

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, May 18

5pm + Susan Hunter

Sunday, May 19

9am Maria Brincat – 100th Birthday

11am Parishioners

Tuesday, May 21

8:30am Zbigniw

Wednesday, May 22

8:30am Parishioners

Thursday, May 23

8:30am Parishioners

Friday, May 24

8:30am Honruda Pak

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2.1-11

Psalm: Ps 104.1ab+24ac, 29b-30, 31+34

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20.19-23

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. Doing so opens 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:

[The months of May and June are available.]

GOSPEL REFLECTION

They Were All Filled with the Holy Spirit!

After his death and resurrection Jesus promised to give his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit!" (John 20:22). Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit was conditional upon the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father. That is why Jesus instructed the apostles to wait in Jerusalem "until you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). Why did they need power from on high? The Gospels tell us that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized at the Jordan River:

Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry, so the disciples needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:7), and he gives us the strength and courage we need to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires (2 Corinthians 3:17; Romans 8:21). The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good.

The Lord Jesus offers each one of us the gift and power of his Holy Spirit. He wants to make our faith strong, give us hope that endures, and a love that never grows cold. He never refuses to give his Spirit to those who ask with expectant faith. Jesus instructed his disciples to ask confidently for the gift of the Spirit: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13). Do we thirst for God and for the abundant life he offers through the gift of his Spirit?

PARISH NEWS

Fr. Mani Away

Fr. Mani will be away from May 19 to June 14. In his absence, Fr. Anthony will minister to the needs of our parish.

Altar Cloths and Scarves

The Parish is short of altar cloths and needs to purchase some additional ones. If parishioners wish to sponsor any of the needed items in memory of their deceased loved ones, their names will be printed on an item of their choice. Families can share in the cost of one item if they like. Please see the notice on the Bulletin Board in the foyer for more details.



CWL Thanks You!

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League would like to say thank you to our Parishioners for supporting our Spring Bake Sale on April 20th. The baked goods were amazing this year! And despite the weather it was another successful event. Our CWL events not only raise funds to be distributed to various charitable organizations, but they also bring the St. Pius X Parish community together. Thank you for your continued support.

St. Michael's College Scholarship

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by May 31, 2024. For further information, please contact our parish's CWL Education and Health Convener: Madlene at 416-767-7806.

Coffee Sunday

The last Coffee Sunday before September will be on Sunday, May 26th, after the 11:00am Mass. Come, relax, enjoy the homemade treats, and meet your fellow parishioners.

Canada's Early Church – Martyrs' Shrine Midland, Ontario

The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs opens the first weekend of May to Thanksgiving weekend in October. At this 100-year-old Shrine, there are Masses and confessions throughout the day, as well as devotions and tours. A special fund-raising Gala will be held in Toronto in June. For more information, please check their website at www.martyrs-shrine.com.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

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Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar June 8" in the title line and your name(s) in the body of the message.



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Church Parking

We would like to remind parishioners that the church parking lot is only for parishioners with mobility problems. Those wishing to park there for this reason will need to speak to Fr. Mani for authorization beforehand.

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