

# St. Pius X Parish

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## Pastoral Staff

Fr. Massillamani Zacharias

(Fr. Mani), **Pastor**

Michelle Somers, **Parish Secretary**

Anselm Kerkos-De Souza, **Sacramental Preparation Coordinator**

## 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, June 20

5 pm + Piotr Zaremba

### Sunday, June 21

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Martin Kresic

### Tuesday, June 23

8:30 am + Christopher Kim

### Wednesday, June 24

8:30 am + José P. Furtado

Departed Souls of Tran Family

### Thursday, June 25

8:30 am + Guillermo Udasco

+ Juanito Udasco

### Friday, June 26

8:30 am + Pat Boyle



### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20.10-13

Psalm: Ps 69.7-9, 13+16, 32-33, 35ab+36

Second Reading: Romans 5.12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10.26-33



### 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 June for the intentions of:** Anna Wong

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

*“Fear no one...”*

This section of Matthew’s Gospel can be read in the context of Matthew’s intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus, which might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test. We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today’s First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up. For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts—even in our own homes, we hear in today’s Psalm. As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love.

Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

“Do not be afraid,” Jesus assures us three times in today’s Gospel. Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His providence, under His watchful gaze—even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him.

By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today’s Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked. (Excerpts from: *Loyola Press; Scott Hahn Reflections.*)

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Weekly Prayer**

On the third weekend of the month, we remember the sick people who are admitted to hospitals and at home:

*Almighty ever living God, healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. Relieve the worry and sorrow of the sick persons among us with Your gentle love and grant them the grace and strength to accept this burden. We place them under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to good health again. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

### **Last Call - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Portrait Studio**

This weekend, June 20-21, is your last chance to sign up to have your portrait done, and to be included in the Parish Directory. Please visit the table in the foyer after Mass.

### **Canada Day**

Please note there will be no Mass on Canada Day, Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Office will be closed.

### **Goodbye Fr. Lawrence**

Fr. Lawrence will be leaving our Parish as he moves into his new position as Associate Pastor at another Parish. We thank him for all he has done for St. Pius X and wish him all the best in his new role!

### **Summer Music Series**

Join us every Wednesday in July for A Celebration of Music starring our wonderful cantors. The concerts begin at 7 pm and admission is free. See the poster in the foyer for more details.

### **Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Each year, the Church dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo reminds us that in June, we also celebrate liturgically the annual World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, for whom we lift up our prayers of intercession. You may read Cardinal Leo's message at: <https://tinyurl.com/2dgoz7ah>.

### **47<sup>th</sup> Annual Cardinal's Dinner**

This annual event raises funds for the charities chosen by our Archbishop, Frank Cardinal Leo. This year, it takes place on November 17 at the Pearson Convention Centre in Brampton. Tickets are \$225 per person, or \$2,250 for a table of ten. Last year, some parishioners generously donated a number of tickets so that Fr. Mani and a few parishioners could attend. He would be grateful for your support again this year. Your donation would go directly to the Cardinal's charities. Please speak to Fr. Mani after any Mass.

### **Holy Land Christians Handicrafts**

Next weekend, June 27-28, we will welcome our special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians". Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every Mass. Proceeds generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. You can also visit [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca).

### **Chaplaincy Connect for Students**

Calling all graduating high school students! Graduation marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. As you close your high school books, open your heart to a journey of spiritual growth and community. Join a campus ministry for an opportunity to grow deeper in your faith, form lasting friendships, and experience university life in a different way. Check out Chaplaincy Connect at [Office of Catholic Youth - Chaplaincy Connect](#) to find your Catholic home on campus.

### **Summer Camp Opportunities**

Summer camps are being offered for children and youth at 59 parishes inside the Archdiocese of Toronto this summer, with over 86 weeks of dates and locations to choose from. Parents who may be interested in having their kids attend a parish day camp can access the complete list of parishes, locations and dates here: <https://ocytoronto.org/parish-camps>, and are encouraged to contact the parish of interest directly to register or get more information.



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