

# 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, May 17

5 pm + Tomas Lemoshnera

### Sunday, May 18

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Forbes & Keating Families

### Tuesday, May 20

8:30 am + Connie Estorba

### Wednesday, May 21

8:30 am + Prima Lim

### Thursday, May 22

8:30 am Parishioners

### Friday, May 23

8:30 am Thanksgiving



### Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 14.21b-27

Psalm: Ps 145.8-9, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading: Revelation 21.1-5a

Gospel: John 13.1, 31-33a, 34-35++



### 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 May for the intentions of: ---**

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

**“...everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

The short sequence that makes up the Gospel for today follows immediately on Jesus' prediction at the Last Supper that Judas will betray him. It may seem surprising that Jesus responds to Judas' departure on his treacherous errand with what amounts almost to a cry of exaltation: 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him'. The two matters are, however, closely connected. Judas' act of betrayal will trigger the sequence of events that will culminate in Jesus' public execution upon a cross. In everyday understanding, such an end to a human life would be the ultimate in shame and degradation. In the perspective of the Fourth Gospel, however, it represents the 'glorification' of Jesus – and the glorification of the Father whose will lies behind everything that happens to him.

To understand this, we have to appreciate the way in which 'glory' functions in the Fourth Gospel and in the biblical tradition that lies behind it. According to that tradition, no human being can see God and live. But the created world and certain remarkable events display the presence, power, and character of the unseen God. In this sense they manifest God's glory. The high point of this revelation of divine glory in the human flesh of Jesus will come about as he is 'lifted up' and dies upon the cross. Both in Jesus' human life up until then, and now in his imminent death, God will be revealed as love.

This is a difficult concept. We must continually work to 'put on the mind of God' and see our human lives as He sees them. We look beyond the suffering of Christ to see the fruit of His suffering. We see that death was defeated and that Jesus will now forever live in His glorified and resurrected body in Heaven. This death – at one level a work of human violence and treachery to an extreme degree – represents at a deeper level the free outpouring of divine love for the human race.

The 'new commandment' given to the disciples – that they are to love one another, 'just as I have loved you' – flows essentially from this. After Jesus' death and return to the Father, the community will no longer have the physical presence of Jesus to make the divine love palpable in their midst. Their own equally real love for one another must instead take on this role. The love He commands of us is no human love but a supernatural love. We love in imitation of His love.

This kind of love is only made possible by the Spirit poured into our hearts at Baptism, and renewed in the sacrifice His priests offer in every Mass. By our love we glorify the Father. And by our love all peoples will know that we are His people, that He is our God. (Excerpts from: *Fr. Brendan Byrne, S.J.; Scott Hahn.*)

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **A Prayer for Our Confirmation Candidates**

Lord, bless our Confirmands as they prepare for this sacrament and bestow upon them a sincere desire to know your ways, to experience your love, and to walk with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be with them on their journey and keep alive their desire to always please you. As the day nears, may they carry an open mind and a willing heart to receive and be sealed with the gifts of the Spirit on their day of Confirmation, May 24th.

### **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.

### **CWL Thanks You!**

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League would like to say thank you to our Parishioners for supporting its Spring Bake Sale on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. And despite the weather, it was another successful event. Our CWL events not only raise funds to be distributed to various charitable organizations, but they also bring the St. Pius X Parish community together. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Second Collection**

Next weekend, May 24-25, there will be a second collection for The Pope's Pastoral Works. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters.

### **A Day with Mary – Saturday, May 31, 2025**

During this Jubilee Holy Year, come spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope. Join us for Mass with Frank Cardinal Leo, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady

through a keynote address with Dr. Josephine Lombardi, inspiring witnessings for the adults, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd activities for the children. Draw closer to Mother Mary in praying the rosary together. Enjoy fellowship with families from across the Archdiocese of Toronto at this outdoor gathering. Admission is free but registration is required. All are welcome! 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Villanova College (2480 15th Sideroad, King City). Learn more and register: [www.archtoronto.org/mary](http://www.archtoronto.org/mary). Registration closes Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Martyrs' Shrine Invitation**

The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs (Midland) is holding a Gala Dinner at the Bellvue in Vaughan, Ontario, on June 11<sup>th</sup>, with all proceeds going to support upgrades to its infrastructure during its centennial year. With special guest Cardinal Francis Leo, guests will enjoy food at booths hosted by some of the major ethnic pilgrimage groups and a banquet dinner. Tickets are \$200 and available at <https://martyrs-shrine.com/spring-gala>.

### **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>.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience**

Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an approved ministry of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Join WWME on June 27-29 at Queen of Apostles (1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga) for a weekend to discover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, and transformational marriage. This weekend is for couples, whether newlyweds or married for decades. To register, contact: [christian.elizabeth.aroba@wwme.org](mailto:christian.elizabeth.aroba@wwme.org), or call 416-554-4439 or 416-554-7062. Brochure: <https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/events/10-2021/wwme-brochure-for-couples.pdf>

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