

# 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](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, February 28

5 pm + Michael Dunphy

### Sunday, March 1

9 am + Anna Pede

11 am Parishioners

### Tuesday, March 3

8:30 am + Simplicia Abreu

### Wednesday, March 4

8:30 am Parishioners

### Thursday, March 5

8:30 am + Zacharias

### Friday, March 6

8:30 am Parishioners



### Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 12.1-4

Psalm: Ps 33.4-5, 18-19, 20+22

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1.8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

### 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 March for the intentions of:** Priscilla Santos

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

*“And he was transfigured before them...”*

Today’s Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses. Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God’s presence. He too spoke with God, and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (Exodus 34.29-35). But in today’s Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today’s Epistle calls God’s purpose “before the ages began.”

With His promises to Abram in today’s First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal Himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity. He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram’s name to Abraham, promising that he would be the father of a host of nations.

In Jesus’ transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old. Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the “beloved son” promised to Abraham and again to David (Genesis 22:15–18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1).

Jesus’ Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus’ glory, his Resurrection. The mystery of the Transfiguration alludes to the teaching of the Church called divinization, in which we believe that we humans will be made like God. Not only does Jesus raise us from sin, death and hell, but He even raises us up to divine life. He desires us to be made sharers in His own divine nature and participate in the life of the Trinity. St. Athanasius boldly proclaims that “He was made man that we might be made God.” Later, Augustine of Hippo also wrote, “If we have been made sons of God, we have been made gods; but this is by grace of adoption and not of the nature of our begetter.”

*(Excerpts from: Scott Hahn Reflections; Archdiocese Reflections.)*

**PARISH NEWS**

**Weekly Prayer**

On the first weekend of the month, we remember the birthdays of those who were born in the month of March. Let us congratulate and pray for them:

*Heavenly Father! We thank You for the gift of life You have given to our celebrants. Kindly keep showing them Your grace and we seek that You continue to bless them. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**Stations of the Cross**

The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent after the 8:30 am Mass.

**Easter 2026 Schedule**

**PARISH CONFESSIONS**

Saturday March 28  
10 am to 12 pm

**PALM SUNDAY**

Saturday, March 28 – 5 pm  
Sunday, March 29 – 9 am & 11 am

**HOLY THURSDAY**

April 2  
Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7 pm  
Followed by Adoration

**GOOD FRIDAY**

April 3  
Stations of the Cross – 9 am  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3 pm

**HOLY SATURDAY**

April 4  
Blessing of the Food – 10 am  
Easter Vigil Mass – 7 pm

**EASTER SUNDAY**

April 5  
Masses: 9 am and 11 am

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

April 12  
3 pm - Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by refreshments  
5 pm - a special concert led by Soprano, Alejandra Ballon. Come to this uplifting event!

**Tax Receipts**

The 2025 tax receipts are currently being processed. They will be delivered to your residence by mail on or about March 9. Please call the office after March 15 if you have not received yours.

**World Day of Prayer**

This annual interfaith service brings together Christian churches in the Bloor West area to join in prayer with women around the world. This year's service was prepared by the women of Nigeria. Please join us at St. Paul's Anglican Church (404 Williard Ave.) on Saturday, March 7 at 10 am.

**Second Collection**

Next weekend, March 7-8, there will be a second collection for the Parish Building Fund.

**Catholic Charities Podcast**

This series, Voices of Faith: Conversations on Prayer & Spirituality, features real stories and reflections from individuals sharing how God is at work in their journeys. <https://www.spreaker.com/podcast/insights-and-encounters--6075902>.

**St. Patrick Mass**

The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) will take place on Tuesday, March 17, at 10 am. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist.

**Catholic Charities Scholarships**

Catholic Charities is inviting applications for this year's Scholarships and nominations for the Michael Fullan Community Service Awards. These opportunities support students pursuing a variety of studies and celebrate those whose service reflects the Gospel call to love our neighbours. If you know a young person discerning their path, or someone in our community whose generosity and compassion shine through their daily actions, consider encouraging them to apply or nominating them for an award. Deadline: April 30, 2026. Information: [www.ccat.ca/scholarships](http://www.ccat.ca/scholarships).



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