

# 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/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, March 15

5 pm + Maximo Arquiza II

### Sunday, March 16

9 am + Lawrance Rodrigues

11 am John Paul A. Capili

### Tuesday, March 18

8:30 am + Nellie Dato

### Wednesday, March 19

8:30 am + John & Mary O'Toole

Thanksgiving

+ Rosa Mallia

### Thursday, March 20

8:30 am + Connie Estorba

### Friday, March 21

8:30 am + Roy Concessio

+ Herminia Rodrigues



### Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18

Psalm: Ps 27.1, 7-8, 9, 13-14

Second Reading: Philippians 3.17 - 4.1

Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36



### 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:** Marilyn Tremblay

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"*

The mysterious episode of the transfiguration told in today's Gospel confirms the pattern of life and mission set by Jesus in his triple victory over Satan during the time of his testing in the desert, the account of which we heard last Sunday. Now the three select disciples – Peter, James, and John – undergo this new experience of Jesus at roughly the halfway and watershed point of his public life. Soon afterwards, he will begin the long journey to Jerusalem, where he will suffer and die.

Peter interprets the transfiguring of Jesus and the appearance of the two leading biblical prophets, Moses and Elijah, as a sign that the moment of messianic glory has arrived and is here to stay. Hence his proposal to make three dwelling places for the three messianic figures: Jesus, Moses and Elijah. The implication is that all are basically on the same level – but, as the evangelist remarks, he does not really know what he is saying. However, another scholarly interpretation is that Peter "did not know what he was saying" because he did not, at that time, realize that it was indeed his mission to build a dwelling place for Jesus. It was his mission to build the Church, which was to be the future dwelling place of God on earth and the place in which we will encounter God throughout life.

The disciples' experience moves to a new degree of intensity as a cloud signals divine presence and the voice of God pronounces the true status of Jesus. He is not merely "Master", as Peter had addressed him. He is "my Son, the Beloved", a rank far outstripping that of Moses or Elijah.

The divine voice goes on to add, "Listen to him". Listen, that is, to what he has been saying about the direction his ministry will now take and the suffering it will involve. In obedience to the Father's will, he will attain messianic glory only after entering fully into the pain and suffering of the world to heal it from within.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. (Excerpts from: *Fr. Brendan Byrne, SJ; My Catholic Life; Loyola Press.*)

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Stations of the Cross**

The Stations of the Cross will be conducted every Friday during Lent after the 8:30 am Mass, at approximately 9 am.

### **Lenten Reconciliation/Confession**

Parishioners and others who wish to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation may do so by calling the Parish Office to make an appointment with Fr. Mani. We will not be devoting a special day for Reconciliation during the Lenten season.

### **Journey through Lent video**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) has posted a series of videos featuring Lenten reflections for each Sunday in Lent. They are available at this website: [Journey through Lent 2025 - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](https://www.cccb.ca/en/faith-life/lenten-journey-through-lent-2025).

### **New Security Alarm System**

We thank the provincial government for a grant that allowed the parish to install a security alarm system in the church, office, and rectory. When the premises are not in use, these areas will be armed (in alarm mode).



### **CWL Coffee Sunday**

We look forward to the next Coffee Sunday after 11 am Mass on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy a break with treats and fellowship with your community of faith!

### **Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The celebration of the archdiocesan Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, the day of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord. This act of Catholic devotion and spirituality is an opportunity for the faithful to gather in different ways in prayer. Extensive resources can be found here: [Consecration Resources for Annunciation 2025.03.05 Final.pdf](https://www.cccb.ca/en/faith-life/lenten-journey-through-lent-2025). Cardinal Leo has also published a letter about our Consecration to the Blessed Virgin: [Cardinal](#)

[Leo - Communication re Consecration to the BVM - Annunciation 2025.pdf](#)

### **Good Friday Procession**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish (72 Mansfield Ave) is holding its annual Good Friday Procession on April 18th. The procession includes religious statues, musical bands, and people representing different characters associated with the Passion of Christ. They are looking for volunteers of all ages to participate in the process. To volunteer, visit the parish website at [www.stfrancis.ca](http://www.stfrancis.ca). Volunteer registration deadline is April 13, 2025. Tel: 416-536-8195.

### **ShareLife Parish Goal**

ShareLife has suggested that our 2025 Parish campaign goal be \$47,000. This amount was determined after taking the average of the offertory donations to our Parish for 2022-23. The overall goal of ShareLife throughout the Archdiocese is \$14.5 million. ShareLife agencies bring Gospel values to life in our communities and around the world. They help families seeking counselling, the deaf child and family receiving assistance through Silent Voice, the senior receiving support to live independently through its seniors programs, or the seminarian studying to serve as a future parish priest. Last fall, ShareLife allocated \$750,000 toward food and meal programs across the city. Please give generously when our campaign begins at the end of March.

### **ShareLife 2024 Gratitude**

Frank Cardinal Leo, our Archbishop, has expressed his thanks for your commitment to caring for others. The amount of last year's donations is a testament to your kindness. The complete letter is available here: [FINAL-SL-Cardinal-Leo-Thank-you-letter.pdf](#).

### **Dynamic Women of Faith Conference**

The Catholic Mom's Group is holding a conference on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Old Mill. The event includes a light lunch. The closing Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert Kasun. Please see the posters in the foyer for speakers and topics. To register, go to: <http://dwf2025.eventbrite.ca/>.

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