

St. Pius X Parish

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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 Volunteer



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 10

5pm + Patricia Prez-Rossit

Sunday, August 11

9am + Prima Lim

11am Parishioners

Tuesday, August 13

8:30am + Rena Riley

Wednesday, August 14

8:30am Elizabeth & Maria Tchaikowsky

Thursday, August 15

8:30am Holy Souls

Friday, August 16

8:30am Parishioners

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19.4-8

Psalm: Ps 34.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading: Ephesians 4.30 – 5.2

Gospel: John 6.41-51

Sponsoring the Vigil Candle

The Sanctuary candle 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 Vigil Candle. 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 candle burns for their intentions.

The Vigil Candle burns for the intentions of:

Kotyk & Riley Families - August

GOSPEL REFLECTION

I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

In some ways, Jesus' teaching could be said to defy human reason. Imagine hearing this teaching for the first time from someone who grew up in your hometown. Human reason alone is insufficient to comprehend and accept such teaching. But that is precisely the point. Human reason alone is insufficient. But when human reason is endowed with a special revelation from the Father in Heaven, then all becomes clear and all makes sense.

On that point, Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him" and that "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me." Therefore, even though it is beyond the ability of natural human reason alone to make sense of what Jesus was teaching, those who were drawn by the Father and listened to His voice were given a new form of knowledge that brought clarity to their human minds. This knowledge is essential if we are to know and understand the path to eternal life and if we are to understand and believe in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that faith is just believing in something that is beyond us. But faith is much more. It's not just blindly believing. It's not just wishful thinking that turns into a personal choice to believe. Faith is based on something absolutely real and unmistakable. It's based on true spiritually revealed knowledge—a knowledge given to us by God. In fact, this form of knowledge, given by God, is far more certain than any other form of knowledge.

For example, you know that 2+2=4 because you can take two objects, add two more, and then count four. Or you know that music is playing because your ears perceive the sound. Thus, you rely upon your senses to produce knowledge to arrive at conclusions. Spiritually infused knowledge, however, is even more certain than that which we can obtain through our senses because it is God Who reveals the truth. Therefore, if God speaks to you and imparts to you a knowledge that His flesh is true food and His blood is true drink, and that if you eat His flesh and drink His blood then you will obtain eternal life, then this knowledge is certain, transforming, and becomes the basis of a life of pure faith. Though this may seem overly philosophical, it is true and necessary to understand.

Reflect, today, upon anything that you fail to have perfect faith in. Do you believe in the Most Holy Eucharist? Do you believe that it is the food for eternal life? Do you believe in everything Jesus taught? Examine your faith and where it is lacking; seek the voice of the Father. Only God can impart the deepest spiritual knowledge to you. For your part, you must listen, comprehend, accept and believe. *(Excerpt from My Catholic Life)*

PARISH NEWS

Staff Update

Our bookkeeper, Cathy Carroll, is leaving us after ten years of superb service to our parish. We will miss her skill, wisdom and warmth and wish her the all best for her future. Starting August 27th, Johnri Velez will be our new bookkeeper. Welcome Johnri!

Children's Liturgy Volunteers

The St. Pius X Children's Liturgy program is starting up again! We need several parishioners to assist as we engage the children of our parish with the Word of God. The program begins in September and will be held during Sunday's 11am Mass. Fr. Mani would like to speak to anyone who is interested.

RCIA Volunteer

We are looking for volunteers to lead an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program in our parish. Those who would like to find out more can speak to Fr. Mani after Mass or during office hours. He will answer any questions you might have.

Outdoor Church Signage

We are planning to renew our outdated digital sign as well as the peeling vinyl sign. We are asking you for help to defray the cost of \$3,900. Please see the details of the work on the foyer bulletin board. Let us show the neighbourhood that we care for our church!

Hall Flooding

We experienced a second flooding event on July 24th, in addition to the flooding on July 16th. On both occasions, water entered a large portion of the church hall (basement), as well as one of the stairwells down to the hall. We are working with the insurance company for an investigation of the cause and what is needed to prevent future events like this. Fr. Mani will keep parishioners updated.

2025 Pilgrimage

Fr. Mani will be leading a 12-day spiritual pilgrimage to Greece, Turkey and Cyprus next spring. The tour will start on May 26th bound for Athens, from where pilgrims will visit ancient sites notable for their historical significance and beauty. The sites include two in which St. Paul was active. On May 30th, you will embark on the Royal Caribbean Cruise - Brilliance of the Seas for transport to many fascinating monasteries, cathedrals, castles and other sites both antiquated and modern, until the

June 6th flight home. Please see details in the foyer, visit our Parish News at <https://saintpiusx.ca>, or speak to Fr. Mani after Mass.

St. Michael's Cathedral Pilgrimage to Quebec

August 14-18, 2024

This is an outstanding opportunity to visit prominent and historic Catholic sites including Notre Dame Basilica and Holy Door in Quebec City, and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. Other sites include the Ursuline and St. Augustine Monasteries and the Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/fr/outreach/news/archdiocesan/pilgrimage-planned-to-historic-sites-in-quebec/>. Spots are limited. To register, email: quebecpilgrimage@stmichaelscathedral.com.

Second Collection

This weekend, August 10th and 11th, we have a special collection for the Canadian Missions.



Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

This occasion will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00 pm.

Masses throughout the Greater Toronto Area and Barrie and will take place for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic Cemeteries at the following locations:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga

Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham

Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlasic

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill

Most Rev. Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto

Most Rev. Robert Kasun

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge

Rev. Msgr. Patrick O'Dea

Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby

Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen

St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie

Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau

In the event of rain, Masses will be held in:

Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum at Assumption Cemetery.

Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery.

St. Anthony's Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Main Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery.

Reception Centre at the Cemetery Office of Christ the King Cemetery.

Mount Hope Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto.

St. Mary's Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. John Vianney Parish, 13 Baldwin Lane, Barrie.

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