

# 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 Volunteer



**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL**



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 21

5pm + William Crowley

### Sunday, September 22

9am + John & Mary O'Toole

11am Parishioners

### Tuesday, September 24

8:30am + Carmen & Marcellino Sr.  
Candelario

### Wednesday, September 25

8:30am + Judy & Nort Parry

### Thursday, September 26

8:30am Parishioners

### Friday, September 27

8:30am + Roseann Cinelli

### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 2.12, 17-20

Psalm: Ps 54.1-2, 3, 4+6

Second Reading: James 3.16 - 4.3

Gospel: Mark 9.30-37

### 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 opens the opportunity for friends and families to pray at the tabernacle knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.

### The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the intentions of:

Barbara & Cecylia Wojs -- September

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### *Celebrating the Stewardship of Others*

In today's readings we learn the importance of having the right attitude and disposition in our approach towards stewardship. A steward is called to live in humility. We are not the owners of our gifts but are simply the humble caretakers of them and it is our job to give them back to God with increase.

St. James in the second reading says, "Where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind." As stewards, we will often face the temptation to compare our gifts with those of others. It is a human reaction to seek recognition for our good works and want to be rewarded. However, the goal of stewardship is not our own glory, but rather the glory of Christ and the Church.

One way to combat envy and ambition is to intentionally celebrate the talents of others. Since we are all one Body of Christ, the gifts of our brothers and sisters are the gifts of the whole Church. Relatedly, in the Gospel today Jesus instructs His apostles saying, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." True stewards seek to serve others before themselves.

We should ask ourselves, am I assisting at the parish to serve my own ego or to serve my neighbour? Let us constantly try to reorient our priorities so that we can serve Christ first through serving our brothers and sisters. (*Archdiocese of Toronto - Office of Formation for Discipleship Parish Vitality & Stewardship*)



## **PARISH NEWS**

### **First Communion & Confirmation Registration**

The Registration forms and Schedule of classes for the preparation of your children to receive these sacraments is now posted on our website. Please register your child or children as soon as possible. Registration for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation closes on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion: Grade 2 and above: Information Meeting with parents & children and Journey Through the Mass for children and parents take place on October 19, 2024. This meeting is mandatory.

Confirmation: Grade 7 and above: Information Meeting with parents and candidates and Journey Through the Mass for candidates and parents take place on March 8, 2025. This meeting is mandatory.

### **Volunteer Screening Coordinator Needed!**

The Parish is seeking a Volunteer Screening Coordinator. This role is responsible for the application process and screening requirements of all volunteers in our Parish. To discuss this role, please speak to Fr. Mani.

### **Stewardship Sunday**

Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, is Stewardship Sunday. Help yourself to the brochures in the church foyer. Archbishop Francis Leo has also prepared a letter reflecting on stewardship as a process of living our Catholic faith.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/SysSiteAssets/media/offices--ministries/sub-sites/parish-vitality--stewardship/stewardship-sunday/2024-homily-translations/homily-of-his-grace-most-reverend-francis-leo--stewardship-sunday-2024-final.pdf>

(For ease of access to online links, please see the Bulletin on our website at <https://saintpiusx.ca>.)

### **St. Michael the Archangel Celebration**

Archbishop Francis Leo has published a letter in anticipation of the Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Please see <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/archbishop-leo-invites-the-faithful-to-join-novena-for-saint-michael-the-archangel/>.

He also invites everyone to pray the Novena to St. Michael in preparation for the feast. It begins on September 20<sup>th</sup> and ends on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Please find the prayer and instructions at:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/contentassets/f280a716997f4943bd29ced43df94b53/novena-to-saint-michael-the-archangel.pdf>. (Access links more easily using the links in the Bulletin posted on our Parish website.)

### **CWL Coffee Sunday**

The next Coffee Sunday is on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> after the 11 am Mass. Come and enjoy the Catholic Women's League home-made treats and meet your fellow parishioners!

### **Second Collection**

There will be a Second Collection next weekend, September 28-29, for the Needs of the Canadian Church (Bishop's Collection). This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompany, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada.

### **Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation**

A Special Collection will take place on October 5 and 6. Envelopes will be in the foyer.

### **ShareLife Combats Hunger Anew**

The Archdiocese of Toronto, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese, and a generous donor are committing \$750,000 to combat the food insecurity crisis. "We see and feel the pain of those struggling to feed their families, and it moves us deeply," says Archbishop Francis Leo. "Proverbs 22:9 reminds us, 'The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.' Our faith calls and challenges us to be the beating heart and outstretched hands of Christ himself, extending his love and compassion to those in need." Please share your blessings by contributing at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or through our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.

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