

# 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/Committees/Organizations

- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Ushers/Greeters
- Musicians
- Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation
- Collection Counters
- Finance Council
- Building Committee
- Volunteer Screening Committee
- 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

### To Join



### To Volunteer



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

**Saturday, August 3**

5pm Frank Zingone

**Sunday, August 4**9am Parishioners  
11am + Anita Henes**Tuesday, August 6**

8:30am + Tadeush Knaus

**Wednesday, August 7**

8:30am Parishioners

**Thursday, August 8**

8:30am Parishioners

**Friday, August 9**

8:30am Parishioners

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

First Reading: Exodus 16.2-4, 12-15, 31a++

Psalm: Ps 78.3+4bc, 23-24, 25+54

Second Reading: Ephesians 4.17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6.24-35

**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:**

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION***I am the bread of life.*

In the second of the Gospel readings taken from John 6, we find ourselves at the beginning of Jesus' long discourse on the "Bread of Life." Following the miraculous feeding of the loaves and fishes, the people had wanted to make Jesus their king. Eventually, the crowds whom Jesus had fed by multiplying the loaves catch up with him again on the other side of the lake and begin the dialogue with him that triggers the discourse. Jesus takes up their questions and responses, correcting them and turning them in a direction that leads to mature faith and readiness to receive revelation. He points out that they have been looking for him simply because they had been fed, albeit marvelously, with what was still ordinary food. They had failed to "see signs" in the sense that they did not understand the gift of ordinary bread as a sign or symbol pointing to a deeper reality: that Jesus is the gift of "Bread" sent down from heaven to satisfy a far deeper human need, the gift of eternal life.

By following the way of the Law they are "working" in the sense of working for money in order to have the wherewithal to buy bread to keep them alive. But such bread is like the bread the Israelites went out to collect on the first five days, bread that would not last.

The only "work" then that is required on the human side is the "work" of believing that, in the person of Jesus, God is sending down from heaven the Bread of Life in this imperishable and life-giving sense. Unconvinced, the crowds want Jesus to turn on a "Manna-like" miracle as they believe Moses did. Jesus corrects them about both past and present. It was not Moses but God who gave them bread from heaven. Likewise, they should not now be expecting him to provide bread from heaven as if he were simply a figure comparable to Moses. What Moses provided was the Law, which was not "bread from heaven" that would last ("endure to eternal life"). Whereas He *is* the Bread from heaven that the Father is now providing for the life of the world. (Source: Brendan Byrne, SJ)

The Eucharist is the source of all that we long for in life; however, too often we fail to see that. We can easily fall into the trap of seeing the Eucharist as an obligation we must meet each week. Sometimes Mass can even be seen as an inconvenience. If this is your struggle, try to use the next few Sundays to reexamine your understanding of the Most Holy Eucharist. (Source: mycatholic.life)

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Volunteer Screening Coordinator**

We have a new Coordinator! Francesca Hernandez was an educator for 38 years, and a former school principal. She has deep experience with the Ottawa Catholic School Board and the Eastern Ontario Catholic School Board. Welcome to the St. Pius X team, Francesca!

### **Children's Liturgy Volunteers**

The St. Pius X Children's Liturgy program is starting up again! We need several parishioners to assist as we engage the children of our parish with the Word of God. The program begins in September and will be held during Sunday's 11am Mass. Fr. Mani would like to speak to anyone who is interested.

### **RCIA Volunteer**

We are looking for volunteers to lead an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program in our parish. Those who would like to find out more can speak to Fr. Mani after Mass or during office hours. He will answer any questions you might have.

### **Outdoor Church Signage**

We are planning to renew our outdated digital sign as well as the peeling vinyl sign. We are asking you for help to defray the cost of \$3,900. Please see the details of the work on the foyer bulletin board. Let us show the neighbourhood that we care for our church!

### **Hall Flooding**

We experienced a second flooding event on July 24<sup>th</sup>, in addition to the flooding on July 16<sup>th</sup>. On both occasions, water entered a large portion of the church hall (basement), as well as one of the stairwells down to the hall. We are working with the insurance company for an investigation of the cause and what is needed to prevent future events like this. Fr. Mani will keep parishioners updated.

### **2025 Pilgrimage**

Fr. Mani will be leading a 12-day spiritual pilgrimage to Greece, Turkey and Cyprus next spring. The tour will start on May 26<sup>th</sup> bound for Athens, from where pilgrims will visit ancient sites notable for their historical significance and beauty. The sites include two in which St. Paul was active. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, you will embark on the Royal Caribbean Cruise - Brilliance of the Seas for

transport to many fascinating monasteries, cathedrals, castles and other sites both antiquated and modern, until the June 6<sup>th</sup> flight home. Please see details in the foyer, visit our Parish News at <https://saintpiusx.ca>, or speak to Fr. Mani after Mass.

### **Second Collection**

There will be a second collection this weekend, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, for the parish Building Fund. Next weekend, August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, you will see a special collection for the Canadian Missions.

### **Anniversary of Pope's Visit for Indigenous Reconciliation**

On the second anniversary of the Pope's visit of July 24-29, 2022, to Canada, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has issued a letter entitled "From strong words to meaningful partnership: A renewed Catholic commitment to Indigenous reconciliation". You can read it here: [https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/from-strong-words-to-meaningful-partnership-a-renewed-catholic-commitment-to-indigenous-reconciliation/#:~:text=In%202021%2C%20the%20Bishops%20of,Indigenous%20Reconciliation%20Fund%20\(IRF\).](https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/from-strong-words-to-meaningful-partnership-a-renewed-catholic-commitment-to-indigenous-reconciliation/#:~:text=In%202021%2C%20the%20Bishops%20of,Indigenous%20Reconciliation%20Fund%20(IRF).)

### **Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed**

This occasion 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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