

# 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 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/Organizations

- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Ushers/Greeters
- Musicians
- Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation
- Finance Council
- Catholic Women's League
- Building Committee

## 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

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



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 11

5pm + John Hunter

### Sunday, May 12

9am + Angela Di Domenico

11am Parishioners

### Tuesday, May 14

8:30am Health of Mary Buckley

### Wednesday, May 15

8:30am Ainila

### Thursday, May 16

8:30am + Nancy Brien

Maura Walsh

### Friday, May 17

8:30am Rosary Group & Weekday Mass attendees

### Ascension of The Lord

First Reading: Acts 1.1-11

Psalm: Ps 47.1-2, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23

Gospel: Mark 16.15-20

### Sponsoring the Vigil Candle

The Sanctuary candle 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 Vigil Candle. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate. Doing so opens the opportunity for friends and families to pray at the tabernacle knowing the candle burns for their intentions.

### The Vigil Candle burns for the intentions of:

[The months of May and June are available.]

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

#### *The Lord Jesus Was Taken up into Heaven*

Jesus' departure and ascension was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the river Jordan. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Their task is to proclaim the Gospel - the good news of salvation - not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well. God's love and gift of salvation is not reserved for a few or for one nation alone, but it is for the whole world - for all who will accept it. The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of guilt, sin, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel?

This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task - to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide.

Let us witness to others the joy of the Gospel and the hope of the resurrection.

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Altar Cloths and Scarves**

The Parish is short of altar cloths and needs to purchase some additional ones. If parishioners wish to sponsor any of the needed items in memory of their deceased loved ones, their names will be printed on an item of their choice. Families can share in the cost of one item if they like. Please see the notice on the Bulletin Board in the foyer for more details. Fr. Mani would be happy to speak to you.

### **Rectory Air Conditioning**

We are happy to say that the repairs to the air conditioning system in the rectory have been completed. We are very grateful to the two generous families who together have funded the repairs in their entirety. Thank you so much!

### **New Ambry**

We have installed a new ambry on the left side wall of the altar. Please have a look at the three holy oils. OS is Oil of Catechumens, SC is the Sacred Chrism oil, and OI is Oil of the Sick. Thank you to Daniel who designed and built a beautiful place for our holy oils.



### **CWL Thanks You!**

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League would like to say thank you to our Parishioners for supporting our Spring Bake Sale on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The baked goods were amazing this year! And despite the weather it was another successful event. Our CWL events not only raise funds to be distributed to various charitable organizations, but they also bring the St. Pius X Parish community together. Thank you for your continued support.

### **St. Michael's College Scholarship**

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the

Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by May 31, 2024. For further information, please contact our parish's CWL Education and Health Convener: Madlene at 416-767-7806.

### **Canada's Early Church – Martyrs' Shrine Midland, Ontario**

The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs opens the first weekend of May to Thanksgiving weekend in October. At this 100-year-old Shrine, there are Masses and confessions throughout the day, as well as devotions and tours. A special fund-raising Gala will be held in Toronto in June. For more information, please check their website at [www.martyrs-shrine.com](http://www.martyrs-shrine.com).

### **Building Fund**

There will be a second collection this weekend, May 11-12, for our church's Building Fund. Thank you for your help.

### **Vocations**

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem – to wait – to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacons, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations**, Archdiocese of Toronto, at 416-968-0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org). For more information: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

### **Church Parking**

We would like to remind parishioners that the church parking lot is only for parishioners with mobility problems. Those wishing to park there for this reason will need to speak to Fr. Mani for authorization beforehand.



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