

# 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**



**Saturday, July 6**

5pm Parishioners

**Sunday, July 7**

9am Parishioners

11am + Kasimir Paradiuk

**Tuesday, July 9**

8:30am Maria Tchaikowski

**Wednesday, July 10**

8:30am + Agnes Nguyen

**Thursday, July 11**

8:30am + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza  
Most Abandoned Souls in Purgatory  
Thanksgiving

**Friday, July 12**

8:30am Health of Sylvia Tolentino

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Ezekiel 2.3-5

Psalm: Ps 123.1-2a, 2b, 3-4

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12.7-10

Gospel: Mark 6.1-6

**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 monthly sponsors of the Vigil Candle. 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 candle burns for their intentions.

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

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

*And Jesus was amazed at their unbelief.*

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

As we've walked with the Apostles in the Gospels in recent weeks, we've witnessed Jesus command the wind and sea, and order a little girl to arise from the dead. But He seems to meet His match in His hometown of Nazareth. Today's Gospel is blunt: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there." Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works. But they refused to recognize Him as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God. All they could see was how much "this man" was like them—a carpenter, the son of their neighbor, Mary, with brothers and sisters. Of course, Mary was ever-virgin and had no other children. The Gospel refers to Jesus' brothers and sisters as Paul refers to all Israelites as his brothers, the children of Abraham.

That's the point in today's Gospel, too. Like the prophet Ezekiel in today's First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God.

As His disciples, we too face the mockery and contempt we hear of in today's Psalm. And isn't it often hardest to live our faith among those in our own families, those who think they really know us, who define us by the people we used to be—before we chose to walk with Jesus?

As Paul confides in today's Epistle, insults and hardships are God's way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace. Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith. God continually draws our hearts until we find the teachings of Jesus pleasing. Till we reach this stage, God's goodness never fails to reach us through inspirations. However, we are free to consent to God's loving appeals or reject them.

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **2024 Mission Co-op Program**

This program offers an opportunity for parishes to invite missionaries from other countries to speak to us about their work. This year, we have invited Sr. Servatrix Joseph Shemaghembe of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara in the diocese of Tanga, Tanzania. She will speak to us this weekend about the Sisters' care of the most deprived of the people of Tanzania.

### **Volunteer Screening Coordinator**

The Parish needs a Volunteer Screening Coordinator. This role is responsible for administering the application process and screening requirements of all volunteers for this Parish. For an interview, please contact Fr. Mani.

### **Altar Scarves – Thank You!**

Fr. Mani wishes to express his gratitude to the nine parishioners who together have donated enough to cover the cost of our altar scarves & white cloth. Because of their generosity, the altar has been transformed into a more beautiful place for the glorious celebration of the Mass. Many thanks!

### **Date Night Event at The Newman Centre Wednesday, Jul 17, 6:00pm to 9:00pm**

Come for a Summer Date Night at the Newman Centre Catholic Mission. Enjoy delicious food, engage in great conversation and take part in some fun under the sun! Tickets are \$50 per couple. Catholic couples who are dating, engaged or married are invited to attend this fun filled evening! Reserve at: <https://bit.ly/41a8TeM>. For more information: <https://bit.ly/4bhYuRx>.

### **Family Healing Retreat 2024**

**Saturday, July 13, 9am to Sunday, July 14, 6pm**

This event will take place at the Divine Retreat Centre in Toronto (69 William St.). The Retreat will be led by Fr. Sam Samuel VC, Fr. Louis Joseph VC and the Divine team. It will consist of Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Spiritual talks, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will

be provided and attendance on both days is mandatory. Prior registration is required with a fee of \$20 (plus service fees) and registration can be done through their website at: <https://divineretreatcentretoronto.org>.

### **The Source Holy Hour**

The Sisters of Life will sing their widely known Holy Hour accompanied by guitar on Thursday, July 25 from 7pm to 9pm at St. Peter's Church, 840 Bathurst Street (very close to Bathurst subway station). More information (and a sample live recording) can be found at <https://sistersoflife.org/the-source-holy-hour/>.

### **Second Collection**

There will be a second collection next week, July 13 and 14, for the Parish Building fund.



The **Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed** will be celebrated on

Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Masses throughout the Greater Toronto Area and Barrie will take place for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic Cemeteries at the following locations:

**Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga**

Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri

**Christ the King Cemetery, Markham**

Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlastic

**Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill**

Most Rev. Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

**Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto**

Most Rev. Robert Kasun

**Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge**

Rev. Msgr. Patrick O'Dea

**Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby**

Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen

**St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie**

Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau

**In the event of rain, Masses will be held in:**

Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum at Assumption Cemetery.

Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery.

St. Anthony's Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Main Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery.

Reception Centre at the Cemetery Office of Christ the King Cemetery.

Mount Hope Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto.

St. Mary's Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. John Vianney Parish, 13 Baldwin Lane, Barrie.

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