

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, September 7

5pm Ella Lukasik

Sunday, September 8

9am Parishioners

11am Thanksgiving

Tuesday, September 10

8:30am Roseanne Cinelli

Wednesday, September 11

8:30am Norah De Cuyper

Thursday, September 12

8:30am Carmel Hayes

+ Romualdo Candelario

+ Kazamirs Kucinskis

Friday, September 13

8:30am Fr. Mani & staff

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 35.4-7

Psalm: Ps 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10

Second Reading: James 2.1-5

Gospel: Mark 7.31-37

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 opens the opportunity for friends and families to pray at the tabernacle knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the intentions of:

Barbara & Cecylia Wojs -- September

GOSPEL REFLECTION

And immediately the man's ears were opened...

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

The healing is one of the most 'physical' of all Jesus' miracles described in the Gospels. The man's condition places him at a great disadvantage as regards communication: he can neither receive verbal communication nor freely communicate his own thoughts, feelings and reflections to others. His condition is lonely and isolated. What Jesus does for this marginalized person is to bring him into the hearing and speaking community where interpersonal communication can truly flow through him. Despite this physical aspect, the healing is probably best interpreted symbolically. This is, of course, the case when the *Ephphatha* ritual is included in the liturgy of Christian Baptism. The celebrant touches the ears and mouth of the person being baptized and prays, 'May (the Lord Jesus) soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father'. In a symbolic sense, then, the man healed by Jesus represents all believers. Apart from the grace of God, we are 'deaf' to the Word of life spoken to us by the Creator. In the sacrament, Jesus gives us the capacity to hear the life-giving Word, which he then speaks to us in the Scriptures as proclaimed by the Church. Having heard that Word in the context of our own life experience, we then can turn to praise God and share what we have discovered with our fellow believers. Our ears are opened, and our tongues are 'loosened' for full participation in the community of faith. (*Loyola Press / Brendan Byrne, SJ*)

PARISH NEWS

Back to School Prayer for our Children

Dear Lord, as our students begin a new school year, we pray that you keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good. Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in your knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience, understanding and courage, and help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard our children and our family of schools and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. May they face each day with the blessed assurance that no matter what comes their way, with YOU they can do all things! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Outdoor Signage

Our new digital board has been installed. We extend our sincere thanks to the three families who helped to pay some of the cost with their generous donations. We are very grateful to them, as we cannot maintain or update our church building without our parishioners' continued support. Watch for more changes to be made to the outside display.

Summer is Almost Over!

It's time to start thinking about how you can be more involved in the life of your parish community. We will be needing Children's Liturgy Leaders, Altar Servers, Catechists for the First Communion and Confirmation Programs, Choir Members, Church Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and more.

First Communion (Grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 7) for 2025

Information for the upcoming First Communion and Confirmation Registrations for the 2025 season will be made available sometime in September. Please stay connected with us. Announcements will be made at Mass. We invite you to come celebrate Mass with us on Sundays and be sure to visit our website and online bulletin for up-to-date information and registration for these sacraments. Further details will also be

distributed to St. Pius X Catholic School children with a letter to parents.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection for the Building Fund this weekend, September 7th and 8th.

Chaplaincy Connect

Are you a university or college student? This school year, open your heart to an exciting journey of spiritual growth and community. Join campus ministry to grow deeper in your faith, form lasting friendships and experience university/college life in a more meaningful way. Connect with campus ministry anywhere in Canada and find your Catholic home on campus! Scan the QR code or visit www.chaplaincyconnect.ca.



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Vocations

Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest, religious or deacon. If you feel you have such a vocation, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, email: vocations@archtoronto.org, or www.vocationstoronto.ca.**



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