# 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, 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 or by contacting the Office

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL

# Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 13

5pm + Anna Loftus

Sunday, July 14

9am + Nellie Dato 11am Parishioners

Tuesday, July 16

8:30am + Joseph Rymarz

Wednesday, July 17

8:30am Thanksgiving

Thursday, July 18

8:30am Most Abandoned Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 19

8:30am Parishioners

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 7.12-15
Psalm: Ps 85.8ab+9, 10-11, 12-13
Second Reading: Ephesians 1.3-14
Gospel: Mark 6.7-13

#### **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:

#### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

#### He ordered them to take nothing for their journey

Jesus' instruction to the twelve apostles as recorded by Mark gives the apostles permission to wear sandals and take a walking stick, but in the other two synoptic Gospels, even these were forbidden. The apostles are also instructed not to take any money, not even the small amount that could have been carried in a belt. They must rely on one of the most honored virtues of the people of the day: hospitality, and God.

Travel during Jesus' time considered was unnecessary, and therefore a suspicious activity. Family and neighbors provided everything that a person needed. A person often died within the same household where they were born. In such a culture, strangers were naturally looked upon with suspicion. But they also brought news of the outside world and the possibility of an allegiance that could be beneficial. Therefore, hospitality to strangers was highly valued. Guests were offered food, board, and safety from others who would at the same time be suspicious of their intentions. Imagine that these same Apostles suddenly encountered God's providence. To their surprise, they were offered free lodging for the night and a meal. The next day, the same thing happened. As they trusted, journeyed, preached, healed and drove out demons, they found that they had what they needed every day and every night. This experience of God's providence would certainly have affected their personal faith. But it also would have affected their ministry. As they witnessed God providing for their physical needs, they would also have grown in their trust in grace to more fruitfully fulfill their mission.

The Lord is clear that in the work of being a follower of Christ and one who proclaims the Gospel, the message will sometimes be met with joy and at other times with derision. Furthermore, the message of salvation is never to be forced upon others but given as a gift with a promise of receiving something greater than life itself. The Lord tells his hearers: "If any place will not receive you or hear you, shake its dust from your feet in testimony against them." In other words, do all you can, be zealous and persistent, but there may come a point when there is nothing more that can be done, and your mission has to be left completely in the hands of a loving God. Just as the Twelve had to learn to rely upon the providence of God in all things, so God wants the same for you. He might not call you to go forth on a mission without any physical provisions, but He does want you to learn to trust Him always.

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### 2025 Pilgrimage

Fr. Mani will be leading a 12-day spiritual pilgrimage to Greece, Turkey and Cyprus next spring. The tour will start on May 26th bound for Athens, from where pilgrims will visit ancient sites notable for their historical significance and beauty. The sites include two in which St. Paul was active. On May 30th, you will embark on the Royal Caribbean Cruise - Brilliance of the Seas for transport to many fascinating monasteries, castles and other cathedrals. sites antiquated and modern, until the June 6th flight home. Please see details in the foyer, visit our Parish News at https://saintpiusx.ca, or speak to Fr. Mani after Mass.

#### **Volunteer Screening Coordinator**

The Parish needs a Volunteer Screening Coordinator. This role is responsible for administering the application process and screening requirements of all volunteers for this Parish. For an interview, please contact Fr. Mani.

#### Altar Scarves – Thank You!

Fr. Mani wishes to express his gratitude to the nine parishioners who together have donated enough to cover the cost of our altar scarves & white cloth. Because of their generosity, the altar has been transformed into a more beautiful place for the glorious celebration of the Mass. Many thanks!

# Date Night Event at The Newman Centre Wednesday, Jul 17, 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Come for a Summer Date Night at the Newman Centre Catholic Mission. Enjoy delicious food, engage in great conversation and take part in some fun under the sun! Tickets are \$50 per couple. Catholic couples who are dating, engaged or married are invited to attend this fun filled evening! Reserve at: <a href="https://bit.ly/41a8TeM">https://bit.ly/41a8TeM</a>. For more information: <a href="https://bit.ly/4bhYuRx">https://bit.ly/4bhYuRx</a>.

#### The Source Holy Hour

The Sisters of Life will sing their widely known Holy Hour accompanied by guitar on Thursday, July 25 from 7pm to 9pm at St. Peter's Church, 840 Bathurst Street (very close to Bathurst subway station). More information (and a sample live recording) can be found at https://sistersoflife.org/the-source-holy-hour/.

#### **Second Collection**

There will be a second collection this weekend, July 13 and 14, for the Parish Building fund.

#### **First Millennial Saint**

Pope Francis and the Consistory of Cardinals voted to approve the canonization of the first Saint from Generation Y, those born between 1981 and 1996 commonly known as millennials. Blessed Carlo Acutis will likely be proclaimed a Saint during the 2025 Jubilee, possibly along with

other canonizations. Born to Italian parents in London, England, in 1991, Blessed Carlo was a web designer who died from



leukemia at the age of 15 in Monza, Italy. He was known for his devotion to Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions, which he catalogued on a website he designed. According to the *Peroratio*, Blessed Carlo was "welcoming and caring towards the poorest, and he helped the homeless, the needy, and immigrants with the money he saved from his weekly allowance." A healing miracle has been attributed to him.

#### **Vocations**

In today's first reading Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet; God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to consider what you are doing at this time and to perhaps begin the special work He has for you. If you feel God may be selecting you for the special life of a priest, religious, or deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations,** Archdiocese of Toronto, at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org. For more information www.vocationstoronto.ca.

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