

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 Donate



To Volunteer



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 1

5 pm Fr. Martin Pereira

Sunday, March 2

9 am + Simplicia Abreu

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, March 4

8:30 am + Anna Lapniska

Wednesday, March 5

8:30 am Soul of Zacharias
+ Victor Vaitekunas

Thursday, March 6

8:30 am + Connie Estorba
+ Francisco Udarbe

Friday, March 7

8:30 am + Roy Concessio



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27.4-7

Psalm: Ps 92.1-2, 12-13, 14-15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.54-58

Gospel: Luke 6.39-45



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

“Out of the good treasure of the heart, the good person produces good...”

In today’s reading from Luke, we come to the third major section from Jesus’ instruction to his disciples known as the Sermon on the Plain. Where the section read last week dealt with action toward others, now we seem to have something that is trying to reach deeper: to the wellspring of action found in the human heart.

The First Reading from Sirach, a Jewish sage, with its swift series of vivid images, illustrates how a person’s quality can be told from their speech. The Old Testament reading goes from speech to heart, but the instruction of Jesus, using the image of a tree and its fruits, goes in the opposite direction: from heart to words. Both readings touch upon a single truth: The words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. Speech reveals the secrets of the heart. Get the heart – the fundamental attitude – right, Jesus seems to be saying, and all else will follow.

It is very difficult for people to have the kind of understanding that would allow them to make judgments of others. The illustrations of one blind person leading another and of attempting to remove the speck in a neighbour’s eye when one has a log in one’s own eye, as is often the case with Jesus’ image and illustrations, exaggerated and humorous. It is hard to know what is in one’s own heart – to recognize the ‘plank’ that may be there, inhibiting right vision and right judgment. Yet, even with such impediment, we are still so confident that we can see and set about rooting out the failings of others. If God, who really does see the heart, acts with such generosity, understanding and compassion, then that – not judgment and condemnation – should surely be the model for human interaction.

“Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.” These are the words from the refrain of this Sunday’s responsorial psalm. St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that “the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness.” Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for three things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, or the joy of family and friends. Above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God’s love in our lives. (Excerpts from: *Fr. Brendan Byrne, SJ; Scott Hahn; Archdiocese of Toronto Gospel Reflections.*)

PARISH NEWS

Daylight Savings Time

We remind parishioners that Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 am, when clocks are moved forward 1 hour.

Donation Tax Receipts

The 2024 Donation Tax Receipts are currently being processed. You will receive them in the mail on or before Monday, March 10th.

Ash Wednesday

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on March 5th. It is a universal day of fasting and abstinence. Two Masses with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated in our parish: one at 8:30 am and the second at 7:00 pm.

Call for Building Committee Members

Our Parish needs a few more members on its Building Committee. This Committee reviews expert submissions and discusses issues relating to repairs or improvements to our Church. Anyone with even a small amount of experience they believe might be helpful is welcome to speak to Fr. Mani.

World Day of Prayer

The Morningside-High Park Presbyterian Church is holding an Ecumenical Worship Service on Saturday, March 8th at 10 am. This year, the service was prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands. All are welcome to attend at 4 Morningside Ave. for prayers and a time of fellowship and refreshments. Inquiries, or registration for the online service, can be obtained here: worlddayofprayer2025@gmail.com.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend, March 8-9, for the Parish Building Fund.

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,

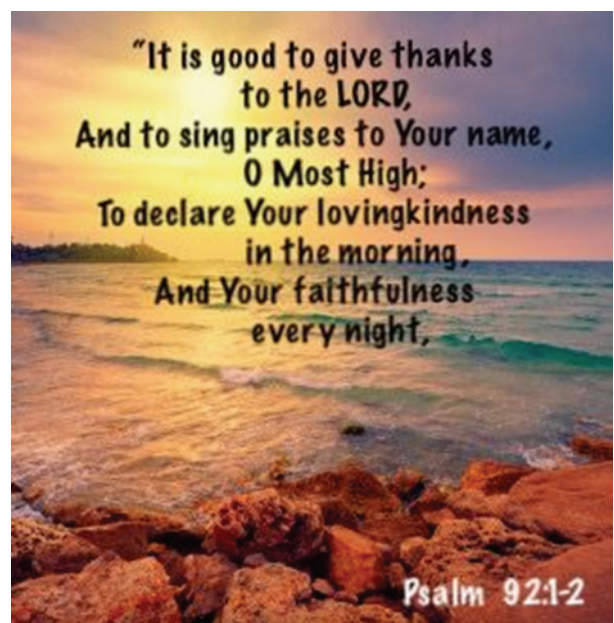
Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from July 23rd to August 5th, 2025. Please contact youth@archtoronto.org to receive the pilgrim information package. Further information is available from the Coordinator, Amanda Pereira at avperiera@archtoronto.org.

Ontario Election Guide for Catholics

The Archdiocese has provided us with a Guide outlining the issues for Catholic parishioners to keep in mind when they are voting at the upcoming election for a provincial Premier. The link to information is available here: [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ontario Provincial Election – Resources for the Catholic Community](#). (Ctrl-click, or go to our online bulletin for easy access.)

Vocations

“In the Lord your labour is not in vain.” Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God’s call. 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 vocations@archtoronto.org. For information, see: www.vocationstoronto.ca.



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