

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, February 1

5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

Sunday, February 2

9 am + Julio Abreu

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, February 4

8:30 am + José Udasco

Wednesday, February 5

8:30 am + Morty Quirke

Thursday, February 6

8:30 am In Honour of The Holy Face of Jesus

Friday, February 7

8:30 am Parishioners

Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

First Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

Psalm: Ps 24.7, 8, 9, 10

Second Reading: Hebrews 2.10-11,13b-18++

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

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 February for the intentions of:



GOSPEL REFLECTION

"...for my eyes have seen your salvation..."

Today's feast marks the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple, forty days after he was born. As the firstborn, he belonged to God. According to the Law, Mary and Joseph were required to take him to the Temple and "redeem" him by paying five shekels. At the same time, the Law required the child's mother to offer sacrifice in order to overcome the ritual impurity brought about by childbirth.

The Second Reading underlines the reality of Jesus's humanity. Like all of us, Jesus must grow in maturity and wisdom and experience the suffering that real temptation brings to every human being. The Psalmist marvels that the Lord of the Universe has deigned to live amongst us in the Temple. He bids its gates and ancient doors to lift their heads, so that the mighty Lord may enter.

All the readings today concern Jerusalem, the Temple, and the sacrificial rites. The first reading comes from the Prophet Malachi, who called the priests to return to faithful service and foretold a day when a Messiah would arrive with definitive purification of the priesthood. Likewise, the Psalm announces to Jerusalem that Jerusalem is about to receive a great visitor. The Psalmist identifies him as "The LORD of hosts . . . the king of glory." Christ now arrives as the long-awaited priest and redeemer. He is also the sacrifice. Indeed, as his life will show, He is the Temple itself (see [John 2:19-21](#)).

For Simeon, this interior knowledge of a spiritual nature suddenly united with his five senses when Jesus was brought into the Temple. Simeon suddenly saw, heard and felt this Child Whom he knew he would one day see with his own eyes and touch with his own hands. For Simeon, that moment was the culminating moment of his life. Simeon, and later in the Gospel passage, Anna, like the members of the Holy Family, are models of patient, enduring faith.

Perhaps we pray for the desire to experience a deeper, child-like trust and hope in God, the Father of all creation. Like Jesus before me, I invite God to increase my wisdom and faith in the power of the Divine. (Excerpts from: *Loyola Press*; *Scott Hahn*; *Australian Catholics*)

PARISH NEWS

Marriage Sunday 2025

Marriage Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday of February each year. This year, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples. The Mass will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All people are welcome to attend, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. This group may register for reserved seating. www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

Jubilee Regional Eucharistic Celebrations

All Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Opening Jubilee Year Masses in the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. No need to register, just come! All Masses begin at 7:00 pm. Confessions will be heard from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. Central Region locations are:

- St. Paul's Basilica (83 Power Street) Wednesday, Feb. 12, celebrated by Bishop Kasun
- St. Mary's Church (588 Adelaide Street) Thursday, Feb. 20, celebrated by Bishop Kasun
- St. Edward the Confessor Church (75 Churchill Ave) Tuesday, Feb. 25, celebrated by Cardinal Leo.

For those interested in obtaining a Jubilee indulgence, requirements include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attending Mass and offering prayers for the intention of the Holy Father.

Jubilee of Youth 2025

All young adults (ages 19-39) are invited to join Fr. Paul Magyar and the Archdiocese Office of Catholic Youth team for a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from July 23rd to August 5th, 2025. Please contact youth@archtoronto.org to receive the pilgrim information package. Further information is available from the Coordinator, Amanda Pereira at avperiera@archtoronto.org.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend, February 8-9, 2025, for the Parish Building fund.

Vocations

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, or email vocations@archtoronto.org. For information, go to www.vocationstoronto.ca.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 9 a.m.

Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:
2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebFeb01
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