

# 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, May 24

5 pm + Kevin Keenan

### Sunday, May 25

9 am Parishioners

11 am Maxima Armamento & Family

### Tuesday, May 27

8:30 am Thanksgiving

### Wednesday, May 28

8:30 am Parishioners

### Thursday, May 29

8:30 am Parishioners

### Friday, May 30

8:30 am Parishioners



### Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 15.1-2, 22-29

Psalms: Ps 67.1-2, 4-5, 6-7

Second Reading: Revelation 21.10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14.23-29

### 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 May for the intentions of: ---**

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

***"...and we will come to him and make our home with him."***

The mystery of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is a mystery so deep that we will never fully comprehend Them. They are the "unknowable God" Whom we seek to know. Thus, our relationship with God is an ongoing journey by which we plunge ourselves into this mystery more deeply every day and through eternity. Today's Gospel gives us a glimpse into the glorious unity of God, but it goes further. It also reveals the desire in the Heart of God to come and dwell within us. If we love God and keep His Word, the Trinity will come to us and dwell within us. This invitation given to us to share in the unity of God is also a mystery too deep for words.

Though the language in today's Gospel is clouded and mysterious, when the Most Holy Trinity comes to dwell within a person, the cloud begins to be lifted and the mystery begins to become known. Therefore, the only way to begin to discover this incomprehensible mystery of the life of the Most Holy Trinity is to allow the Trinity to dwell within you. And the only way to invite God to do so is through love of Him. And the only way to love Him is through obedience to the Word of God. Jesus is the Word of God. We especially come to know Him as the Word of God through our reading of the Scriptures and by living the message it proclaims.

The first Church council, the Council of Jerusalem we hear about in today's First Reading, decided the shape of the Church as we know it. Some Jewish Christians had wanted Gentile converts to be circumcised and obey all the complex ritual and purity laws of the Jews. There was a lot of dissension over this issue. The people promoting this position were arguing on behalf of their very identity: Christ was born a Jew and died a Jew. So too should his followers. What did the community do? They followed the synodal path. After discussing the issue, the community in Antioch sent Paul and Barnabas and two others to meet with the community in Jerusalem and proclaim all the signs and wonders God was working among the Gentiles (Acts 15:12). These carried a letter back to Antioch that explained the community's discernment. It pronounced that, after having listened to one another and invoked the Holy Spirit, "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us" not to place undue burdens on the Gentiles. A compromise solution had been reached: circumcision is not imposed but only three lesser requirements that will allow believers of both Jewish and pagan origin to live, eat, and associate with each other as one community in peace. The council is showing us that the Church in the divine plan is meant to be a worldwide family of God, no longer a covenant with just one nation. Without this progress, Christianity probably would have remained a small sect within the Jewish community. (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life*; Scott Hahn; Sr. Mary M. McGlone: NCR.)

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Fr. Mani Away**

Fr. Mani will be leading a pilgrimage through Greece, Turkey and Cyprus from May 26<sup>th</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>. During his absence, Fr. Jubin and Fr. Dexter will minister to parish needs.

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Pius X Parish**

2026 will mark 75 years since our Parish was founded. We are planning a celebration and are hoping older parishioners can help with their memories of the earlier days. Perhaps you were a member of this parish 20 to 25 years ago or more, celebrated an event or were married here, or have a story or memorabilia that will bring to life our parish history. If so, please speak to Fr. Mani.



### **Coffee Sunday**

Join your fellow parishioners for the Catholic Women's League delicious baking and coffee on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> after the 11 am Mass. Greet some new faces or someone you have never talked to and make them feel welcome!

### **Second Collection**

This weekend, May 24-25, there will be a second collection for The Pope's Pastoral Works. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters.

### **Building Fund Collection**

Next weekend, May 30<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, a second collection will be held for the Parish Building Fund.

### **What's Wrong with MAID Tuesday, June 3, 7:30 pm**

MAID (Medical Assistance In Dying) is a part of healthcare that needs attention by our faith community. On Tuesday, June 3, Rev. Deacon Larry Worthen, Executive Director of the Christian Medical and Dental Association, will give a talk on MAID at the Holy Family Church (1372 King St. W.). RSVP is not

required but will allow the host venue to better prepare.

<https://cmdacanada.org/event/whats-wrong-with-maid-toronto/>.

### **Martyrs' Shrine Invitation**

The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs (Midland) is holding a Gala Dinner at the Bellvue in Vaughan, Ontario, on June 11<sup>th</sup>, with all proceeds going to support upgrades to its infrastructure during its centennial year. With special guest Cardinal Francis Leo, guests will enjoy food at booths hosted by some of the major ethnic pilgrimage groups and a banquet dinner. Tickets are \$200 and available at <https://martyrs-shrine.com/spring-gala>.

### **Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome**

The Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee 2025 Committee is organizing a week-long pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Frank Leo from November 10 to 17, 2025. The pilgrimage will include visits to Rome's major basilicas and Holy Door, daily Mass, and a day trip to Assisi. Registration will take place online beginning Thursday, April 24 at 10 am. Space is limited. For full registration details, to view a detailed itinerary, and to learn more about this prayerful journey to Rome, visit: <https://bit.ly/ArchTORome2025>.

### **FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR**

Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Learn --

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

#### **3 WAYS TO REGISTER:**

1. scan the QR code
2. follow this QR link: [qrco.de/WebJune7](https://qrco.de/WebJune7)
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