

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 Volunteer



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 28

5pm + Shauna Chong

Sunday, September 29

9am Parishioners

11am + Amelia & José Udasco

Tuesday, October 1

8:30am + Marion Hall

Wednesday, October 2

8:30am Elizabeth Tchaikowsky

Thursday, October 3

8:30am Helen Lee

Glenda Young

Raquel & Camille McGrath

Friday, October 4

8:30am Tricia Robertson

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Numbers 11.25-29

Psalm: Ps 19.7, 9, 11-12, 13

Second Reading: James 5.1-6

Gospel: Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48

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

Whoever is not against us is for us.

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles. Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it will (John 3:8), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven (Acts 2:5, 38).

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve (Mark 3:14-15; 6:7, 13).

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church. But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples.

Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal—causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while neglecting our neighbors? We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today's Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them. (*St. Paul Center – Scott Hahn*)

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 13th, 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 will 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 will 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.

CWL Coffee Sunday

Coffee Sunday is this Sunday, September 29th, after the 11am Mass. Come and enjoy the Catholic Women's League home-made treats and meet you're the other members of our parish family!

Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection this 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 accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada.

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Archbishop Francis Leo has posted a letter for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. [Archdiocese of Toronto - Archbishop Leo's Letter to the Faithful on National Day for Truth & Reconciliation and Indigenous Reconciliation Fund \(archtoronto.org\)](https://www.archtoronto.org/Archbishop-Leos-Letter-to-the-Faithful-on-National-Day-for-Truth-&Reconciliation-and-Indigenous-Reconciliation-Fund). Parishioners may inform themselves about the

Catholic commitment to Healing and Reconciliation and how funds are used by visiting this website: [Archdiocese of Toronto - Indigenous Reconciliation Fund \(archtoronto.org\)](https://www.archtoronto.org/Indigenous-Reconciliation-Fund). The "Background" tab provides interesting facts on residential schools. A Special Collection will take place next weekend, October 5 and 6. Envelopes will be in the foyer. (For ease of access to website URLs, please see the Bulletin on the parish website at <https://saintpiusx.ca>.)

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 9:00 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 own 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/WebOct19
3. send an email to: development@archtoronto.org and write "webinar October 19" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



St. Michael's College School

The Office of Admissions is now considering applications for September 2025. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12. Open Houses are being held on October 17th and October 22nd at 7:00 pm. Contact 416-653-3180 or www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com.

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. 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 or through our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.

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