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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 Donate



To Volunteer



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 12

5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

Sunday, September 13

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Joseph Somers

Tuesday, September 15

8:30 am + Maria Brincat

+ Kevin Hayes

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 am + Martha Tran

+ Roseanne Cinelli

Thursday, September 17

8:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 18

8:30 am + Fernando Trillo

+ Anna Pham



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27.30-28.7

Psalm: Ps 103.1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Second Reading: Romans 14.7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35



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 September for the intentions of: Anna Wong

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"...how often should I forgive my brother or sister..."

Today's Gospel is the parable of the unforgiving servant. In Jewish tradition, to forgive seven times was seen as more than sufficient. The rabbinic teaching often suggested forgiving up to three times, based loosely on interpretations of the Prophet Amos. So when Peter offered seven, he was doubling that and adding one for good measure—a symbolic act of exceeding piety.

But Jesus' response radically shifted the paradigm. Seventy-seven times—or, in some manuscripts, seventy times seven—is not a precise numerical limit. It's a symbolic expression that conveys the idea of limitless forgiveness, echoing God's own mercy toward sinners. Jesus was not simply raising the bar; He was inviting Peter—and all of us—into the boundless love of the Father.

Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive seventy-seven times. That means: every time. Because God has shown us immeasurable mercy, we also must extend mercy to others. Unless we extend limitless mercy to others, we will be held accountable for our own unpayable debt before God.

Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us? Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross. As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserve to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. If we imitate God's mercy and forgive from the heart, that enormous debt will be entirely wiped away.

The First Reading warns against anger, telling us to not keep a record of grudges. We are to live by the commandments, overlooking errors and forgiving our neighbour. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us.

This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ. So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion. (*Excerpts: My Catholic Life; Loyola Press; Scott Hahn Reflections.*)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the second weekend of the month, we celebrate the wedding anniversaries of those who married in the month of September. 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.

75th Anniversary Special Closing Mass

Join us on **Sunday, October 4th at 11:00 am** for our very special Anniversary Year Closing Mass, celebrated by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Archbishop of Toronto. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Hall at which you will find delicious foods, home baked treats, coffee/tea and beverages, and warm fellowship!

N.B. Mass at 9 am on Sunday, October 4, is cancelled.

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 them for any conflicts with your family calendar. Registration forms for in-person interviews for both sacraments are available on our website until **October 9**. Please 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 75th Anniversary souvenir gift bag. The gift is offered in thanks for your involvement and service to the parish. **N.B.** Other parishioners may purchase the souvenir gift bag for \$10 by calling the office. It contains a parish cup, parish pen, and letterpress St. Michael prayer card.

New Lectern Hangings

Fr. Mani is purchasing new hangings for the lectern in five liturgical colours to match the altar scarves. He is inviting donations for their purchase, details of which are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Fr. Mani is also having the church overhead lights fixed. In addition, he has obtained a professional opinion which indicates that the existing sound system has very little life left and needs repair and upgrading. The lights and sound system costs will be covered by parish funds, but if any parishioners wish to donate towards these costs, that would be most welcome.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend, September 12-13, for the Parish Building Fund.

St. Joseph's Centre of Hope for Women

Next weekend, September 19-20, a representative from The St. Joseph's Centre of Help for Women will speak to us after each Mass. St. Joseph's operates a mobile crisis pregnancy centre next to an abortion clinic. It offers life to the baby and support for the mother. It also offers post-abortion counselling and free ultrasounds for mothers-to-be. Please visit the table at the back of the church after Mass for your donations.

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, 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.




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