

# St. Pius X Parish

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## PASTORAL STAFF

**Fr. Massillamani Zacharias**  
(Fr. Mani), Pastor

**Michelle Somers**, Parish Secretary

## 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, 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)

Saturdays 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/Organizations

- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Ushers/Greeters
- Musicians
- Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation
- Finance Council
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Catholic Women's League

## School

St. Pius X Catholic School  
71 Jane Street Tel: 416-393-5237

## New and Current Parishioners

We invite you to join our Parish family by registering with the parish office at [saintpiusx.ca/new-to-spx/](http://saintpiusx.ca/new-to-spx/) or by contacting the Office.

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL**



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, October 21

5pm + Adrienne Prokop

### Sunday, October 22

9am Parishioners  
11am + Gerald Ayling

### Tuesday, October 24

8:30am + Jacob Abreli

### Wednesday, October 25

8:30am Parishioners

### Thursday, October 26

8:30am Parishioners

### Friday, October 27

8:30am + Andrew Formosa

## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 45.1, 4-6  
Psalm: Ps 96.1+3, 4-5, 7-8, 9+10ac (**R.** 7b)  
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab  
Gospel: Matthew 22.15-21

### The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Intentions of:

Mary Ann Dunphy – October & November  
Marie-Thérèse Sophoulis – December  
Marthese Fenech – January 2024

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### *Give to God What Belongs to God*

What do we owe God and our neighbor? Scripture tells us to give to everyone whatever is their due and to "owe no one anything, except to love one another" (Romans 13:6-8). The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state issue. The Jews resented their foreign rulers and despised paying taxes to Caesar. They posed a dilemma to test Jesus to see if he was loyal to them and to their understanding of religion. If Jesus answered that it was lawful to pay taxes to a pagan ruler, then he would lose credibility with the Jewish nation who would regard him as a coward and a friend of Caesar. If he said it was not lawful, then the Pharisees would have grounds to report him to the Roman authorities as a political troublemaker and have him arrested.

Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid the ruler held political sway over the people. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar.

This story has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness - "God created man in his own image, male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:26-27). We rightfully belong not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Paul the Apostle says that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1).

Therefore, let us recognize that our life and everything we possess belongs to God and not to ourselves. And give to God what rightfully belongs to him?

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Confirmation Registration**

Registration for Confirmation candidates is open at [www.saintpiusx.ca](http://www.saintpiusx.ca). Stay tuned for the date of the first meeting with parents. You will be provided with the schedule for the candidates' workshops/teaching sessions. Note that we will need a copy of the candidates' baptism certificates if you haven't yet sent it by email.

### **First Reconciliation/First Communion**

Registration remains open until October 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Volunteers Meeting**

A meeting with Fr. Mani and the volunteers for First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation preparation workshops will be held on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Church Hall and last about an hour.

### **Multiple Intention Mass**

Our Parish will now celebrate a multiple intention Mass each Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. This means that while we usually restrict Mass Intentions to one per Mass, on Thursdays we will be celebrating Mass for many intentions if requested.

## **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

### **World Mission Sunday**

October 2023 is Missionary Month. This Sunday the theme is "Hearts on fire, feet on the move" to describe the apostolic zeal to which the Church is called worldwide. The universal collection for World Mission Day is allocated according to the needs of the poorest dioceses. In 2022, this included Ghana, Gambia, Tanzania, Zambia, Burundi, Madagascar, and India.

### **ShareLife Update**

Parishioners have so far donated \$44,315.24 towards our goal of \$53,300.00. That is 83% of our goal! The ShareLife Campaign for this year ends in December.



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