

# 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](http://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](http://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 8

5 pm + Jacqueline Bradshaw

### Sunday, February 9

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Bob McLuskie

### Tuesday, February 11

8:30 am + Guillermo Udasco

### Wednesday, February 12

8:30 am Thanksgiving for prayers & Masses

### Thursday, February 13

8:30 am + Romualdo & Carmen Candelario

+ Marcellino Candelario Sr.

+ Connie Estorba

Holy Souls In Purgatory

### Friday, February 14

8:30 am + John & Mary O'Toole

+ Rosa Mallia

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8

Psalm: Ps 138.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 7c-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.3-8, 11

Gospel: Luke 5.1-11

### 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:**

Marilyn Tremblay



### GOSPEL REFLECTION

*“For Simon Peter and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish...”*

Jesus had just cured Simon Peter’s mother-in-law as one of His first miracles. As a result of this and other miracles, Peter’s entire hometown of Capernaum, as well as many of the surrounding towns, were quickly coming to faith in Jesus. Today’s Gospel takes place during this initial excitement over our Lord. In it, Jesus personally invites Peter to become an Apostle, promising to make him a fisher of men. There is much symbolism in this passage worth pondering. First, notice that Jesus uses something very familiar to Peter to invite Him to become one of the Twelve Apostles. He used his trade of fishing. This is similar to the way God used a star to draw the Magi, who were astrologers, to Bethlehem.

Another symbolic action Jesus uses is that of putting out “into deep water.” It was not enough to simply go a short distance from shore. Instead, the deep water was to symbolize the fact that the Gospel was to go forth to the ends of the earth, just as the fishermen were to fish in the depths of the sea.

Finally, the fact that they “caught a great number of fish” symbolizes the superabundance that would come forth through Peter’s apostolic ministry. And the fact that the “nets were tearing” points to the fullness that everyone will experience when they embark upon the mission of Christ. Jesus’ presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus “Lord”—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and declares his unworthiness to be in Jesus’ presence. His calling resembles Isaiah’s commissioning in the First Reading: confronted with the holiness of the Lord, both Peter and Isaiah are overwhelmed by a sense of their own sinfulness and inadequacy. Yet each experiences the Lord’s forgiveness and is sent to preach the good news of His mercy to the world.

No one is “fit to be called an apostle,” Paul recognizes in today’s Epistle. But by “the grace of God,” even a persecutor of the Church—as Paul once was—can be lifted up for the Lord’s service. In the Old Testament, humanity was unfit for the divine—no man could stand in God’s presence and live (see [Exodus 33:20](#)). But in Jesus, we’re made able to speak with Him face-to-face, to taste His Word on our tongue.

Let us strive to offer ourselves to Christ and echo the words of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading and boldly say to God, “Here am I; send me!” (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life*; Loyola Press; Scott Hahn)

## PARISH NEWS

### 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. For more information, please visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-churches/>. (The online bulletin has a clickable link.)

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Please contact [youth@archtoronto.org](mailto:youth@archtoronto.org) to receive the pilgrim information package. Further information is available from the Coordinator, Amanda Pereira at [avperiera@archtoronto.org](mailto:avperiera@archtoronto.org).

### St. Patrick's Celebration Mass

St. Cecilia's Church is holding its 44th Annual Concelebrated Mass in honour of St. Patrick on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 3:00 pm. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Frank Cardinal Leo. The Saint Patrick's Celebration is a continuation of a spiritual tradition for which Saint Cecilia's is renowned. Following the Mass there will be an informal reception with music and a dance performance in the parish

hall. Location: 161 Annette Street, 416-769-8163 - [stceciliatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliatoronto@gmail.com).

### Second Collection

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

### Vocations

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org). For information, go to [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://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

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