

# 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**



**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

*Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

This Sunday’s Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist.

The Twelve Apostles in today’s Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood, or return to their former ways of life. Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today’s First Reading. Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see Genesis 12:1–9). And he issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood, we will have no life in us. It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today’s Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world. As we hear in today’s Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today’s Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants. (Excerpted from: St. Paul Center – Scott Hahn reflection)

**Saturday, August 24**

5pm + Gregorio and Teresa Yrastorza

**Sunday, August 25**

9am Parishioners

11am + Ramona Udasco

**Tuesday, August 27**

8:30am + Gerald Toczykowski

**Wednesday, August 28**

8:30am Julian & Grace Lukasik

**Thursday, August 29**

8:30am + Fortunata Pelington

Holy Souls

**Friday, August 30**

8:30am + Amelia & José Udasco

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Joshua 24.1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Psalm: Ps 34.1-2,15-16,17-18,19-20,21-22

Second Reading: Ephesians 4.32 - 5.1-2, 21-32++

Gospel: John 6.53, 60-69

**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



## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Summer is Almost Over!**

It's time to start thinking about how you can be more involved in the life of your parish community. We will be needing Children's Liturgy Leaders, Altar Servers, Catechists for the First Communion and Confirmation Programs, Choir Members, Church Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and more.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion**

Watch for the Registration form and Schedule of classes for the 2024-25 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on our website. We expect to post these in mid-September. A letter with details of the process will be distributed to children in Grade 2 at St. Pius X Catholic School.

### **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!

### **Taizé-Style Prayer**

Taizé prayer is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. This is an opportunity to gather with other Christians to reflect on Scripture and offer praise and worship to God through hymns, psalms, chant and intercessory prayers. This service is part of a year-long series of monthly events commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vatican Decree on Ecumenism, giving thanks to God for the "Beauty of Holiness" that is ours in Christ.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 7:30 – 8:30 pm

**Place:** Northlea United Church, 125 Brentcliffe Rd.

### **Jubilee of Youth 2025**

The Archdiocese of Toronto is calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39) to join Fr. Paul Magyar and the Office of Catholic Youth team for the pilgrimage of a lifetime! Please fill out the form in the link below to receive updates about an information session and registration.

**Date:** July 23rd – August 5th, 2025

**Location:** Rome, Italy

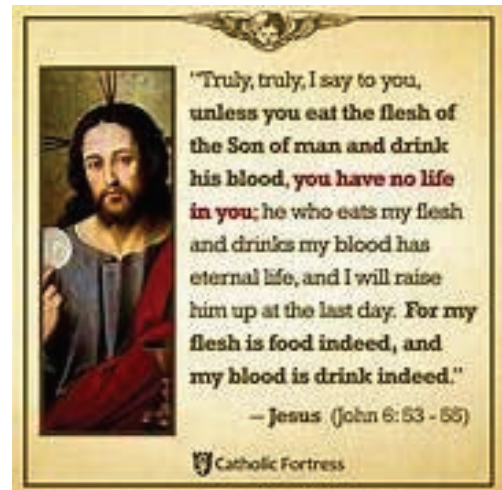
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(Please see the Bulletin on our website for ease of access to links.)

### **Vocations**

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to Him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If 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: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org), or view at [www.vocationstoronto.com](http://www.vocationstoronto.com).



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