

# St. Pius X Parish

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## Pastoral Staff

Fr. Massillamani Zacharias

(Fr. Mani), **Pastor**

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## 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, April 5

5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

### Sunday, April 6

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Helen Klemencic

### Tuesday, April 8

8:30 am + Andrew Soltys

### Wednesday, April 9

8:30 am Norah De Cuyper

### Thursday, April 10

8:30 am Norah De Cuyper

Mary Anne Dunphy

+Jadwiga Zaremba

### Friday, April 11

8:30 am + Roy Concessio

+Jadwiga Zaremba

Salomea Swierczek



### Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21

Psalm: Ps 126.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6

Second Reading: Philippians 3.8-14

Gospel: John 8. 1-11



### 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 April for the intentions of:** Sherilyn Almaria

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*“Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”*

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah.

The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus. They bring to him a woman caught in the act of adultery. They state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. No one knows what he wrote.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgments of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. And often, the most paralyzing accusations are those that we inflict on ourselves. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace. (Excerpt from: *Loyola Press*.)

## PARISH NEWS

### TRIDUUM

#### HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 17, 2025

Mass - 7 pm

Followed by Adoration

#### GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025

Stations of the Cross – 9 am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3 pm

#### HOLY SATURDAY

April 19, 2025

Blessing of the Food – 10 am

Easter Vigil Mass - 7 pm

#### EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

Masses – 9 am and 11 am

Note: The office will be closed on Good Friday.

#### Garden Of Lilies

We would your help to create our beautiful garden of lilies again this year. Parishioners are welcome to bring a lily plant in honour of their faithful departed to adorn the altar for Easter. Plants may be dropped off from Tuesday to Friday, April 15 to 18 between 9 am and 1 pm. Labels will be provided on which you can write the name of your loved one to attach to your lily.

#### Journey through Lent video

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has posted a series of videos featuring Lenten reflections for each Sunday in Lent. They are available at this website: [Journey through Lent 2025 - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](https://www.cccb.ca/2025/04/journey-through-lent-2025).

#### Good Friday Procession

St. Francis of Assisi Parish (72 Mansfield Ave) is holding its annual Good Friday Procession on April 18th. The procession includes religious statues, musical bands, and people representing different characters associated

with the Passion of Christ. They are looking for volunteers of all ages to participate in the process. To volunteer, visit the parish website at [www.stfrancis.ca](http://www.stfrancis.ca). The volunteer registration deadline is April 13, 2025. Tel: 416-536-8195.

#### Second Collection

There will be a second collection at next weekend's Masses, April 12 and 13, for the Parish Building Fund. These funds are used for the maintenance of our beautiful church.

#### ShareLife Parish Goal

ShareLife has suggested that our 2025 Parish campaign goal be set at \$47,000. This amount was determined after taking the average of the offertory donations to our Parish for 2022-23. The overall goal of ShareLife throughout the Archdiocese is \$14.5 million. Your donation supports Safe Centre of Peel, led by Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, a place which is a saving grace for victims of domestic abuse. 17 partner agencies unite to care for families. They provide legal assistance, safe housing, and financial aid.

#### Martyrs' Shrine Spring Gala

June 11, 2025 – 5:30 to 9:00 pm

The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs is celebrating its 2025 Spring Gala: Pilgrims of Hope, in honour of the Jubilee Holy Year. His Eminence, Frank Cardinal Leo, will join attendees for a unique, interactive evening in a journey to various pilgrim stations. You will learn about a variety of Shrine pilgrimages and sample appetizers from different countries. This immersive experience will conclude with an elegant dinner. The event is being held at Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane St., Vaughan. Tickets are \$200. Register at: <https://martyrs-shrine.com/spring-gala>. For more information, call 705-526-3788 (toll free: 855-526-3788), or email at [communications@martyrs-shrine.com](mailto:communications@martyrs-shrine.com).



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