

St. Pius X Parish

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Pastoral Staff

Fr. Massillamani Zacharias
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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, November 9

5pm Parishioners

Sunday, November 10

9am Parishioners

11am + Rena Riley

Tuesday, November 12

8:30am + Custodio Rodrigues

Wednesday, November 13

8:30am + Frank Brincat

Thursday, November 14

8:30am + Patrick Rabang
 + Miguel Pelingon
 + Augustin Caspillo
 + Fortunata Pelingon
 + Juan Pelingon

Friday, November 15

8:30am Alberto Santos, Sr.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 17.10-16

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

Second Reading: Hebrews 9.24-28

Gospel: Mark 12.38-44

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

...but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had...

The link between the First Reading and the Gospel today is that both concern widows who acted with generosity. In biblical society generally widows formed a particularly vulnerable class. They come first in the triad of vulnerable ones to whom the Torah summoned Israel to give particular protection: the widow, the orphan and the stranger in the land.

The wider context of the First Reading is that of universal famine in Israel during the reign of the worthless King Ahab. Elijah the prophet has been fed in the wilderness by the ravens and slaked his thirst in the wadi Cherith. Now, however, the wadi (ravine) has dried up because of the lack of rain and he has been instructed by God to go the town of Zarephath, where a widow will feed him. When Elijah approaches the widow for food, she points out the extremity of the situation for herself and her son. With the very little she has left, she is about to prepare a final meal before they die of hunger. Elijah, urging her not to be afraid, asks her to prepare a cake for himself, and then for herself and her son, and assures her that jar of meal and jug of oil will not fail until the famine is over. When the woman does so, putting her trust in the prophet's word, she finds that provision is made just as he had foretold.

In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the Cross. (*Excerpt: Fr. Brendan Byrne, SJ; Scott Hahn*)



PARISH NEWS

Book of Remembrance 2024

For the entire month of November, we will be praying for all our faithful departed. You are invited to write the name(s) of your loved one(s) in our Book of Remembrance near the altar after Mass and place your All Souls offertory envelope in the memorial offertory box.

2025 Sunday Missals - November 23-24

Missals for the 2025 liturgical year will be available for purchase after all Masses on the weekends of *November 23-24* and *November 30-December 1*. The cost of the missals will be \$5.00 each. Exact change would be appreciated.

Offertory Boxes of Envelopes

Watch for the boxes of envelopes for 2025 in the church foyer before every weekend Mass starting the weekend of December 7-8. If you have not yet registered as a parishioner, we ask that you do so on our website (note the QR Code "To Join" on the front of the bulletin). You will be assigned a box number if you choose. However, we continue to encourage parishioners to sign up for online donations instead of envelopes. This leads to cost and time savings for the Parish.



Christmas Bazaar – November 16th

The CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on Saturday, November 16th from 10am to 2pm in the Church Hall. Items for sale include: Baked Goods, New Gifts, Christmas Decorations, Knitted Goods, and Jewellery. There will also be a Silent Auction and Wine Raffle. Donations of homemade baked goods can be dropped off in the Church Hall on Friday, November 15th, between 5pm and 8pm or Saturday, November 16th, before the Bazaar. Please mark if baking contains nuts. All proceeds from the Bazaar will go to various charities. Please come out and support this event with your family and friends, do some early Christmas shopping, and share in the St. Pius X community spirit over a cup of coffee or tea.

Vocations

How are you contributing to the treasury? God knows what gift we give to Him in love. Let us then be faithful to whatever vocation God calls us to

live. Does Jesus want you to give your life to the Church? If you think that God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto** at **416-968-0997**, or vocations@archtoronto.org; www.vocationstoronto.ca.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Mark your calendars and come out for Reconciliation (Confession) on Saturday, December 7th between 10am and 12pm. Several priests will be available.

Second Collection

There is a Second Collection for the Building Fund this weekend, November 9-10. Thank you for supporting our beautiful church!

Special Collection

Next weekend, November 16-17, a special collection will be held for The Shepherds' Trust. This fund helps to support our elderly and disabled priests. Many of them do not have sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. For those who are ill or infirm, The Shepherds' Trust supports many with access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Please show your gratitude for their long service by donating generously.

St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert Saturday, December 14 at 7pm

A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 59th Annual Christmas concert at Massey Hall, packed with beloved works including Vivaldi's *Gloria*, *Carol of the Bells*, and *The Star Carol*. Brochures can be found in the church foyer, and tickets are available at <https://masseyhall.mhrth.com/tickets/st-michaels-christmas-concert/>. Use the Promo Code: STARLIGHT. For information, call 416-397-6367. (See our online bulletin for easier access to long links.)

Joint call for Help and Prayers for Lebanon

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved a Joint Call by three Catholic organizations to support this urgent appeal: Development and Peace Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, and Catholic Near East Welfare Association. The press release and more details can be viewed at: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/urgent-appeal-for-support-in-lebanon-joint-call-for-help-and-prayers/>.

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