

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 8

5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

Sunday, March 9

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Joseph Slobodnik

Tuesday, March 11

8:30 am Parishioners

Wednesday, March 12

8:30 am Parishioners

Thursday, March 13

8:30 am Parishioners

Friday, March 14

8:30 am + Roy Concessio

First Sunday of Lent



First Reading: Deuteronomy 26.4-10

Psalms: Ps 91.1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Second Reading: Romans 10.8-13

Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

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 March for the intentions of: Marilyn Tremblay

GOSPEL REFLECTION

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit...was led by the Spirit in the wilderness...”

Jesus’ temptations in the desert were not primarily difficulties He had to endure and resist. Rather, they were first and foremost ineffective attacks from the evil one, because Jesus had already embraced the opposite virtues.

Consider the three temptations Jesus overcame in the desert: gluttony, vainglory and greed. Jesus’ entrance into the desert for those 40 days was the way by which He destroyed these temptations before they were even presented to Him. By voluntarily choosing to fast from food for those 40 days, Jesus rendered the temptation toward gluttony ineffective. By choosing the humility of entering into the solitude of the desert to be alone with His Father, Jesus robbed the temptation toward vainglory of its power. By choosing a life of poverty and simplicity, He overcame any temptation toward earthly wealth, even before it was offered to Him.

So, Jesus emerges from the conflict with the true direction of his mission irreversibly set. Son of God though he is, and “special” beyond all other human beings, he will not be exempt from treading the ordinary path of human life. Obedient as God’s Son to the pattern of divine love and grace that drives him, he will enter fully into the pain and evil of the world to transform it from within and thereby reclaim it for true humanity.

Too often we approach temptations in the wrong way. We see them as attacks from the evil one that we must resist and defend ourselves against. And though that is true, it is not the full truth. The full truth is that the best way to overcome the struggles we face is to confront them directly in a vigorous and offensive way by choosing the opposite virtue.

In the first reading from the book of Deuteronomy, Moses instructs the people saying that when they come to give their offerings to God, they should “bring the first of the fruit of the ground.” The Lord wants our very best, not what we have leftover. One Lenten resolution we can adopt to help us offer our “first fruits” is the practice of scheduling our time of prayer in advance. If we do so, we will see great wonders take place in our relationship with God and others. (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life*; Fr. Brendan Byrne, SJ; *Archdiocese of Toronto Gospel Reflections*.)

PARISH NEWS

New Security Alarm System

We thank the provincial government for a grant which allowed the parish to install a security alarm system in the church, office and rectory. When the premises are not in use, these areas will be armed/alarmed.

Journey through Lent video

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) has posted a series of videos featuring Lenten reflections for each Sunday in Lent. They are available at this website: [Journey through Lent 2025 - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](https://www.cccb.ca/our-work/our-communications/journey-through-lent-2025).

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. Please call the parish office if you have not received them by that date.

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.



CWL Coffee Sunday

We look forward to the next Coffee Sunday after 11 am Mass on March 16th. Enjoy a break with treats and fellowship with your community of faith!

Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

The Catholic Mom's Group is holding a conference on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Old Mill. The event includes a light lunch. The closing Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB. Please see the posters in the foyer for speakers and topics. To register, go to: <http://dwf2025.eventbrite.ca/>.

Second Collection

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

ShareLife 2024 Gratitude

Frank Cardinal Leo, our Archbishop, has expressed his thanks for your commitment to caring for others. The amount of last year's donations is a testament to your kindness. The complete letter is available here: [FINAL-SL-Cardinal-Leo-Thank-you-letter.pdf](https://www.sharelife.org/parish/2024-gratitude).

ShareLife 2025

Maria, a 64-year-old newcomer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support, she received personalized guidance at Catholic Crosscultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. Now, she's a guiding light for seniors, helping others access the support that changed her life. Please give using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate.

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.

Vocations

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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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