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, November 7
5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

Sunday, November 8
9 am + Leo Goemaere and
+ Maria & Loreto D'Amore
11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, November 10
8:30 am + Custodio Rodrigues

Wednesday, November 11
8:30 am + Rena Riley

Thursday, November 12
8:30 am + Gervacio Estorba
Holy Souls in Purgatory
+ Jane Stevens Fackler

Friday, November 13
8:30 am + Frank Brincat

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Wisdom 6.12-16
Psalm:	Ps 63.1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
Gospel:	Matthew 25.1-13

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 November for the intentions of: Anna Wong

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"Keep awake…
When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. After the betrothal, the groom had to return to his father's house to prepare a place for his bride. This period of preparation could last up to a year. During that time, the bride remained in her father's house, readying herself and awaiting the groom's return. At the right time, the groom and his friends would set out to retrieve the bride, usually at night, and the exact timing was unknown to the bride and her attendants. As a result, they had to remain constantly watchful.

The bridegroom's arrival at midnight represents the unexpected moment of Christ's return at the end of time, at the hour of our death, and even His daily coming by grace. The cry in the dark symbolizes the call of accountability and divine judgment, when every soul will rise to meet the Lord. At that moment, it will become clear who among us was wise and who was foolish. The wise brought oil, symbolizing the necessary interior disposition of grace, charity, and perseverance. The foolish failed to prepare. And while all may have fallen asleep, only those who lived in readiness will enter the wedding feast.

This parable has other interpretations as well. In the preceding chapter, Jesus warned about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes.

In the parable's symbolism, Jesus as the Bridegroom fulfills God's ancient promise to join Himself forever to His chosen people, as a husband cleaves to his bride. The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church. We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (Revelation 19:7–9; 21:1–4). As St. Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour. *(Excerpts: My Catholic Life; Loyola Press; Scott Hahn Reflects.)*

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the second weekend of the month, we celebrate the wedding anniversaries of those who married in the month of November. 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.

Parish Photo Directory

The Parish Photo Directory is available for pickup. Parishioners who have had their photos taken may come to the sacristy after any Mass to obtain their free copy, or at the office during our office hours.

Sunday Missal & Calendar

The 2027 Sunday Missals & Calendars are now available. You may purchase them as a pair for $10 in the foyer after weekend Masses **on November 14-15 and 21-22**. Supplies are limited.

Red Mass for Persecuted Christians

A special Mass dedicated to persecuted Christians all over the world will be said on **Wednesday**, **November 18** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to pray together. https://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday/.

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.

Christ the King Conference

A conference for the spiritual enrichment and renewal for the whole family is being held on behalf of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) of the archdiocese. All are invited.

When: **November 21 and 22**
Location: Bishop Allen @ Don Bosco (2 St. Andrews Blvd., Etobicoke)
Speakers: Adult, Youth and Children`s speakers
For more information, see the Christ the King poster in the foyer. To register, visit: www.ccrctoronto.ca.

Christmas Magnificat Concert

Join us in the *Christmas Magnificat: Christmas Around the World* concert on **Friday, December 4** at 7:30 pm in the church. The concert will feature our own talented cantors together with the St. Cecilia Scholars Men's Choral Ensemble under the direction of Music Director, Adrian Autencio. Tickets will be $20 and sold at the door after weekend Masses.

Ordinandi Dinner

Fr. Mani thanks all those who donated so thoughtfully to enable him to purchase five tickets to the Ordinandi Dinner being held on March 9, 2027. On behalf of the parishioners, we will be honouring our deacon, Samuel Vail, who will be ordained as a priest in the near future.

Second Collection

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

Shepherds' Trust

Next weekend, November 14-15, the second collection will be for the Shepherds' Trust. Its mission is to ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years and, for the ill or infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of our priests.

ShareLife Matching Gifts

From now until December 31, 2026, a generous anonymous donor will match year-end gifts dollar for dollar, up to $500,000. That means your gift can go twice as far in helping ShareLife-funded agencies care for our local brothers and sisters in need. To have your gift matched, please give online at https://sharelife.org/donate or by using a ShareLife envelope at your parish.

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