

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, May 4

5pm + Donovan Fernandes
+ John Hunter

Sunday, May 5

9am + Fernanda Santos
11am Parishioners

Tuesday, May 7

8:30am + Helen Klemencic

Wednesday, May 8

8:30am Thanksgiving

Thursday, May 9

8:30am Walter & Maja Gedeon: 57th
wedding anniversary

+ Mary Ellen Pender
+ Yadwiga Knaus

Friday, May 10

8:30am + Joseph Slobodnik

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm: Ps 98.1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-10

Gospel: John 15.9-17

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 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:

Nora de Cuyper	April
Estorba Family	May 5-11

GOSPEL REFLECTION

I Have Called You Friends

Jesus defines friendship - the mutual bond of trust and affection which people choose to have for one another - as the willingness to give totally of oneself - even to the point of laying down one's life for a friend. How is such love possible or even desirable? God made us in love for love. That is our reason for being, our purpose for living, and our goal in dying.

Scripture tells us that God is love (1 John 4:8) - and everything he does flows from his immense love for us. He loved us so much - far beyond what we could ever expect or deserve - that he was willing to pay any price to redeem us from our slavery to sin and death. That is why the Father sent us his beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave up his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. In this great exchange - the Father giving up his Son to death on the cross to give us abundant everlasting life and adopt us as his beloved sons and daughters in Christ (Romans 8:14-17).

It is for this reason that we can take hold of a hope that does not fade and a joy that does not diminish because God has poured his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us (Romans 5:5). God's love is not limited or subject to changing circumstances. It is an enduring love that has power to change and transform us to be like him - merciful, gracious, kind, forgiving, and steadfast in showing love not only for our friends, but for our enemies as well. God's love is boundless because he is the source of abundant life, perfect peace, and immeasurable joy for all who open their hearts to him. That is why Jesus came to give us abundant life through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, the Lord Jesus tells us that he is our friend, and he loves us whole-heartedly and unconditionally. He wants us to love one another just as he loves us, whole-heartedly and without reserve. His love fills our hearts and transforms our minds and frees us to give ourselves in loving service to others. If we open our hearts to his love and obey his command to love our neighbor, then we will bear much fruit in our lives, fruit that will last for eternity.

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.

Rectory Air Conditioning

We are happy to say that the repairs to the air conditioning system in the rectory have been completed. We are very grateful to the two generous families who together have funded the repairs in their entirety. Thank you so much!

New Ambry

We have installed a new ambry on the left side wall of the altar. Please have a look at the three holy oils. OS is Oil of Catechumens, SC is the Sacred Chrism oil, and OI is Oil of the Sick. Thank you to Daniel who designed and built a beautiful place for our holy oils.

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.

The Pope's Pastoral Works Offering

This weekend, on May 4-5, there is a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works.

Building Fund

There will be a second collection next weekend, May 11-12, for our church's Building Fund. Thank you for your help.

Church Parking

We would like to remind parishioners that the church parking lot is only for parishioners with mobility problems. Those wishing to park there for this reason will need to speak to Fr. Mani for authorization beforehand.

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