

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 Donate



To Volunteer



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 26

5 pm + James Robert Moffatt

Sunday, September 27

9 am + John & Mary O'Toole

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, September 29

8:30 am + Maria Brincat

Wednesday, September 30

8:30 am + Jadwiga Zaremba

+ Amelia Udasco

Thursday, October 1

8:30 am + Anna Catenacci

+ Pietro Migliore

Friday, October 2

8:30 am + Larry McManus



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28

Psalm: Ps 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9

Second Reading: Philippians 2.1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32



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

"Son, go and work in the vineyard today."

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name the source of his authority for these religious leaders. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the tax collectors and prostitutes, those who initially violated God's law but later repented after hearing the preaching of John the Baptist and Jesus. The second son represents the chief priests and elders. After telling the parable, Jesus declares, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." Like the second son, the religious and civic leaders paid lip service to God's law, but their actions did not align with its intent. They were hypocrites, blind to their own rejection of God's saving Word, and they misled others by their outward piety and self-righteous attitudes.

The first son is markedly different. Though he initially responds with defiance - "I will not" - his conscience eventually moves him to do what is right. Some may wonder why Jesus didn't include a third son, one who says, "Yes, sir," and then follows through. But Jesus likely omits such a son because all of us fall into one of the two categories He presents. Only our Blessed Mother obeyed perfectly in both word and deed from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception.

God teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path. Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross. In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

(Excerpts: Loyola Press; My Catholic Life; Scott Hahn 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.

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! There will be photo opportunities with the Archbishop during the reception.

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.

Lectern Hangings

Fr. Mani extends heartfelt gratitude to those generous parishioners who have donated so handsomely toward the cost of new hangings for our lectern. The first one will be installed in time for the Closing Mass on October 4th.

Sound System & Church Lights

As previously announced, Fr. Mani is having the church's overhead lights fixed, as well as making necessary repairs to the sound system. The Finance Council has approved of this work. If any parishioners wish to donate towards these costs, that would be most welcome.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection for the Needs of the Canadian Church (Bishop's Collection) this weekend.

Weekly Bulletin Advertising

You may not know that our weekly Bulletin is entirely paid for by advertisers. The annual renewal of advertisements will begin in December. If you have a business, please advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at [905-624-4422](tel:905-624-4422). Parishioners can support our Bulletin by using the advertised services.

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 3-4 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

112th World Day of Migrants & Refugees

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is "Even just one of these children." Drawing from the Gospel of Matthew (18:5) — "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" — the Holy Father calls the Church to pay special attention to migrants and refugee children. This occasion will be commemorated with a special Mass on Sunday, **September 27, 2026**, at 11:30 am at St. Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch Avenue, Pickering). Bishop Vincent Nguyen will serve as both celebrant and homilist. A reception and short program will follow the Mass. All are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion.

Vocations

The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Are you being invited? 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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