

# 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 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/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

## 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

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



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 13

5pm + Maria Appugliese

### Sunday, January 14

9am Parishioners

11am + Maria Perich

### Tuesday, January 16

8:30am Parishioners

### Wednesday, January 17

8:30am Parishioners

### Thursday, January 18

8:30am Parishioners

### Friday, January 19

8:30am Parishioners

### The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

Psalm: Ps 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

### Sponsoring the Vigil Candle

Parishioners are invited to become weekly or monthly sponsors of the Tabernacle Vigil Candle. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate towards the Vigil Candle.

### The Vigil Candle burns for the intentions of:

Marthese Fenech – January 2024

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

#### *We Have Found the Messiah!*

Who is Jesus for us? John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plague of death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

"Come and see" is the Lord's invitation for each one of us to discover the joy of friendship and communion with the One who made us in love for love. Saint Augustine of Hippo reminds us that it is God, our Creator and Redeemer, who seeks us out, even when we are not looking for him: "If you hadn't been called by God, what could you have done to turn back? Didn't the very One who called you when you were opposed to Him make it possible for you to turn back?" It is God who initiates and who draws us to himself. Without his mercy and help we could not find him on our own.

Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks or spiritual stones. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to know the Lord Jesus personally, power to live the gospel faithfully, and courage to witness the truth and joy of the Gospel to others. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to draw us to himself. Let us seek to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Church Repairs Completed!**

Our parishioners were so generous during the 2015-2020 Family of Faith campaign that we were able to fix the poor condition of our Church in many ways. We upgraded the sound system, repaired two of our boiler heaters and, just this week, did some much-needed door and lock repairs. The cost of these 3 projects was \$24,382. We remain grateful for your caring contributions, and hope you enjoy the improvements too.

### **Sacramental Preparation Begins**

Classes for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion begin this weekend. Please arrive on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> in time for an 11am start in the church hall.

### **Second Collection**

There will be a second collection during Masses this weekend for the church Building Fund.

### **Renewal of Ministries**

We invite parishioners and their families to participate in the life of their faith by joining one of the parish ministries. We would like to welcome more people in the following ministries:

Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Music Ministry, Lector Ministry, and Usher Ministry. Get involved, meet great people! Sign up on our website at: [www.saintpiusx.ca](http://www.saintpiusx.ca) under the tab "Get Involved", call the Parish Office, or speak to Fr. Mani after Mass.

### **2024 Offertory Envelopes**

Those who have not yet picked up their Offertory envelopes for 2024, please call the Parish Office for your envelopes or ask any of the Ushers at weekend Masses.

### **Coffee Sunday & CWL Membership Drive - Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 Noon**

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League will be hosting a Coffee Sunday for parishioners after the 11am Mass on January 21<sup>st</sup> in the church hall. The CWL will also be holding a membership drive at that time.



### **Empowerment, Community, and Service: Join the Catholic Women's League Today!**

Are you passionate about making a difference in your community while finding solidarity among like-minded individuals? Look no further than the Catholic Women's League (CWL). We are a vibrant, compassionate, and dedicated group committed to service, empowerment, and fostering strong bonds among women of faith. Together, let's elevate each other, serve our communities, and make a profound impact.

### **Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo – "Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"**

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "*Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things*". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year, and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

### **Vocations**

A good vocation prayer to say every day – from the time we are young until we are in our golden years – is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### **Gift of Securities**

Do you have securities that have gone up in value? You can now make your Parish offertory and special collections gifts using securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds). You will not have to pay any capital gains on your securities gift, and you will get a tax receipt for the full amount. It's very easy to do. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-934-3411 or email: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org), or find more information at [www.archtoronto.org/development](http://www.archtoronto.org/development).

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