

# 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 26

5 pm + Maria Estorba

### Sunday, April 27

9 am John & Mary O'Toole & Rosa Mallia

11 am Parishioners

### Tuesday, April 29

8:30 am Mary Anne Dunphy  
+ Charles Deparis Valenzia

### Wednesday, April 30

8:30 am Bradley Hitchcock

### Thursday, May 1

8:30 am + Maureen O'Keeffe

### Friday, May 2

8:30 am + Janina Mierzwa



## Divine Mercy Sunday /Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 5.12-16

Psalm: Ps 118.2-4, 22-24, 25-27a

Second Reading: Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20.19-31

### 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

***“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them...”***

As the Father anointed Jesus with the Spirit and power (Acts 10:38), Jesus pours out that Spirit on the Apostles, sending them into the world “as the Father has sent Me.” Jesus “breathes” the Spirit of His divine life into the Apostles—as God blew the “breath of life” into Adam (Genesis 2:7), as Elijah’s prayer returned “the life breath” to the dead child (1 Kings 17:21–23), and as the Spirit breathed new life into the slain in the valley of bones (Ezekiel 37:9–10). His creative breath unites the Apostles—His Church—to His body and empowers them to breathe His life into a dying world, to make it a new creation. He explains this gift of the Spirit in terms of the power to forgive – and correspondingly to retain – sin.

We might ask why he specifies the gift of the Spirit in this way. It is about reconciliation: the reconciliation of the human race to the Father, which is the essential work of Jesus. This continuity with Jesus’ own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus’ words to his disciples highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others.

Thomas is one of the most clearly defined characters in the Fourth Gospel. He is the realist, the pessimist, who has missed out on the Easter night appearance of Jesus. He won’t believe in the resurrection simply on the other disciples’ claim ‘we have seen the Lord’. He lays down his explicit, highly ‘physical’ conditions. With the divine ‘courtesy’ that seems to be a feature of the risen Lord in all the appearance stories of the gospels, eight days later Jesus is prepared to meet Thomas’ conditions exactly. But, at the sight of Jesus, Thomas abandons them. Instead, he the late-comer, the obtuse one, makes the most exalted act of faith contained in the gospel: ‘My Lord and my God!’. The confession takes us back to the Prologue: ‘No one has ever seen God; it is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known’. At this climactic moment of the gospel it is Thomas, the hesitant, the doubter, who brings out the full identity of Jesus.

We who follow are the blessed ones because from us, a faith greater than that of Thomas and the others will be required: the greater the faith the more scope for the power of God. (Excerpts from: *Scott Hahn Reflections; My Catholic Life; Loyola Press; Fr. Brendan Byrne, S.J.*)

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **An Easter Celebration Thank You**

Fr. Mani thanks you most sincerely for your lilies and Easter donations. The altar will look beautiful for some time, together with your spiritual intentions.

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Pius X Parish**

2026 will mark 75 years since our Parish was founded. We are planning a celebration and are hoping older parishioners can help with their memories of the earlier days. Perhaps you were a member of this parish 20 to 25 years ago or more, celebrated an event or were married here, or have a story or memorabilia that will bring to life our parish history. If so, please speak to Fr. Mani.

### **New Air Conditioner**

Fr. Mani would like to extend his sincere thanks to the parishioner who very generously donated towards the new air conditioner for the rectory. Your thoughtfulness will be remembered for a long time.



### **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 soon! 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!

### **Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome**

The Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee 2025 Committee is organizing a week-long pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Frank Leo from November 10 to 17, 2025. The pilgrimage will include visits to Rome's major basilicas and Holy Door, daily Mass, and a day trip to Assisi. Registration will take place online beginning Thursday, April 24 at 10 am. Space is limited. For full registration details, to view a detailed itinerary, and to learn more about this prayerful journey to Rome, visit: <https://bit.ly/ArchTORome2025>.

### **ShareLife Speaker & Collection**

Next weekend, May 3-4, ShareLife is holding the second of its three Campaign Collections. Charlene Taboy will speak to us at the end of Mass about the works of Catholic Family Services that your donations support.

### **Pope Francis**

EWTN Global Catholic Network is offering coverage of events from the Vatican, prayers, and a variety of specials as we mourn the passing of Pope Francis. The schedule can be viewed at this link: [EWTN Global Catholic Television Network: Catholic News, TV, Radio | EWTN](https://www.ewtn.com/apps), from where you can also watch live coverage. Other sources of coverage are: <https://www.youtube.com/@EWTNcatholicTV/streams>; streaming sites listed here: <https://www.ewtn.com/apps>; or through a television cable subscription.



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