

# 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, February 22

5 pm + Alec Riley

### Sunday, February 23

9 am Parishioners

11 am Rosario G. & Sonia Capili

### Tuesday, February 25

8:30 am + Frank Brincat

### Wednesday, February 26

8:30 am Zbigniew Rymarz

### Thursday, February 27

8:30 am + Connie Estorba

Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, February 28

8:30 am + Michael Dunphy

+ Mike McKenzie-Smith & Family



## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25++

Psalm: Ps 103.1-2, 3-4, 8+10, 12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.45-49

Gospel: Luke 6.27-38



### 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

*“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”*

Oftentimes, when we encounter ingratitude from another, or any other form of wickedness, we tend to react in kind. Our fallen human nature lures us into cruelty when faced with cruelty. We criticize, condemn, attack and get angry. But Jesus is very clear that this is not how the “Most High” acts toward the wicked. And it is not how He acts toward us. In the end, the wicked who fail to repent will endure the consequences of their rejection of God’s mercy. But until that final judgment, hope of conversion must always be present. And for that reason, we must never give up on another, no matter how difficult. Kindness shown to everyone, in every circumstance, goes to the heart of the mission we have received as children of God.

We often wish for bad things to happen to our enemies, or at the very least, we hope things don’t go well for them. We can begin to heal the unforgiveness in our hearts by praying for God to bless them. Prayer is powerful. Let us begin to pray for the good of our enemies and slowly rid ourselves of feelings of anger or hatred. God has shown us perfect goodness, not because He expected anything back, but simply because He has willed to love us. That’s the nature of God’s love. It cannot be contained. It cannot be selfishly received without also allowing it to pour forth from our lives.

In today’s First Reading, the story of David and Saul functions almost like a parable. Showing mercy to his deadly foe, David gives a concrete example of what Jesus expects to become a way of life for His disciples. The Old Law required only that the Israelites love their fellow countrymen. The new law Jesus brings makes us kin to every man and woman. His kingdom isn’t one of tribe or nationality. It’s a family. As followers of Jesus, we’re to live as He lived among us—as “children of the Most High”.

The Second Reading plunges us without warning into one of Paul’s more complex arguments from the scriptural tradition. In the face of doubts circulating in the Corinthian community about the possibility of risen bodily existence for human beings, Paul draws on a comparison between the humanity we have inherited from Adam and the transformed humanity we are destined to receive from our risen Lord. The first Adam was simply a human being (‘a living soul’) who passed on ordinary human life to his descendants. This life, stemming from an ancestor formed from ‘clay’ (‘earthly’), is terminated by death. The Second Adam (‘Last Adam’), as ‘life-giving Spirit’, has the capacity to communicate a mode of bodily existence that, while truly human, is vivified by the Spirit and hence able to transcend the barrier of physical death. Risen existence is about the attainment of true humanity. As risen Lord, Christ is the model and exemplar of what God intends for all human beings. (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life; Archdiocese Bulletin Reflections; Scott Hahn; Fr. Brendan Byrne, SJ*)

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Donation Tax Receipts**

The 2024 Donation Tax Receipts are currently being processed. You will receive them in the mail on or before Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **A Prayer for our First Holy Communion Children**

Please join us in praying for our grade two students who have been preparing and will be receiving their First Holy Communion on March 1<sup>st</sup>. May Jesus come to bless you on this most special of days as you are invited to the table to celebrate in the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and, as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

### **Ash Wednesday**

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on March 5<sup>th</sup>. It is a universal day of fasting and abstinence. Two Masses with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated in our parish: one at 8:30 am and the second at 7:00 pm.

### **Call for Building Committee Members**

Our Parish needs a few more members on its Building Committee. This Committee reviews expert submissions and discusses issues relating to repairs or improvements to our Church. Anyone with even a small amount of experience they believe might be helpful is welcome to speak to Fr. Mani.

### **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. The remaining Central Region celebration is at St. Edward the Confessor Church (75 Churchill Ave) on 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/>.

### **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).

### **Second Collection**

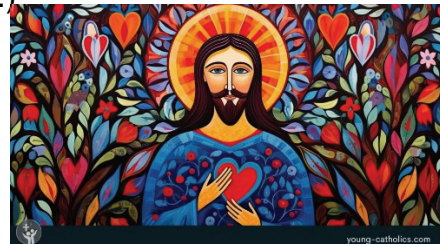
There will be a second collection this weekend, February 22-23, for the Church Insurance Fund.

### **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).

### **Ontario Election Guide for Catholics**

The Archdiocese has provided us with a Guide outlining the issues for Catholic parishioners to keep in mind when they are voting at the upcoming election for a provincial Premier. The link to information is available here: [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ontario Provincial Election – Resources for the Catholic Community](#). (Ctrl-click, or go to our online bulletin for easy access.)



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