

# St. Pius X Parish

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## **Pastoral Staff**

Fr. Massillamani Zacharias

(Fr. Mani), **Pastor**

Michelle Somers, **Parish Secretary**

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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, January 24**

5 pm + Walter Gedeon

**Sunday, January 25**

9 am + Rosa Mallia

11 am Parishioners

**Tuesday, January 27**

8:30 am + Emmanuela Valenzia

**Wednesday, January 28**

8:30 am Parishioners

**Thursday, January 29**

8:30 am Parishioners

**Friday, January 30**

8:30 am Parishioners



### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4

Psalm: Ps 27.1, 4, 13-14

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23



### 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: --**

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*"...the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light..."*

Isaiah's prophecy in today's First Reading is quoted by Matthew in today's Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David. Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfills that prophecy—announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall. His gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations—symbolized by the "Galilee of the Gentiles." Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be "fishers of men," gathering people from the ends of the earth.

In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke (the Synoptic Gospels), this was the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

John the Baptist's central call was one of repentance and baptism for the forgiveness of sins, urging the people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Yet John did not shy away from addressing the moral and spiritual corruption of his time. He famously denounced the Pharisees and Sadducees as a "brood of vipers," rebuking their hypocrisy and lack of genuine repentance. John also boldly condemned Herod Antipas for violating Jewish law by divorcing his wife and marrying Herodias, the wife of his half-brother, Philip. This marriage not only violated Mosaic Law but also reflected Herod's ambitions to consolidate power and status. John's fearless denunciation of sin, even among the powerful, ultimately led to his arrest and eventual martyrdom. John had fulfilled his primary role: preparing the way for the Lord, the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Once John's mission was complete, God permitted him to seal his testimony with his own blood, offering his life as a martyr for the Lord and for the Truth that sets all people free.

(Excerpts from: *Scott Hahn Reflections*; *Loyola Press*; *My Catholic Life*.)

## PARISH NEWS

### Weekly Prayer

On the fourth weekend of the month, we remember those in our families who have died. Let us pray for the repose of their souls:

*O God! Listen to the prayers of Your Church on behalf of the faithful departed and grant to Your servants, whom we remember today, the inheritance promised to all. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

### A Celebration of Marriage!

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

### New Chasubles

A chasuble is the coloured top layer worn by the priest while presiding over the Mass. The choice of colour is determined by the season of the liturgical calendar. Our parish chasubles are decades old and in need of replacement. Fr. Mani would be very appreciative of any donation that would contribute to their cost. On the bulletin board in the foyer, you will find photos of the chasubles, the name of their supplier, and the price. Please speak to Fr. Mani if you have any questions.

### Vocation Discernment Weekend

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary. The retreat will take place on Friday, February 27 until

Sunday March 1. Registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee). For more information, email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### World Interfaith Harmony

World Interfaith Harmony Week was adopted by the United Nations on October 20, 2010, designating the first week of February each year for its observance. The initiative invites people of all faiths, as well as those of goodwill, to engage in dialogue grounded in two moral principles: love of God and love of neighbour, without compromising individual religious convictions. The Archdiocese of Toronto has provided a list of recommended events that promote interfaith harmony. Please see the list posted on bulletin board in the foyer.

### Ignite Ministry Bible & Beer/Coffee Series

Join other young Catholics on **Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 7:00 to 9:30 pm for this event at St. Patrick's Church – 137 McCaul Street. (Enter through the front Church doors.) Engage in this monthly conversation series for young adults (18 - 39) diving into scripture, life, and the real questions that shape your faith journey. This month, Fr. Marcin Serwin, OMI, is the guest speaker, offering a reflection on the upcoming Sunday readings. The event is followed by a social at Sin & Redemption Pub just across the street.

### Catholic Estates Planning Webinar

**Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

#### **3 WAYS TO REGISTER:**

**1. scan this QR code:**

**2. follow this registration link:**

<https://qrco.de/WedFeb7>

**3. send an email to:** [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org)

and write "webinar February 7" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.





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