

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

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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 Donate



To Volunteer



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 7

5 pm + Maria Assunta Conforti

Sunday, March 8

9 am + Jadwiga & Piotr Zaremba

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, March 10

8:30 am Parishioners

Wednesday, March 11

8:30 am Parishioners

Thursday, March 12

8:30 am Karol Czajkowski

Friday, March 13

8:30 am Health of Luis Zarate
+ Peter Tran



Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17.3-7

Psalms: Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9

Second Reading: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4.5-42



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 becomes an opportunity for friends and families to pray at the Tabernacle, knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in March for the intentions of: Priscilla Santos

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ. They were despised for marrying non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerizim, not Jerusalem. Jesus risks scandal by approaching a Samaritan, and a woman, at a well.

The woman was an outcast, which is shown because she goes to the well at noon when it is very hot, instead with the others in the morning. Why would Jesus bring up this woman's humiliating situation? Because she had clearly been searching for fulfillment throughout her life, engaging in one failed marriage after another. Seeing her deepest need for healing, Jesus invites her to draw from the well of living water. "I see you are a prophet," the woman at the well tells Jesus. She seems to want to change the subject rather than dwell on what Jesus has to offer in the form of living water. But Jesus presses on to tell her where in fact the Messiah is to be found. He tells her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." By speaking this way to the woman, Jesus lets her know that He knows all about her, loves her, and longs to fill her with the satiation she has been searching for throughout her life. He does not judge or condemn her; He invites her to experience the freedom He longed to bestow upon her.

He tells the woman that the "hour" of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth. Jesus' "hour" is the "appointed time" that Paul speaks of in today's Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier's lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock. The love of God is also compared to living water, his love, "poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit," as Saint Paul beautifully says.

By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, and the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down. Since Jesus' hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism.

The Samaritan woman understands He is the Messiah she has been waiting for, and her response is a model of Christian discipleship. She believes, and with joy-filled faith, invites others from her community to encounter Jesus.

Each of us needs to see ourselves in this woman. Reflect on the importance of opening your eyes to see the reality of your sins. Receive the living water of mercy. The holier you become, the more clearly you will see even the smallest sins you have committed. (Excerpts from: *Scott Hahn Reflections; St. Bueno's Outreach; Loyola Press; Monastery of Christ in the Desert; My Catholic Life.*)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the second weekend of the month, we celebrate the wedding anniversaries of those who married in the month of March. Let us congratulate and pray for them:

Heavenly Father! We thank You for this day as we celebrate wedding anniversaries. We thank You for journeying with them. Thank You for making them strong and keeping them close. May You continue to bless their house with much happiness. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Easter 2026 Schedule

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Saturday March 28
10 am to 12 pm

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, March 28 – 5 pm
Sunday, March 29 – 9 am & 11 am

TENEBRAE

Tuesday, March 31 at 7 pm

HOLY THURSDAY

April 2
Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7 pm
Followed by Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3
Stations of the Cross – 9 am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

April 4
Blessing of the Food – 10 am
Easter Vigil Mass – 7 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5
Masses: 9 am and 11 am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 12
3 pm - Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet
followed by refreshments

Garden of Lilies

Help build a lush Garden of Lilies for the altar this Easter. Parishioners are invited to bring a lily plant in honour of their faithful departed to adorn the altar on Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Plants may be dropped off at the Office from Tuesday, March 31 to Friday, April 3. Labels will be provided on which you can write the name of your loved one to attach to your lily. **Note: Although the Office will be closed on Friday, April 3, Fr. Mani will be available to receive your gift.**

Tax Receipts

The 2025 tax receipts are currently being processed. They will be delivered to your residence by mail on or about March 9. Please call the office after March 15 if you have not received yours.

Second Collection

This weekend, March 7-8, there will be a second collection for the Parish Building Fund.

St. Patrick Mass

The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) will take place on Tuesday, March 17, at 10 am. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist.

Heroic Men of Faith

The March Heroic 30 Challenge invites men on a journey featuring a different motivational video very day from Catholic leaders. With a focus on prayer, the aim is to help bring God back into viewers' daily routines. Topics will range from embracing fatherly protection and heroic protection, to fortitude in adversity and prudence in decision-making. To participate for the free daily reflections, sign up at <https://heroicmen.org>.

Catholic Charities Scholarships

Catholic Charities is inviting applications for this year's Scholarships and nominations for the Michael Fullan Community Service Awards. These opportunities support students pursuing a variety of studies and celebrate those whose service reflects the Gospel call to love our neighbours. If you know a young person discerning their path, or someone in our community whose generosity and compassion shine through their daily actions, consider encouraging them to apply or nominating them for an award. Deadline: April 30, 2026. Information: www.ccat.ca/scholarships.



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