

# St. Pius X Parish

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## Pastoral Staff

Fr. Massillamani Zacharias

(Fr. Mani), **Pastor**

Michelle Somers, **Parish Secretary**

Anselm Kerkos-De Souza, **Sacramental Preparation Coordinator**

## 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/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](http://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, June 27

5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

### Sunday, June 28

9 am Parishioners  
11 am Anna Migliore

### Tuesday, June 30

8:30 am Parishioners

### Wednesday, July 1

8:30 am No Mass

### Thursday, July 2

8:30 am Anna Migliore – Birthday  
Blessings

### Friday, July 3

8:30 am Sheila De Cuyper – Birthday  
Blessings



### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 4.8-12a, 14-16  
Psalm: Ps 89.1-2, 15-16, 17-18  
Second Reading: Romans 6.3-4, 8-11  
Gospel: Matthew 10.37-42



#### 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 June for the intentions of:** Anna Wong

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me;”*

Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches: “God must be loved above all things and before all others out of charity, for He is loved as the source of happiness, whereas our neighbor is loved as one who shares in that happiness along with us”. In other words, God must be loved first because He is the ultimate cause and source of beatitude—supreme blessedness and joy. Though we are called to love our families and our neighbors, Christian charity dictates that we love them in relation to God—as fellow recipients of divine happiness.

This Gospel is challenging because it says that our natural affections, though good, must be transformed by divine charity. It is natural to love our parents and children—God designed us with these affections. Even animals instinctively care for their offspring. But Jesus calls us to something higher: a love that is perfected by divine charity, transcending mere emotional attachment or duty. His teaching does not negate natural love; rather, it purifies, elevates, and directs it toward the highest good—God Himself.

When Jesus speaks of loving “father or mother” or “son or daughter” more than Him, He is addressing the inner conflict we sometimes experience in our emotions. When natural affection is not transformed by spiritual charity, the love we offer another can do more harm than good. Disordered affection replaces the ultimate good—God—with the lesser good of emotional attachment and human consolation. The real danger arises when our loved ones stray from God’s will, and we, out of misguided affection, affirm them in their error, thereby confirming them in a state lacking true beatitude. Our belief in God transforms the way we love others. No longer do we merely seek their earthly comfort or emotional well-being; rather, we direct them to the eternal Good—God Himself—who alone fulfills every longing.

Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives—above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we’ve been made part of a new family: the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers, our mothers, and all men and women to live as little ones under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One.

*(Excerpts from: My Catholic Life; Scott Hahn Reflections.)*

## PARISH NEWS

### Weekly Prayer

On the fourth weekend of the month, we remember those in our families who have died. Let us pray for the repose of their souls:

*O God! Listen to the prayers of Your Church on behalf of the faithful departed and grant to Your servants, whom we remember today, the inheritance promised to all. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

### Canada Day

Please note there will be no Mass on Canada Day, Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Office will be closed.

### Summer Music Series

Join us every Wednesday in July (beginning July 8) for A Celebration of Music starring our wonderful cantors. The concerts begin at 7 pm and admission is free. See the poster in the foyer for more details.

### Holy Land Christians Handicrafts

This weekend, June 27-28, we welcome our special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians". Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every Mass. Proceeds generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. You can also visit [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca).

### 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Cardinal's Dinner

This annual event raises funds for the charities chosen by our Archbishop, Frank Cardinal Leo. This year, it takes place on November 17 at the Pearson Convention Centre in Brampton. Tickets are \$225 per person, or \$2,250 for a table of ten. Last year, some parishioners generously donated a number of tickets so that Fr. Mani and a few parishioners could attend. He would be grateful for your support again this year. Your donation would go directly to the Cardinal's charities. Please speak to Fr. Mani after any Mass.

### Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Each year, the Church dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo reminds us that in June, we also celebrate liturgically the annual World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, for whom we lift up our prayers of intercession. You may read Cardinal Leo's message at: <https://tinyurl.com/2dqoz7ah>.

### Chaplaincy Connect for Students

Calling all graduating high school students! Graduation marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. As you close your high school books, open your heart to a journey of spiritual growth and community. Join a campus ministry for an opportunity to grow deeper in your faith, form lasting friendships, and experience university life in a different way. Check out Chaplaincy Connect at [Office of Catholic Youth - Chaplaincy Connect](#) to find your Catholic home on campus.

### Summer Camp Opportunities

Summer camps are being offered for children and youth at 59 parishes inside the Archdiocese of Toronto this summer, with over 86 weeks of dates and locations to choose from. Parents who may be interested in having their kids attend a parish day camp can access the complete list of parishes, locations and dates here: <https://ocytoronto.org/parish-camps>, and are encouraged to contact the parish of interest directly to register or get more information.

### Annual Mass for Faithful Departed

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, **August 12, 2026**, at 7:00 pm. Details, including location of cemeteries, are at the following link: <https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca/news/annual-mass-for-the-faithful-departed-2/>. The cemetery closest to St. Pius X is Mount Hope Cemetery (305 Erskine Ave.). In case of rain, the Mass will be celebrated at St. Monica's Parish.





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