

# 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**



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 17

5pm + Daniel Moco

### Sunday, August 18

9am + Mac Waters

11am + Bernice Pivoriunas

### Tuesday, August 20

8:30am + Nina Knaus

### Wednesday, August 21

8:30am + Stanley & Anne Toczylowski

### Thursday, August 22

8:30am Holy Souls

### Friday, August 23

8:30am Kim & Mark Lukasik

### 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 9.1-6

Psalm: Ps 34.1-2, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Second Reading: Ephesians 5.15-20

Gospel: John 6.51-58

### 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:

Kotyk & Riley Families - August

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

*...for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink*

Today's Gospel overlaps a little with the extract from last week by including Jesus' remarkable claim that the "Bread" which he will give for the life of the world is his own "flesh". The primary reference here is to the fact that the supreme moment of revelation will occur when Jesus lays down his life upon the cross. Nonetheless, the remark sparks off a new discourse when those with whom he is in dialogue (once again referred to as "the Jews") understand his words in a very physical sense, and naturally recoil at the idea of eating someone's flesh.

In reply, Jesus drives still further into the objection by adding to the notion of eating his flesh, the even more difficult idea of drinking his blood. What he is attempting to do is to draw his audience away from a purely literal and physical understanding to the symbolic understanding that runs in the Wisdom tradition concerning the Manna. Here "eating" refers to absorbing the life-giving revelation. Thus to "eat" Jesus' flesh and "drink" his blood in this sense opens the way to eternal life—to a share in the divine life that he has from the Father. What the separate references to "flesh" and "blood" communicate is a closer linkage to the passion of Jesus, when his flesh and blood will be separated in the death he will die by crucifixion. This is the ultimate meaning of the "bread that has come down from heaven": the Father has sent his Beloved Son from heaven not simply to become human but to lay down his life in order to give life to the world. Human beings access that gift of life by grasping in faith, or "eating", that revelation of divine love.

Writing to the Corinthians, Paul explicitly ties the celebration of the Eucharist to the commemoration of Jesus' death: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again". So do Matthew, Mark and Luke, by placing the first Eucharist on the night before Jesus died and by the words said over the bread. John joins this united witness of the early Christian tradition. Participation in the Eucharistic bread and cup is the means whereby subsequent generations of believers access the saving benefits of Christ's death upon the cross. Jesus is "Bread from Heaven" both as life-giving Word of revelation and as "real food" and "real drink" in the Sacrament. (Excerpted from: Brendan Byrne SJ - <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/homily-notes-20-sun-year-b-2024>)

## PARISH NEWS

### **Staff Update**

Our bookkeeper, Cathy Carroll, is leaving us after ten years of superb service to our parish. We will miss her skill, wisdom and warmth and wish her the all best for her future. Starting August 27<sup>th</sup>, Johnri Velez will be our new bookkeeper. Welcome Johnri!

### **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 about our church!



### **Martyrs' Shrine Summer Film Series Tuesday, August 20 and 27, 2024**

Join Martyrs' Shrine for its summer film series, Cinema Divina! All screenings start at 7 p.m. and are FREE.

*Brooklea Golf & Country Club, 8567 Hwy. 93, Midland* Tel: 705-526-3788; [info@martyrs-shrine.com](mailto:info@martyrs-shrine.com)

Tuesday, August 20: In a Better World

Tuesday, August 27: Face of the Faceless

Experience and reflect on these inspirational movies as we continue our journey with Christ. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **The Jewish Response to the Rise of Nazism From 1933-1939**

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 3:00 - 5:00 PM

*A virtual event recommended by the Archdiocesan Office for promoting Christian unity and religious relations with Judaism.*

Our webinars are designed to increase participants' knowledge of Holocaust history, explore and access classroom-ready content and support instructional practice to promote student learning and understanding of this complex history and its lasting effect on the world. How did the German Jewish community respond to the antisemitic legislation and activities that occurred with the ascension of the Nazi Party to power in Germany from 1933–1939? Can we look at current events through the lens of Holocaust history? Join Rabbi Moshe Cohn for a discussion of historical and contemporary relevance.

**REGISTER:** <https://info.echoesandreflections.org/jewish-response-rise>

### **Vocations**

Today's Gospel asks for us "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" Through the mystery of Eucharistic consecration, we partake of the "living bread". In faith we can also respond to God's invitation to be his priest, religious or deacon. If you can, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto -- 416-968-0997** or [Vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:Vocations@archtoronto.org) or [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).



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