

St. Pius X Parish

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Pastoral Staff

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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, June 15

5pm + Leo Di Domenico

Sunday, June 16

9am Parishioners

11am + Stephen Werbicki

Tuesday, June 18

8:30am Parishioners

Wednesday, June 19

8:30am + Gervasio Estorba

Thursday, June 20

8:30am + Maria Kunkevich

Friday, June 21

8:30am Christopher Kim

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 17.22-24

Psalm: Ps 92.1-2, 12-13, 14-15

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.6-10

Gospel: Mark 4.26-34

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. 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:

June 1-10 & 26-29

Josie Radic

June 11-18

C. Simon

June 19-25

Estorba & Udasco Family

GOSPEL REFLECTION

He explained everything in private to his disciples

In the cryptic message of the prophet Ezekiel, long centuries before the Lord's coming, God gave His people reason to hope. Ezekiel glimpsed a day when the Lord God would place a tree on a mountain in Israel, a tree that would "put forth branches and bear fruit." Who could have predicted that the tree would be a cross on the hill of Calvary, and that the fruit would be salvation? Ezekiel foresees salvation coming to "birds of every kind"—thus, not just to the people of Israel, but also to the Gentiles, who will "take wing" through their new life in Christ. God indeed will "lift high the lowly tree," as He solemnly promises.

Such salvation surpasses humanity's most ambitious dreams. And so, we express our gratitude in the Psalm: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." It is indeed good, and better still to give thanks with praise. The Psalmist speaks of those who are just upon the earth but looks to God as the source and measure of justice, of righteousness. Like Ezekiel, he evokes the image of a flourishing tree to describe the lives of the just. The image, again, suggests the Cross as the measure of righteousness.

The Cross is a sign of contradiction to those who would rather "flourish" in worldly terms. As St. Paul emphasizes to the Corinthians, we need courage. Our faith makes us strong, and it is proved in our deeds. He reminds us that we will be judged by the ways our faith manifests itself in works: "so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

God Himself will empower the works He expects from us, though it is we who freely choose to correspond to His grace. In the prophetic oracles, He scattered the seed that sprang up and became the mustard tree, large enough to accommodate all the birds of the sky, just as Ezekiel had seen. He gave this doctrine to His disciples in terms they were able to understand, and He provided a full explanation. In the sacraments He provides still more: the grace of faith and the courage we need to live in the world as children of God.

How has God's Word most powerfully resonated within you over this past year? Identifying the way that God has spoken to you recently is the best way to decide how to continue to receive from Him all that He wants to teach you and reveal to you at this point of your journey of faith.

PARISH NEWS

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.

Fathers' Day Message

Archbishop Francis Leo has prepared a message for Fathers' Day on June 16th. Please see the message available here: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/archbishop-leos-message-for-fathers-day/>.

Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

The month of June is devoted to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Archbishop Francis Leo has published a special message about this devotion. You can read his message here: <https://www.archtoronto.org/pt/outreach/news/archdiocesan/message-of-archbishop-leo-on-devotion-to-the-most-sacred-heart-of-jesus/>.

Young Adult Ministry BBQ

Holy Smoke: S'mores & More! features an event for those interested in Young Adult Ministry (age 18–39). Join them for a summer BBQ on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, from 07:00 to 9:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church Rectory Garden (enter off St. Patrick Street). Gather around the fire for make-your-own S'mores. An evening of food and fellowship. Invite a friend. Register at: www.ignite-canada.ca/events. Admission is free, donations welcome. This event is hosted by St. Patrick's Ignite Young Adult Ministry.

Mary, Mother of God School

This school is an affordable private school (Grades K-12) located in the Roncesvalles / Parkdale area. It is deeply rooted in Catholic traditions with a special devotion to Our Lady. The school is interviewing for September 2024 classes. More information can be found at www.marymotherofgodschool.org, or 416-531-7897.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection for the Building Fund this weekend, June 15-16, 2024.

Vocations

Today's readings remind us that great things often have small beginnings. If you feel 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: vocations@archtoronto.org. For more information www.vocationstoronto.ca.



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