

# St. Pius X Parish

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## PASTORAL STAFF

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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to  
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*



# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 6**  
5pm Parishioners

**Sunday, January 7**  
9am Parishioners  
11am + Alfonsas Pivoriunas

**Tuesday, January 9**  
8:30am Fr. Mani

**Wednesday, January 10**  
8:30am Parishioners

**Thursday, January 11**  
8:30am Nguyen Family

**Friday, January 12**  
8:30am + Bernard Cosgrove

## The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6  
Psalm: Ps 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
Second Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

## Sponsoring the Vigil Candle

Parishioners are invited to become weekly or monthly sponsors of the Tabernacle Vigil Candle. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate to the Vigil Candle.

## The Vigil Candle burns for the intentions of:

Marthese Fenech – January 2024

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### *They Fell down and Worshipped Jesus*

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and King of Kings (Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we can understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will, and intellect cooperate with grace. "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace." (Thomas Aquinas).

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life.

Therefore, let us bring the light of Jesus Christ to those we meet through the witness of our life and testimony.



Die Anbetung der Weisen aus Morgenland.  
Da sie ihn ohne Furcht, weichen sie ihm vor, und gingen in das Haus, und knieten vor ihm an und anbeteten ihn, und gaben ihm die Gaben, und dankten ihm, und gingen ab in ihre Heimat.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Sacramental Preparation Begins**

Classes for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion begin on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

### **Renewal of Ministries**

We invite parishioners and their families to participate in the life of their faith by joining one of the parish ministries. We would like to welcome more people in the following ministries:

Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Music Ministry, Lector Ministry, and Usher Ministry. Get involved, meet great people! Sign up on our website at: [www.saintpiusx.ca](http://www.saintpiusx.ca) under the tab "Get Involved", call the Parish Office, or speak to Fr. Mani after Mass.

### **2024 Offertory Envelopes**

Offertory envelopes for 2024 are now available. Please call the Parish Office for your envelopes or ask any of the Ushers at weekend Masses.

### **Christmas Donors and Assistance**

We express our gratitude to those individuals and families who have given for the Advent Wreath, Christmas trees and decorations, and the red poinsettia, as well as to those who have given their time to decorate the church. Thank you for your valued community work!

### **Food Bank**

We extend our thanks to the members of the Food Bank who have provided the church with a brand-new carpet for the foyer. We are grateful to them.

### **Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo – "Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"**

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "*Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things*". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New

Year, and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

### **Vocations**

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### **Second Collection**

There will be a second collection during Masses on January 13-14 for the church Building Fund.

### **Gift of Securities**

Do you have securities that have gone up in value? You can now make your Parish offertory and special collections gifts using securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds). You will not have to pay any capital gains on your securities gift, and you will get a tax receipt for the full amount. It's very easy to do. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-934-3411 or email: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org), or find more information at [www.archtoronto.org/development](http://www.archtoronto.org/development).



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