

# 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
- Building Committee

## 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, February 17

5pm + Dan Hill

### Sunday, February 18

9am + John & Mary O'Toole

11am Parishioners

### Tuesday, February 20

8:30am + Moira & Frank Gallagher

### Wednesday, February 21

8:30am + Maximo Arquiza Jr.

### Thursday, February 22

8:30am + Alec Riley

### Friday, February 23

8:30am Parishioners

### First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 9.8-15

Psalm: Ps 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22

Gospel: Mark 1.12-15

### Sponsoring the Vigil Candle

The Sanctuary candle signifies the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It burns for the greater glory of God. Parishioners are invited to become weekly or monthly sponsors of the Vigil Candle. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate in the name of the candle. Doing so opens up the opportunity for friends and families to pray at the tabernacle knowing the candle burns for their intentions.

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

Marthese Fenech – January

Carmel Hayes – February

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

#### *Repent and Believe in the Gospel*

Repentance means to change - to change our way of thinking, our attitude, our disposition, and the way I choose to live our life - so that the Lord Jesus can be the Master and Ruler of our heart, mind, and will. Whatever stands in the way of God's will and plan for our life must be surrendered to him - our sinful pride, our rebellious attitude, and stubborn will to do as I please rather than as God pleases.

If we are only sorry for the consequences of our own sinful ways, we will very likely keep repeating the same sins that control our thoughts and actions. True repentance requires a contrite heart and true sorrow for sin (Psalm 51:17) and a firm resolution to avoid the near occasion of sin. The Lord Jesus gives us the grace to see sin for what it really is - a rejection of his love, truth, and wisdom for our lives and a refusal to do what he says is right and good for us. His grace brings pardon and freedom from guilt and breaks the power of bondage to sin in our lives through the strength and help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. If we yield to the Holy Spirit and not to our sinful inclinations, we will find the strength and help we need to turn away from all wrongdoing and whatever else might keep us from living in his truth and love.

To believe is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace, friendship, and unity with our Father in heaven. He is our Father, and he wants us to live in joy and freedom as his beloved sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him. Let us believe in the Gospel - the good news of Jesus Christ - and in the power of the Holy Spirit who transforms each one of us into the likeness of Christ.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Stations of the Cross**

During the Lenten season, a Stations of the Cross service will take place every Friday after the 8:30am Mass.

### **Offertory Envelopes 2024**

We have quite a few boxes of envelopes left over for pick up. If you are not planning to use envelopes this year, please let us know by the end of February so we can re-assign the numbers to new parishioners.

### **Ministry Volunteer Screening Forms**

We invite all Ministry volunteers to fill out an application form and participate in the screening process. The application form can be found on our website under the Get Involved tab, or you can get a printed copy from Fr. Mani at any time. Thank you for your participation.

## **FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR**

Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 9:00am

- 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:**

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**to:** [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org)

and write "webinar February 24" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



## **Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest**

A video contest is open to students in Grades 9-12. Contestants are encouraged to highlight the need and power of love and compassion, and how they can transform our society. Contest eligibility and submission requirements are at: [www.catholicregister.org/videocontest](http://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest). Submissions are being accepted between February 5 and April 15, 2024. There are cash prizes. Questions: 416-934-3400 ext. 527 or [interreligious@archtoronto.org](mailto:interreligious@archtoronto.org).

## **Vocations**

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think 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, email him at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org), or go to [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) for more information.

## **ShareLife – Support our vulnerable youth**

In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need – especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home. "Your gift ensure youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to individualized support and variety of programs and services to meet their complex and diverse needs," says Mark Aston of Covenant House Toronto. You can give at our parish using a ShareLife envelope available in the foyer, online through our parish website, or at <https://sharelife.org/donate>.



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