

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, October 5

5pm + Gerry Ayling

Sunday, October 6

9am Parishioners

11am + Robert Joseph Tremblay

Tuesday, October 8

8:30am + Roseann Cinelli

Wednesday, October 9

8:30am + John De Cuyper

Thursday, October 10

8:30am Maria Belen

Friday, October 11

8:30am Parishioners

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 2.7ab, 15, 18-24

Psalms: Ps 128.1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading: Hebrews 2.9-11

Gospel: Mark 10.2-16

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:

GOSPEL REFLECTION

...a man shall leave his mother and father and be joined to his wife...

Our Church's teaching regarding the indissolubility of marriage flows from the teachings found in the Book of Genesis, subsequently confirmed and clarified by Jesus in today's Gospel. When a true marriage bond is established by the free and total consent of a man and woman, that bond can only be separated by death.

Making no mention of procreation, the text in Mark 10:2-16 displays a remarkable sense of the companionship, friendship and mutual recognition in love that should surround marital union. The love expressed in the union of two in one flesh should simply be the most intimate physical expression of a commitment to companionship and intimacy, embracing the totality of life.

Jesus speaks of hardness of heart or stubbornness as leading to the altering of earlier biblical notions of permanence in marriage. There are plenty of reasons to be discouraged along the way for the married. In every way of life, though, the challenge remains to go through the times of crises with the sure hope that God does not abandon his own but pours forth grace on those in need. We all need the help of God in our commitments. God always and everywhere assists us to live out the challenges of our respective vocations. We must be ready and willing to turn to the Lord and ask for help.

In Scripture we are presented with the reality of matrimony as a challenge and the extension of married love radiating out to many others, including children, friends, and other relatives, be they married or single. As a sacrament of the Catholic Church, marriage is treasured in our faith tradition, making spouses signs of unity before a society that so often replaces love with exploitation.

Not surprisingly, right after words about marriage Jesus, moves on to speak about children. In a society and time when children accounted for almost nothing, Jesus is clear that everyone, the young and old, deserve respect and care by the human family. All persons are the fruit of love, deserving of love from womb to tomb, as it is sometimes put. For Jesus, children were important and loveable, and he not only gave them time and affection, but saw a beauty and purity in them that is the essence of the kingdom of heaven. Ideally this is nurtured in a stable and loving family. On the other hand, for various reasons, many single parents are not so by choice, and they need to have a compassionate hand extended to them by all. (*Excerpt: Monastery of Christ in the Desert*)

PARISH NEWS

First Communion & Confirmation Registration

The Registration forms and Schedule of classes for the preparation of your children to receive these sacraments is now posted on our website. Please register your child or children as soon as possible. Registration for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation closes on October 13th, 2024.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion:

Grade 2 and above: Information Meeting with parents & children and Journey Through the Mass for children and parents will take place on October 19, 2024. This meeting is mandatory.

Confirmation: Grade 7 and above: Information Meeting with parents and candidates and Journey Through the Mass for candidates and parents will take place on March 8, 2025. This meeting is mandatory.

Volunteers for Children's Liturgy

We are starting up catechism classes in November! We need volunteers during the 11am Mass on Sundays for children in JK to Grade 1. For now, Grade 2 children will also be welcome until more volunteers participate in this important spiritual education for your children. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Mani.

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

There will be a second collection this weekend, October 5-6, for Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation. Envelopes are available in the foyer. Parishioners are able to inform themselves about the Catholic commitment to Healing and Reconciliation and how funds are used by visiting this website: [Archdiocese of Toronto - Indigenous Reconciliation Fund \(archtoronto.org\)](https://www.archdioceseoftoronto.org/indigenous-reconciliation-fund). (For ease of access to website URLs, please use the links in the Bulletin on the parish website at <https://saintpiusx.ca>.)

St. Michael's College School

The Office of Admissions is now considering applications for September 2025. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12. Open Houses are being held on October 17th and October 22nd at 7:00 pm. Contact 416-653-3180 or www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com.

Share your blessings this Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, but right now families are struggling to put enough food on the table. ShareLife has returned with the Food Security Grants – dedicating \$750,000 to help those in need of a warm meal. Will you share your blessings by making a contribution to our parish's ShareLife Campaign? We have currently raised \$34,841 towards our suggested goal of \$56,500. Please give with love at sharelife.org/donate or at our parish with a ShareLife envelope available in our foyer.

Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar Saturday, October 19, 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

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:
2. follow this QR link:
qrco.de/WebOct19
3. send an email to:
development@archtoronto.org and write "webinar October 19" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



Vocation

Matrimony – a beautiful vocation so misused today. Celibacy – a beautiful gift so misunderstood today. Whether we do God's work in pairs or as a single person in ministry or in a community, we do God's work because He calls us. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto** at 416-968-0997, or vocations@archtoronto.org/www.vocationstoronto.ca.



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