

# 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, November 4

5pm + Leo Goemaere

### Sunday, November 5

9am Parishioners

11am + Ranjo & Udasco Families

### Tuesday, November 7

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, November 8

8:30am + Garrido & Estorba Families

### Thursday, November 9

8:30am + David Alexander Murray

+ Stefano Park

+ Joseph Hennig

### Friday, November 10

8:30am + John & Mary O'Toole

## 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 1.14 – 2.2, 8-10

Psalm: Ps 131.1, 2, 3

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2.7-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 23.1-12

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

Mary Ann Dunphy – October & November

Marie-Thérèse Sophoulis – December

Marthese Fenech – January 2024

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### Whoever Humbles Oneself Will Be Exalted

Who doesn't desire the praise and respect of others? We want others to see us at our best with all of our strengths and achievements - rather than at our worst with all of our faults and shortcomings. God sees us as we truly are - sinners and beggars always in need of his mercy, help, and guidance. Jesus warned the scribes and Pharisees, the teachers, and rulers of Israel, to teach and serve their people with humility and sincerity rather than with pride and self-seeking privileges and honor. They went to great lengths to draw attention to their religious status and practices. In a way they wanted to be good models of observant Jews. "See how well we observe all the ritual rules and regulations of our religion." In their misguided zeal for religion, they sought recognition and honour for themselves rather than for God. They made the practice of their faith a burden rather than a joy for the people they were supposed to serve. True respect for God inclines us to humble ourselves and to submit to his wisdom and guidance. We cannot be taught by God unless we first learn to listen to his word and then obey his instruction.

Humility is the queen or foundation of all the other virtues because it enables us to see and judge correctly, the way God sees. Humility helps us to be teachable so we can acquire true knowledge, wisdom, and an honest view of reality. It directs our energy, zeal, and so we will give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. Humility frees us to love and serve others willingly and selflessly, for their own sake, rather than for our own. Paul the Apostle gives us the greatest example and model of humility in the person of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and... who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:7-8). Do we want to be a servant as Jesus loved and served others? The Lord Jesus gives us his heart - the heart of a servant who seeks the good of others and puts their interests and concern for them first in his care.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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 available to you at the front of the altar.

### **Remember Your Loved Ones**

For the month of November, parishioners are invited to bring in the Funeral Cards of their loved ones. Fr. Mani will place them in front of the altar for your prayers.

### **2024 Missal**

Missals for the 2024 liturgical year are available in the church lobby before Mass for purchase for \$5 each.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/1<sup>st</sup> Communion Preparation Schedule**

The initial information meeting for parents and children is on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Church. Note that we will need a copy of the candidates' baptism certificates. If you have not yet provided your child's certificate, please send it to the office by email as soon as possible.

### **Pope Francis and Fr. Mani – photo**

See Parish News on our website for a great photo of the Pope shaking the hand of our Pastor! <https://saintpiusx.ca>.

### **Do You Have Gifts of Time and Talent?**

We want to start a **Building Committee** for the Parish. The Committee would advise Fr. Mani with respect to necessary capital and maintenance projects. If you have skills in general contracting, the trades, building, and/or project management, please call the office and speak with Fr. Mani.

We are also recruiting one or two additional members for the parish's **Finance Council**. If you have skills in the business, legal, entrepreneurial, marketing, fundraising or HR arenas and would like to contribute your time, please call Fr. Mani in the office.



### **Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

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**

### **Building Fund**

This week, we ask you to help us fund the ongoing improvements and repairs to the church, such as additional plumbing repairs, electrical, boilers for heating, and snow removal. We could not do it without you!

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