

# 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 12

5 pm + Julio Abreu

### Sunday, April 13

9 am No Intentions

11 am No Intentions

### Tuesday, April 15

8:30 am + Romualdo & Carmen Candelario  
+ Marcellino Candelario, Sr.

### Wednesday, April 16

8:30 am Mary Anne Dunphy  
+ Jadwiga Zaremba

### Thursday, April 17

8:30 am + Connie Estorba  
+ Armando Almaria  
+Jadwiga Zaremba

### Friday, April 18

8:30 am No Intentions



### Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

Psalm: Ps 22.7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23

Second Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Luke 23.1-49



### 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

*"I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."*

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined." At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

The First Reading is the third of the Songs of the Servant of the Lord, each of which will be read during Holy Week, culminating in the reading of the last and greatest on Good Friday. These four texts, in which the personal fate of the prophet and that of Israel are mysteriously intertwined, have from the beginning been central to Christian interpretation of Jesus' passion and death. They provided the 'script' for the otherwise totally unforeseen sufferings of the Messiah. They show how as a suffering rather than a triumphant figure he fulfills God's purpose to save the world.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul quotes what seems to be a hymn from an early Christian liturgy. The sense of Christ's status – divine and human – that emerges at this early time is quite remarkable. What the hymn points to is that at three stages of his life – pre-incarnate, incarnate up to death, and post-resurrection – the disposition of Christ is to pour himself out in self-emptying love. The "obedience unto death" displayed in the passion is continuous with the outpouring of love that led to the incarnation of the one whose nature was divine. Behind every word, gesture and suffering is the outreach of divine love to an alienated world. (Excerpts from: *Loyola Press; Fr. Brendan Byrne SJ.*)

## PARISH NEWS

### TRIDUUM

#### HOLY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025

**Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 pm**

Followed by Adoration

(There will be no 8:30 am Mass)

#### GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025

Stations of the Cross – 9 am

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3 pm**

Note: The office will be closed on Good Friday.

#### 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**

#### Garden Of Lilies

We would like 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.

#### Tenebrae Service

On Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, Our Lady of Sorrows Church (3055 Bloor St. W.) will present a Tenebrae Service featuring the Canadian Vocal Ensemble and members of St. Michael's Choir School Alumni. More information: 416-571-3680.

#### 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](#).

#### New Air Conditioner

We have been informed that the air conditioner in the rectory is too old to be fixed, and the Ontario government requires that a new one conform to certain specifications. The new one will cost \$5,131. Fr. Mani is asking parishioners to help defray this unexpected expense. Any help you can give would be very much appreciated!

#### Second Collection

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

#### Special Collection

A Special Collection will be held on Good Friday, April 18, for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land. This is a Pontifical request in support of Christian communities, the works of the Holy Land and the upkeep of Holy Sites.

#### Easter Offering

Next weekend will also include a special Easter Offering. Envelopes will be provided in the foyer.



#### CWL Spring Bake Sale

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10 am to 2 pm**

The Catholic Women's League is holding its Annual Spring Bake Sale! All kinds of homemade baked goods will be for sale, as well as new gift items and knitted goods. If you would like to bake something for this event, please drop off your baked goods in the Parish Hall on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> between 5 pm and 7 pm, or on the morning of Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, before the sale opens. A small café will also be set up where you can buy a cup of coffee or tea with a slice of cake or muffin and catch up with your fellow parishioners. Proceeds from the Sale will go to various charities. Please come out and support this event. Thank you!

#### Serra Club Meeting

The next Downtown Toronto Serra Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in St. Basil's Parish Hall (50 St. Joseph St. off Bay St.) following the 12:10 Mass. Guest speaker: Gabriel Marania, Program Co-Ordinator at the Archdiocese of Toronto Office of Vocations.

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