

# St. Pius X Parish

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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, 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.

## **Reconciliation**

Saturdays 4 pm to 4:30 pm or by appointment

## **Baptism**

Register online at [www.saintpiusx.ca/baptism](http://www.saintpiusx.ca/baptism), or call or email the office for more information.

## **Marriage**

1 year's 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
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Catholic Women's League

## **School: St. Pius X Catholic School**

71 Jane Street  
Tel: 416-393-5237

## **New and Current Parishioners**

We invite you to join our Parish family by registering with the parish office at [saintpiusx.ca/new-to-spx/](http://saintpiusx.ca/new-to-spx/) or by contacting the Office.

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL**



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 30

5pm + Giovanna Rosa Iozzo

### Sunday, October 1

9am + Vicky Dunwoody

11am + Phillip Bruce Arthur

### Tuesday, October 3

8:30am + Mamerto Family

### Wednesday, October 4

8:30am + José and Amelia Udasco

### Thursday, October 5

8:30am Parishioners

### Friday, October 6

8:30am + John & Mary O'Toole

## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28

Psalm: Ps 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9 (R.6)

**R.** Lord, be mindful of your mercy.

Second Reading: Philippians 2.1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32

### The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Intentions of:

Carmel Hayes – September

Mary Ann Dunphy – October & November

Marie-Thérèse Sophoulis – December

Marthese Fenech – January 2024

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### Which Son Did the Father's Will?

What kind of future are we preparing for? Jesus encourages us to think - to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come.

Jesus tells a simple story of two imperfect sons to illustrate the way of God's kingdom. The father amply provided for his son's food, lodging, and everything they needed. Everything the father had belonged to them as well. The father also rewarded his sons with excellent work in his own vineyard. He expected them to show him gratitude, loyalty, and honor by doing their fair share of the daily work.

The "rebellious" son told his father to his face that he would not work for him. But afterwards he changed his mind and did what his father commanded him. The "good" son said he would work for his father but didn't follow through. He sought his own pleasure, contrary to his father's will. Now who was really the good son?

Both sons disobeyed their father - but one repented and then did what the father told him. Jesus makes his point clear - good intentions are not enough. And promises don't count unless they are performed. Therefore, God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect his will and do it. God offers each one of us the greatest treasure possible - indestructible peace, joy, and friendship with him in his everlasting kingdom.

We can lose that treasure if we refuse the grace - the free gift of God's blessing and strength - which the Lord Jesus has won for us through his victory on the cross. The Lord Jesus fills us with the gift of the Holy Spirit who works in and through us for the glory of God.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Fr. Mani's Pilgrimage**

Fr. Mani will be away on a Marian Pilgrimage from September 28 to October 13, 2023. His journey will take him to Portugal, Spain, France, Monaco and Italy. He will be praying for us at each Marian shrine and asks that you keep him in your prayers during his pilgrimage. There will be a priest here during his absence to take care of the spiritual needs of the parish.

### **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**

Registration for your child is now on our website at [www.saintpiusx.ca](http://www.saintpiusx.ca) under "Sacraments". Note that you will need to provide your child's baptism certificate. You will be notified of the date of Fr. Mani's first group meeting with parents to review the process.

### **Volunteers for First**

#### **Reconciliation/Communion and Confirmation**

We still need volunteers to help at the preparation workshops for children receiving these sacraments. The sessions will take place on weekday evenings beginning in late October through to January for Reconciliation preparation, and February to May for Communion preparation. Confirmation preparation sessions are fewer and take place from October to May. Thank you to those who have already offered!

### **Bishop Allen Academy Open House**

Grade 8 students and their parents are cordially invited to attend an Information Evening and Open House at Bishop Allen Academy on Wednesday, October 18th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Learn about the Advanced Placement Program, French Immersion, Gifted Program, Leadership Development, Athletics, Music, Drama and more. All are welcome.

## **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

### **The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund – October 1**

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation takes place each year on September 30. This special collection is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised close to 40 percent of the \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops. The archdiocese will contribute \$6 million towards the national pledge. Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The yellow envelopes are available in the lobby.

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