

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 Volunteer



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 27

5pm + Bidly Ryan

Sunday, July 28

9am Parishioners

11am + Anthoni & Ludwika Werner

Tuesday, July 30

8:30am + Amelia & José Udasco

Wednesday, July 31

8:30am Anna Migliore

Thursday, August 1

8:30am + Savariammal

Friday, August 2

8:30am + Natalie Carvalho

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 4.42-44

Psalm: Ps 145.10-11, 15-16, 17-18

Second Reading: Ephesians 4.1-6

Gospel: John 6.1-15

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:

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them...

In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood.

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse." Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines, and all hungers are satisfied with abundance.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist. (excerpted from Loyola Press)

PARISH NEWS

Hall Flooding

During the heavy rains of July 16th, water entered a large portion of the church hall (basement), as well as one of the stairwells down to the hall. There is no apparent damage but the insurance company will have the walls opened up to investigate further. Fr. Mani will keep parishioners updated.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers

We are starting up Children's Sunday Liturgy again! Volunteers are needed to lead catechism sessions to our children during the Sunday 11am Mass. Fr. Mani would like to speak to anyone who is interested.

RCIA Volunteer

We are looking for a volunteer to lead an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program in our parish. Those who would like to find out more can speak to Fr. Mani after Mass or during office hours. He will answer any questions you might have.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly July 28, 2024

Pope Francis inaugurated this World Day for celebration by the universal Church on a day near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. A message from Archbishop Leo is available online: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/message-for-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly/>, and more resources on this ministry can be found here: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/seniors/maturing-adults/grandparents/>.

2025 Pilgrimage

Fr. Mani will be leading a 12-day spiritual pilgrimage to Greece, Turkey and Cyprus next spring. The tour will start on May 26th bound for Athens, from where pilgrims will visit ancient sites notable for their historical significance and beauty. The sites include two in which St. Paul was active. On May 30th, you will embark on

the Royal Caribbean Cruise - Brilliance of the Seas for transport to many fascinating monasteries, cathedrals, castles and other sites both antiquated and modern, until the June 6th flight home. Please see details in the foyer, visit our Parish News at <https://saintpiusx.ca>, or speak to Fr. Mani after Mass.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next week, August 3rd and 4th, for the Building Fund.

First Millennial Saint

Pope Francis and the Consistory of Cardinals voted to approve the canonization of the first Saint from Generation Y, those born between 1981 and 1996 commonly known as millennials. Blessed Carlo Acutis will likely be proclaimed a Saint during the 2025 Jubilee, possibly along with other canonizations. Born to Italian parents in London, England, in 1991, Blessed Carlo was a web designer who died from leukemia at the age of 15 in Monza, Italy. He was known for his devotion to Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions, which he catalogued on a website he designed.

According to the *Peroratio*, Blessed Carlo was "welcoming and caring towards the poorest, and he helped the homeless, the needy, and immigrants with the money he saved from his weekly allowance." A healing miracle has been attributed to him.



Vocations

In the Gospel, many people hunger for a small amount of food. In our day, there are too many people for the small number of priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. We too must trust in the Lord by praying for vocations. If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon,, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations**, Archdiocese of Toronto, at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org. For more information www.vocationstoronto.ca.

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