

# 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 31

5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

### Sunday, February 1

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Dr. Sumithra Peeris

### Tuesday, February 3

8:30 am George Gray & Glenys Abreo

### Wednesday, February 4

8:30 am + Julio Abreu

### Thursday, February 5

8:30 am + Roy Concessio  
Isabelle Chiasson

### Friday, February 6

8:30 am Simon Tchaikowsky



### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13

Psalm: Ps 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1.26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12



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

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*"...Blessed are the poor in spirit..."*

We quickly note in today's Gospel that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals of ordinary human understanding. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

Morality begins with the Natural Law—the innate understanding of right and wrong written on the human heart. This Law is from God and is often described as living in accord with right reason or common sense. All people have access to this moral law within their own consciences. Though universally present in all people, sin and our fallen human nature cloud our ability to clearly see and follow that law.

In the Old Testament, God slowly revealed Himself and called His people to greater holiness and moral living by adding to the Natural Law through revelation. From Abraham and his descendants, God raised up Moses through whom He revealed the Ten Commandments—a concise moral code rooted in Natural Law but explicitly revealed by God. They called His chosen people to right worship, justice, and love for one's neighbor. The wisdom literature - Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Wisdom, Sirach - deepened the understanding of moral life by revealing moral gifts, such as the Fear of the Lord, the blessedness of righteousness, and the call to trust in God's providence and live a virtuous life.

The Beatitudes elevate all laws of the Old Covenant. Jesus not only calls us to profound holiness, He also provides the means to achieve it through His Sacrifice, transmitted through the grace of the Sacraments. To live the Beatitudes is to live in imitation of Christ, who perfectly embodied all virtues in His life, Passion, and Resurrection. Hence, the Beatitudes are not only a moral code we are called to follow, they are a participation in and union with the Son of God, Who lived the Beatitudes to perfection.

The Beatitudes reveal the culmination of God's moral teaching and the highest revelation of the Christian life. They reveal the divine path and purpose of our lives. (Excerpts from: *Loyola Press; My Catholic Life.*)

## PARISH NEWS

### Weekly Prayer

On the first weekend of the month, we celebrate the birthdays of those who were born in February. Let us congratulate and pray for them:

*Heavenly Father! We thank You for the gift of life You have given to our celebrants. Kindly keep showing them Your grace and we seek that You continue to bless them. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

### First Holy Communion Prayer

Please join us in praying for our grade two students who have been preparing and will be receiving their First Holy Communion on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

*May Jesus come to bless you on this most special of days as you are invited to the table to celebrate in the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and, as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.*

### A Celebration of Marriage!

Married couples are invited to attend the Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop John Boissonneau on **Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 2:30 pm** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Seating is limited and available by advance registration. All other seating is by first-come, first-served. Those who are unable to attend are invited to join via livestream. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

### Special Prayer on Marriage Sunday

On Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Mani will be saying a special prayer and blessing for all married couples. Please bring your whole family.

In the meantime, resources and video interviews about marriage can be accessed here: [Archdiocese of Toronto - Resources for Couples](#).

### Ash Wednesday

Masses and distribution of ashes for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on **February 18, 2026, at 8:30 am and 7 pm**.

### 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.

### Second Collection

Next weekend, February 7-8, there will be a second collection for the parish Building Fund.

### 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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