes in the Name of the Lord

Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah.

The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in our heart and home? Do our walls echo with the praise of his glory?



PARISH NEWS

Tenebrae

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

TRIDUUM

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 – 7pm

Blessing of the Food – 10am

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
followed by refreshments

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.

Coffee Sunday – March 24th

Coffee Sunday will be held this Sunday after the 11am Mass, hosted by the Catholic Women's League. Come and meet your fellow parishioners!

Did You Know?

After the Finance Council presentation after Masses last weekend, someone asked about whether the diocesan assessment is charged on Building fund donations. For a period of time, the Archdiocese's *practice* was to exclude Building Fund donations from the calculation of the diocesan assessment. In October 2019, Cardinal Collins informed pastors that, effective January 1, 2020, the Archdiocese would revert to the calculation based on the formal *policy* set in 1993, which is to charge diocesan assessment on Building Fund donations.

Second Collection – March 29

There will be a second collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land. This Good Friday Collection is taken at the request of the Holy See. It is for the support of the many social, educational, and parish projects of the Church throughout the Holy Land, and it helps to assure the Church's presence and a measure of security and peace for our brothers and sisters. Please give generously to maintain the Holy Places in the Holy Land and our brothers and sisters in their need.

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.

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.

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