

# St. Pius X Parish

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## Pastoral Staff

Fr. Massillamani Zacharias  
(Fr. Mani), **Pastor**

Michelle Somers, **Parish Secretary**

## 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, 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)

Saturdays 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/Organizations

- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Ushers/Greeters
- Musicians
- Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation
- Finance Council
- Catholic Women's League

## School

St. Pius X Catholic School  
71 Jane Street Tel: 416-393-5237

## New and Current Parishioners

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

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



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, October 28

5pm + Belem & Emidio Soares

### Sunday, October 29

9am Parishioners

11am + Marina Gayoso

### Tuesday, October 31

8:30am Parishioners

### Wednesday, November 1

8:30am All Saints Day

### Thursday, November 2

8:30am All Souls Day

### Friday, November 3

8:30am + Didomenico and  
Domodossola Families

## 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 22.21-27

Psalm: Ps 18.1-2, 3+6b, 46+50ab (**R. 1**)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40

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

Mary Ann Dunphy – October & November

Marie-Thérèse Sophoulis – December

Marthese Fenech – January 2024

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### What Is the Greatest Rule of Life?

What is the purpose of God's law and commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law of Moses and the ritual requirements of the law. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Torah – the books of the Old Testament containing the Law of Moses -- along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries on the law. The religious authorities tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. Jesus summarized the whole of the law in two great commandments found in Deuteronomy 6:5 – “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might” - and Leviticus 19:18 – “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”. God's love directs all that he does - His love is holy, just, and pure because it seeks only what is good, beneficial, and life-giving – rather than what is destructive, evil, or deadly. That is why he commands us to love – to accept and to give only what is good, lovely, just, and pure and to reject whatever is contrary. God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us (1 John 3:1, 4:7-8,16). God puts us first in his thoughts and concerns - do we put him first in our thoughts? God loved us first (1 John 4:19) and our love for him is a response to his exceeding goodness and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first, and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love, truth, and goodness, the more we love what he loves and reject whatever is hateful and contrary to his will. God commands us to love him first above all else - his love orients and directs our thoughts, intentions, and actions to what is wholly good and pleasing to him. He wants us to love him personally, wholeheartedly, and without any reservation or compromise. God loves us wholly, completely, and perfectly for our sake - there is no limit, no holding back, no compromising on his part. His love is not subject to changing moods or circumstances. When God gives, he gives generously, abundantly, freely, and without setting conditions to the gift of his love. His love does not waver, but is firm, consistent, and constant. He loves us in our weakness - in our fallen and sinful condition. That is why the Father sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to redeem us from slavery to sin and its disordered cravings, desires, passions, and addictions. God the Father always seeks us out to draw us to his throne of mercy and help. God the Father corrects and disciplines us in love to free us from the error of our wrong ways of thinking and choosing what is harmful and evil rather than choosing what is good and wholesome for us.

What makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord Jesus, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. Do we allow anything to keep us from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart?

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **All Saints Day & All Souls Day**

Mass will be celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 am.

### **All Souls Memorial Box & Book of Remembrance**

For the entire month of November, we will be praying for all our faithful departed. You are welcome to write the name(s) of your loved one(s) in our book of remembrance, after Mass, and place your "All Souls" offertory envelope in the memorial offertory box which will be made available to you at the front of the altar.

### **2024 Missal**

Missals for the liturgical year 2024 will be made available for purchase starting Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, for \$5 each.

### **Confirmation Registration**

Registration for Confirmation candidates is open at [www.saintpiusx.ca](http://www.saintpiusx.ca). Stay tuned for the date of the first meeting with parents. You will be provided with the schedule for the candidates' workshops/teaching sessions. Note that we will need a copy of the candidates' baptism certificates if you haven't yet sent it by email.

### **Volunteers Meeting**

A meeting with Fr. Mani and the volunteers for First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation preparation workshops will be held on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The meeting will be held in the Church Hall and last about an hour.

### **Multiple Intention Mass**

Our Parish will now celebrate a multiple intention Mass each Thursday morning at 8:30 am. This means that while we usually restrict Mass Intentions to one per Mass, on Thursdays we will be celebrating Mass for many intentions if requested.

### **Christmas Bazaar**

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Church Hall.

Items for sale include: baked goods, new gifts, Christmas decorations, knitted goods, and jewellery. There will also be a wine raffle.

Donations of homemade baked goods can be dropped off in the Church Hall on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> between 5 pm and 8 pm, or on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> before the bazaar. Please note if your baking contains nuts.

All proceeds from the Bazaar will go to charity. Please come out and support this event with your family and friends. Do some early Christmas shopping and share in the St. Pius X community spirit over a cup of coffee.



## **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

### **ShareLife Update**

Our parish has currently raised \$46,149 towards our goal of \$53,300 for the campaign for combating hunger. From November 1 to year end, your gift will be matched by an anonymous donor up to \$500,000. Double the impact of your kindness by giving with a ShareLife envelope or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

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