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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 Donate



To Volunteer



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22

5 pm + Eusebio Gallardo

Sunday, August 23

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Donald Earl MacAdam

Tuesday, August 25

8:30 am + Ramona Ranjo Udasco

Wednesday, August 26

8:30 am + John & Mary O'Toole

Thursday, August 27

8:30 am Parishioners

Friday, August 28

8:30 am Parishioners



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 22.15, 19-23

Psalm: Ps 138.1-2a, 2b-3, 6+8b

Second Reading: Romans 11.33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20



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 August for the intentions of: Anna Wong

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"...you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church..."

With these sacred words, Jesus founded His Church upon Peter, making him the first pope. In biblical tradition, a change of name signifies a new mission and identity. Simon, son of Jonah, was now to be called Peter—*Petros* in Greek and *Cephas* in Aramaic—meaning "rock." Peter became the solid foundation upon which Christ's Church would be built. No pagan power, false god, or earthly ruler would ever overcome what Christ established with divine authority.

As we hear in today's First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David's kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God's people. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom's keys (Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter—and all who succeed him—as holy father of His Church. His Church is the new house of God, the spiritual temple founded on the "rock" of Peter and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (1 Peter 2:5). Abraham was called "the rock" from which the children of Israel were hewn (Isaiah 51:1-2). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God.

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" Paul exclaims in today's Epistle. Today's Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter.

Jesus asks: "Who do you say that I am?" The significance and wording of this question is paramount. It disregards the opinions and beliefs of others regarding the person of Christ. When confronted with this inquiry, we may consider the teachings of renowned saints and their insights on the identity of Jesus or rely on the lessons imparted to us. Nevertheless, in the end, Jesus directly asks us today about our personal perception of Him. It is our individual relationship with Jesus and how we define His significance in our lives that shapes our discipleship.

(Excerpts: My Catholic Life; Loyola Press; Scott Hahn Reflections; Archdiocesan Stewardship Reflections.)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the fourth weekend of the month, we remember those in our families who have died. Let us pray for the repose of their souls:

O God! Listen to the prayers of Your Church on behalf of the faithful departed and grant to Your servants, whom we remember today, the inheritance promised to all. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Schedules for 2026-27 Children's Sacraments

The Preparation Class Schedules for children receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion are now available on our website. Please review it for conflicts with your family calendar. Forms for in-person registration for both sacraments are now available on our website until **October 9**. You may call Fr. Mani to make an appointment for a meeting in September.

75th Anniversary Gifts for Volunteers

Fr. Mani would like to meet with each of the parish volunteers after any Mass to receive a special souvenir gift bag. The gift is offered as thanks for your involvement and service to the parish.

Summer Music Series – Closing Concert

We are very grateful to the musicians who donated their time and considerable talents to offer us four excellent musical evenings. The quality of programs and performance were of the highest. Thank you to the parishioners who attended – we were all enraptured! The next and last concert will take place on Friday, **September 25** at 7:30 pm.

Season of Creation 2026

The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is "Living Water" and the symbol is "Immersion in Living Water", inspired by Ezekiel 47: 9 and 12. For more information contact ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org or call 647-258-4740. A Novena to St. Francis and an introductory video are available at the following links:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Novena-to-St-Francis>; Video: bit.ly/3RFGLiW.

Annual Youth Conference

Renew Toronto invites all young adults aged 18 to 39 to join together on Christ the King weekend, **November 20-21**. The theme this year is John 16:33: "Take courage! I have overcome the world." This is your chance to grow in faith alongside like-minded individuals who are in the same exciting stage of life. This conference will equip and inspire young adults to confidently understand and defend the Catholic faith in today's world. Through engaging talks, practical workshops and meaningful conversations, participants will explore the "why" behind what the Church teaches and how to share those truths with clarity, charity and conviction. Register at: www.renewtoronto.org. The price goes up on October 2nd.

Lumen Gentium 2026-27

Lumen Gentium is a fellowship program for building up Catholic leaders for the Church and society. Through a rich curriculum in applied Catholic Social Doctrine and Virtuous Leadership, Lumen empowers young Catholic professionals to live out a Christian mission in their career and cultural engagement. Recruitment continues for candidates to join the next cohort of the Lumen Gentium Forum—a nine-month fellowship program beginning September for young Catholic professionals (aged 25-40), offered by CAPP-Canada in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Toronto. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and will close once a full cohort has been formed. Apply at www.lumenforum.ca.

Vocations

"For who has known the mind of the Lord?" Sometimes our mind is not necessarily the mind of the Lord. If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Fr. David Twaddle, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-261-7207 or by email at vocations@archtoronto.org.




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