

# 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



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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 15

5 pm + Lawrance Rodrigues

### Sunday, February 16

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Roy Concessio

### Tuesday, February 18

8:30 am Health of Alberto Santos, Jr.

### Wednesday, February 19

8:30 am Thanksgiving for prayers & Masses

### Thursday, February 20

8:30 am + Leo O'Donnell

+ Connie Estorba

Holy Souls In Purgatory

### Friday, February 21

8:30 am + Simplicia Abreu



### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-8

Psalm: Ps 1.1-2, 3, 4+6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6.17, 20-26



### 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 February for the intentions of:** Marilyn Tremblay

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

***“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.”***

The blessings and woes we hear in today's Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament. That wisdom is summed up with marvellous symmetry in today's First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous—those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law—will prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their “trust in human beings,” are cursed to wither and die. Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state.

The rich are “the insolent” of today's Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord.

That's the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty, we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying “on account of the Son of Man,” we find everlasting life.

The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity—in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life. But not only that. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we are to be pitied if our hope is “for this life only.”

The words of Jesus are meant to be effective for our lives, not as literature from the distant past to which we listen purely for their historical value. In other words, the teaching of Jesus needs to be adapted to our setting and our particular needs, yet ironically, we all are in need of the same things, as Jesus' first hearers were. We all need to love and be loved without reserve.

Each of us has come into being by God's love. The Beatitudes and their subsequent woes are meant to point us interiorly to the desires of our hearts. We must become more and more aware of what occupies our thinking and desires. Ultimately, wealth or poverty, hunger or satisfaction, worldly praise or persecution do not matter. What matters is that our hearts are detached from the desires identified in this sermon so that we more fully desire only God and His holy will, regardless of the circumstances of life we find ourselves in. (Excerpts from: *Monastery of Christ in the Desert*; Scott Hahn; *My Catholic Life*)

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Acknowledgment & Thanks**

We are grateful to Fr. Jubin Lawrence, SJ, for ministering to our parish needs while Fr. Mani was away on vacation. Fr. Mani also appreciates the care with which the parishioners took care of parish ministries and duties in his absence.

### **Jubilee Regional Eucharistic Celebrations**

All Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Opening Jubilee Year Masses in the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. No need to register, just come! All Masses begin at 7:00 pm. Confessions will be heard from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. Central Region locations are:

- St. Mary's Church (588 Adelaide Street) Thursday, Feb. 20, celebrated by Bishop Kasun
- St. Edward the Confessor Church (75 Churchill Ave) Tuesday, Feb. 25, celebrated by Cardinal Leo.

For those interested in obtaining a Jubilee indulgence, requirements include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attending Mass and offering prayers for the intention of the Holy Father. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-churches/>.

### **St. Patrick's Celebration Mass**

St. Cecilia's Church is holding its 44th Annual Concelebrated Mass in honour of St. Patrick on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 3:00 pm. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Frank Cardinal Leo. The Saint Patrick's Celebration is a continuation of a spiritual tradition for which Saint Cecilia's is renowned. Following the Mass there will be an informal reception with music and a dance performance in the parish hall. Location: 161 Annette Street, 416-769-8163 - [stceciliatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliatoronto@gmail.com).

### **World Day of Prayer**

The Morningside-High Park Presbyterian Church is holding an Ecumenical Worship Service on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. This

year, the service was prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands. All are welcome to attend at 4 Morningside Ave. for prayers and a time of fellowship and refreshments. Inquiries or registration for the online service can be obtained here: [worlddayofprayer2025@gmail.com](mailto:worlddayofprayer2025@gmail.com).

### **Serra Club**

The next meeting of the Downtown Toronto Serra Club will take place on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in the St. Basil's Parish Hall (50 St. Joseph St., off Bay St.) following the 12:10 pm Mass. The guest speaker will be Sr. Teresa Morrison, a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood. She will share more about her vocation story and pastoral work. Guests are most welcome.



### **Coffee Sunday**

Join your fellow parishioners for delicious homemade cookies and cakes brought to you by the Catholic Women's League, this Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> after the 11 am Mass.

### **Second Collection**

There will be a second collection next weekend, February 22-23, 2025, for the Church Insurance Fund.

### **ShareLife**

Despite the challenges of the past year, the 2024 ShareLife parish campaign raised a record \$14,433,674. Of that amount, the contribution by St. Pius X Parish totaled \$46,699.21, which is 82.7% of the suggested Parish Goal. Thank you to all who donated!

### **Jubilee of Youth 2025**

All young adults (ages 19-39) are invited to join Fr. Paul Magyar and the Archdiocese Office of Catholic Youth team for a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Please contact [youth@archtoronto.org](mailto:youth@archtoronto.org) to receive the pilgrim information package. Further information is available from the Coordinator, Amanda Pereira at [avperiera@archtoronto.org](mailto:avperiera@archtoronto.org).

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