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, 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 or by contacting the Office

To Join **To Donate** **To Volunteer**

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 31
5 pm + Catherine & Bill Danylchuk

Sunday, November 1
9 am Parishioners
11 am + Deceased Members of Estorba & Garrido Families

Monday, November 2
8:30 am + Kevin Danylchuk
+ Juan & Fortunata Pelingon
+ Agustin Caspillo

Tuesday, November 3
8:30 am + David Alexander Murray
+ Deceased Members of Udasco & Ranjo Families

Wednesday, November 4
8:30 am + Peter Tran
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, November 5
8:30 am + Andrew Soltys
+ Celina Knaus

Friday, November 6
8:30 am + John & Mary O'Toole
+ Deceased Members of Di Domenico & Domodossola Families
+ Rosa Mallia
+ Fernando Trillo

Solemnity of All Saints

First Reading:	Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14
Psalm:	Ps 24.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Second Reading:	1 John 3.1-3
Gospel:	Matthew 5.1-12a



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 October for the intentions of: Anna Wong

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"Blessed are the poor in spirit…"

Today, on the Solemnity of All Saints, the Church invites us to lift our eyes to the glorious communion of saints and angels. In Heaven, they behold the Beatific Vision, gazing with awe and love upon the Most Holy Trinity. They are fulfilled. Their hearts are open, receiving God's love in its fullness and returning it with perfect charity. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relations, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints.

Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are those we expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. Here Jesus teaches the disciples God's law in a new way. His values and attitudes, summed up in the Beatitudes, are a map comprised of eight different paths. By following them, we align our lives with the heart of God and 'holiness'.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted.

By God's mercy, if we are counted among the "few" who enter through the narrow gate (Matthew 7:14), by walking the constricted road that leads to life, then, when this life is ended, we will immediately know that every act of prayer, sacrifice, and surrender was worth it. The beatific gaze upon God will fill us with such radiant joy that all earthly attachments will dissolve. We will see clearly how foolish it was to cling to the vanities of this world and will be eternally grateful that we strived to overcome them with diligence.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes. *(Excerpts: My Catholic Life; Loyola Press.)*

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the first weekend of the month, we remember the birthdays of those who were born in the month of November. 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.

Parish Photo Directory

The Parish Photo Directory is now available. Parishioners who had their photos taken may come to the sacristy after any Mass to pick up their free copy.

All Souls Day Mass – Monday, November 2nd

All Souls Day falls on a **Monday** this year. There will be a **Mass at 8:30am**. The Book of Remembrance will be in the sanctuary, on the right side of the altar, in which you may write the name of your deceased loved ones. Special envelopes will also be available in case you wish to leave a donation.

Coffee Sunday

It is Coffee Sunday again! We welcome you to join your fellow parishioners for a cup of coffee/tea/juice and enjoy a sweet snack in the Hall after Mass.

CWL Christmas Bazaar

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Saturday November 21**, from 10am to 2pm in the Church Hall. Items for sale: Baked Goods, New Gifts, Christmas Decorations, Knitted Goods and Jewellery. There will also be a Silent Auction. Donations of homemade baked goods can be dropped off in the Church Hall on Friday November 20 between 5pm and 8pm, or on Saturday November 21 before the Bazaar. Please mark if baking contains nuts.

Ordinandi Dinner

The Ordinandi Dinner honours the Transitional Deacons who resided at St. Augustine's Seminary and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, and who will be ordained to the priesthood in 2027. This year, our deacon, Samuel Vail, will be among those honoured. The event will be hosted by the six Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Toronto on Tuesday, March 9, 2027, at 5 pm at the Pearson Convention Center. Tickets can be purchased at https://staugustines.on.ca/events for $110. each. As in past years, Fr. Mani is looking for sponsors to buy tickets for him and parishioners to attend.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend, November 7-8, for the Parish Building Fund.

Catholic Cemeteries – All Souls Day Mass

The Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services of the archdiocese invites all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on **Saturday, November 7, at 2 pm.** Masses will be held at several locations and all will be indoors. The location closest to St. Pius X is the Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum. For more locations: https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca/news/all-souls-day-mass.

Vocation

"The greatest among you will be your servant." Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. David Twaddle, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-261-7207 or see www.vocationstoronto.ca.



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