

St. Pius X Parish

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Pastoral Staff

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(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, 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, April 27

5pm + Andrew Formosa

Sunday, April 28

9am Parishioners

11am + Walter & Maya Gedeon

Tuesday, April 30

8:30am + Amelia & José Udasco

Wednesday, May 1

8:30am + Souls of Maria's parents

Thursday, May 2

8:30am Health of Teresa H.

+ Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

+ Dieter Nitzbon

Friday, May 3

8:30am + Patrick & Dorothy Hayes

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9.26-31

Psalm: Ps 22.25b-26, 27+29, 30-31

Second Reading: 1 John 3.18-24

Gospel: John 15.1-8

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 in the name of the candle. 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:

Nora de Cuyper
Estorba Family

April
May 5-11

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Abide in Me, and I in You

When Jesus calls himself the true vine, he makes clear that no one can grow in spiritual fruitfulness and moral goodness unless they are rooted in God and in his life-giving word. Religious affiliation or association with spiritually minded people is not sufficient by itself - one must be firmly rooted in the "Tree of Life" (Revelation 22:1-2, Genesis 2:8-9) who is the eternal Father and his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus makes a claim which only God can make - he is the true source of life that sustains us and makes us fruitful in living the abundant life which God has for us. It is only through Jesus Christ that one can be fully grafted into the true "vineyard of the Lord".

Jesus offers true life - the abundant life which comes from God, and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vine dresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches - those which bear fruit and those which don't. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him - the fruit of "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23).

There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Let us trust in the Lord's healing and transforming power to give us the abundant life and fruit of his heavenly kingdom.



PARISH NEWS

A Prayer for Our Confirmation Candidates

Bless our Confirmands as they prepare and come to you with a sincere desire to know your ways, to experience your love, and to walk with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be with them on their journey and keep alive their desire to always please you. May they have an open mind and a willing heart to serve you as the day nears to receive and be sealed with the gifts of the spirit on their day of confirmation.

Date: Saturday, May 11th at 2:30pm.
Celebrant: Bishop Kasun. Everyone is welcome!

Altar Cloths and Scarves

The Parish is short of altar cloths and needs to purchase some additional ones. If parishioners wish to sponsor any of the needed items in memory of their deceased loved ones, their names will be printed on an item of their choice. Families can share in the cost of one item if they like. Please see the notice on the Bulletin Board in the foyer for more details. Fr. Mani would be happy to speak to you.

Catholic Education Week

May 5-11 is Catholic Education Week. This year's theme is "We are called to love". Materials can be found online at www.goodnewsforall.ca.

St. Michael's College Scholarship

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by May 31, 2024. For further information, please

contact our parish's CWL Education and Health Convener: Madlene at 416-767-7806.

Canada's Early Church – Martyrs' Shrine Midland, Ontario

The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs opens the first weekend of May to Thanksgiving weekend in October. At this 100-year-old Shrine, there are Masses and confessions throughout the day, as well as devotions and tours. A special fund-raising Gala will be held in Toronto in June. For more information, please check their website at www.martyrs-shrine.com.

Security Camera Project

We have completed the installation of security cameras throughout the property. This will ensure the security of all parishioners and staff. We thank the government for their sponsorship of this security measure.

ShareLife Sunday

The second ShareLife Sunday is this weekend, April 27-28. A special collection will be held. Thank you for your donations.

The Pope's Pastoral Works Offering

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works on May 4-5.

Vocation

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations**, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email him at vocations@archtoronto.org. For more information: www.vocationstoronto.ca.



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