

# 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 Donate



### To Volunteer



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



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 11

5 pm + Sister Paula Marie Skalski

### Sunday, January 12

9 am Thanksgiving

11 am Parishioners

### Tuesday, January 14

8:30 am Parishioners

### Wednesday, January 15

8:30 am Parishioners

### Thursday, January 16

8:30 am Parishioners

### Friday, January 17

8:30 am Parishioners

### The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7

Psalm: Ps 29.1-2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10

Second Reading: Acts 10.34-38

Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

### Sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary lamp 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 Sanctuary Lamp. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate. Doing so becomes an opportunity for friends and families to pray at the Tabernacle knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.

### The Sanctuary Lamp burns in January for the intentions of:

Marilyn Tremblay

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

*You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.*

Why was Jesus baptized? Recall that John's baptism was one of repentance, an act by which he invited his followers to turn from sin and to turn to God. But Jesus was sinless, so what was the reason for His Baptism?

First, we see in the quoted passage above that Jesus' true identity was made manifest through the voice of the Father in Heaven. We are also told that the Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. Thus, Jesus' baptism is in part a public declaration of Who He is. He is the Son of God, a divine Person Who is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. This public testimony is an "epiphany," a manifestation of His true identity for all to see as He prepares to begin His public ministry.

Second, by His baptism, Jesus' incredible humility is made manifest. He is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, but He allows Himself to become identified with sinners. He came to unite Himself with us sinners, to enter our sin and to enter into our death. By entering the water, He symbolically enters into death itself, which is the result of our sin, and rises triumphantly, allowing us to also rise with Him to new life.

Lastly, when we share in this new baptism, through water that has now been sanctified by our divine Lord, we see in Jesus' baptism a revelation of who we become in Him. Just as the Father spoke and declared Him as His Son, and just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, so also in our baptism we become the adopted children of the Father and are filled with the Holy Spirit. Thus, Jesus' baptism gives clarity as to whom we become in Christian baptism.

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as a fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life. (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life*; Scott Hahn.)

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Table Donations**

Thank you very much to the kind parishioners who donated four side tables for the rectory after Fr. Mani requested them. Your response was very fast. They are beautiful, and much appreciated.

### **Bazaar Photos**

Photos of the CWL Christmas Bazaar are now posted on the website at <https://saintpiusx.ca> under the "News" tab.

### **The Source Holy Hour**

Join the Sisters of Life and the Office of Catholic Youth for an evening of prayer and music at Peter's Church (840 Bathurst Street) on January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Refreshments will be served.

### **A Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men: Praying with Suffering**

On Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM to Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM, the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering is offering a weekend of silent retreat and prayer for men. To register, email [manresaregistration@outlook.com](mailto:manresaregistration@outlook.com), visit <https://manresa-canada.ca>, or call 905-839-2864. The suggested offering of \$260 includes two nights' accommodation with meals, spiritual direction, and the retreat program.

### **Silent Ignatian Retreat for Women - "Dilexit Nos" Jesus Christ Loves Us**

The Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering is offering a weekend retreat for women from Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm to Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm. The suggested offering is \$260 per person which includes two nights' accommodation with meals, spiritual direction, and the retreat program. Registration: by email at [manresaregistration@outlook.com](mailto:manresaregistration@outlook.com), or online at <https://manresa-canada.ca>, or call 905-839-2864.

### **Navigating AI with Faith and Wisdom: A Catholic Perspective**

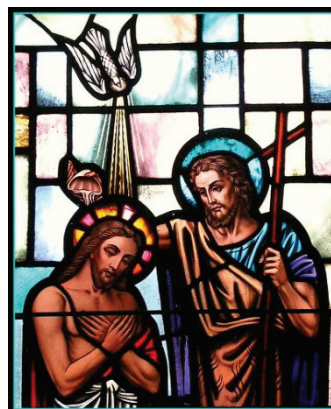
All Saints' Church (1415 Royal York Rd., Etobicoke) invites you to join them for an enlightening and faith-centred discussion on embracing the opportunities and challenges of AI (Artificial Intelligence) responsibly. This interactive session is designed to equip you and your family with the tools to navigate AI confidently and faithfully while remaining grounded in the principles of our faith. Parents are welcome to bring children aged 13 and older. This event takes place on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 to 11:30 am. Registration is free: <https://bit.ly/JAN25AI>.

### **Second Collection**

There will be a second collection for the church Building Fund this weekend, January 11-12. This is the first of twelve 2025 collections for the maintenance of our beautiful church. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Vocations**

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus, a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, or religious. If He is, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org). For information, go to [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).



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