

# 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 11

5 pm + Julio Abreu

### Sunday, April 12

9 am + John & Mary O'Toole

11 am Parishioners

### Tuesday, April 14

8:30 am Adam Capetola

### Wednesday, April 15

8:30 am + Loreto & Maria D'Amore

+ Leo Goemaere

+ Carmen Candelario

### Thursday, April 16

8:30 am + Patrick, Dorothy & Kevin Hayes

+ Cecilia Nguyen

### Friday, April 17

8:30 am + Paul Pham

+ Armando Almaria, Sr.



### Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

First Reading: Acts 2.42-47

Psalm: Ps 118.2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.3-9

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:** Norah De Cuyper

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

The Scripture for today's celebration proclaims God's ultimate victory over death. The One hung on a tree and laid in the tomb is no longer rejected but raised to be appointed judge of the living and of the dead.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

All Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

His risen body has been made a lifegiving Spirit. As the Father anointed Him with the Spirit and power, 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, 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.

In today's Gospel and First Reading, we see the Apostles fulfilling this mission with powers only God possesses—the power to forgive sins and to work "signs and wonders," a biblical expression only used to describe the mighty works of God. (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life; Loyola Press; Scott Hahn Reflections.*)

## PARISH NEWS

### Weekly Prayer

On the second weekend of the month, we celebrate the wedding anniversaries of those who married in the month of April. Let us congratulate and pray for them:

*Heavenly Father! We thank You for this day as we celebrate wedding anniversaries. We thank You for journeying with them. Thank You for making them strong and keeping them close. May You continue to bless their house with much happiness. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

### CWL Spring Bake & Craft Sale

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – 10 am to 2 pm**

The Catholic Women's League is holding their popular Annual Spring Bake and Craft Sale. All kinds of homemade baked goods will be for sale, as well as new gift items, knitted goods, greeting cards and fresh floral arrangements. If you would like to bake something for this event, please drop your baked goods in the Parish Hall on Friday, April 17 between 5 pm and 7 pm, or before the Sale opens on Saturday. A café will also be set up where you can buy a cup of coffee or tea, a slice of cake or muffin, or a bowl of soup or chilli, and catch up with your fellow parishioners. Proceeds from our CWL Spring Sale will go to various charities. Please come out and support this event!

### A Day with Mary

You are invited to "A Day With Mary" taking place on Saturday, **May 30**, 2026, at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults, and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. There is no fee to register – this event is open to all. More information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>. Registration is open: <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>.

### Second Collection

This weekend, April 11-12, there will be a Second Collection for the Parish Building Fund.

### Martyrs' Shrine Centennial Gala

This Gala celebrates the Shrine's centennial year on Wednesday, **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, from 5:30pm to 10:00pm at the Bellvue Manor (8083 Jane St., Vaughan). The special guest of honour, representing His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, is the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, His Excellency Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic. Exhibitions of several of the annual ethnic pilgrimages to the Shrine will be featured, together with food samplers, and a sumptuous dinner. For information, registration and tickets: [www.martyrs-shrine.com/centennial-celebration](http://www.martyrs-shrine.com/centennial-celebration) or 705-526-3788.

### Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has established a special Jubilee Year of St. Francis to run from January 2026 to January 2027. His Jubilee Decree on the anniversary of St. Francis' death 800 years ago can be read here: <https://tinyurl.com/2awu6wqb>. Cardinal Leo, our Archbishop, has identified the sacred places of worship in the region that are named after St. Francis of Assisi or are ministered by Franciscans. They are found here: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocese/celebrating-the-special-jubilee-year-of-st.-francis/>, together with resources from the main website for the Year of St. Francis.

### Catholic Cemeteries Seminar

Join the speakers from Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services of the Archdiocese of Toronto for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions. Learn about:

- Funeral and burial options
- Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones
- Catholic teachings on cremation
- Flexible payment options (*including 0% financing options*)

Assumption Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home (Mississauga) - **May 2**, 2026, at 9:00 AM  
To register, call: 905-670-8801 ext. 1.

### World Youth Day 2027

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