

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, June 29

5pm + Gerardo & Maria Barbiero

Sunday, June 30

9am Parishioners

11am + Amelia & José Udasco

Tuesday, July 2

8:30am Julia

Wednesday, July 3

8:30am Parishioners

Thursday, July 4

8:30am Most Abandoned Souls in Purgatory

+ Gerardo & Maria Barbiero

+ Jessica Hanna

Friday, July 5

8:30am Thanksgiving

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 1.13-15; 2.23-24

Psalm: Ps 30.1+3, 4-5, 10+11a+12b

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8.7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5.21-24, 35-43

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 26-29

Josie Radic

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Do Not Fear, Only Believe

Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a hemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. Jesus' disciples, always a little clueless in Mark's Gospel, help us envision the scene. The crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, knowing that power has gone out of him, asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Notice the parents follow Him even though those in their own house tell them there is no hope, and even though others ridicule Jesus' claim that the dead have only fallen asleep. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

On one level, Mark is recounting an event that led the disciples to understand Jesus' authority and power over even the final enemy, death. On another level, however, this episode is written to strengthen our hope that we too will be raised from the dead, along with all our loved ones who sleep in Christ. Jesus commands the girl to "Arise!"—using the same Greek word used to describe His own resurrection (Mark 16:6). And the consoling message of today's Gospel is that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. If we believe in Him, even though we die, we will live. We are called to have the same faith as the parents in the Gospel today, praying for our loved ones, trusting in Jesus' promise that even death cannot keep us apart.

PARISH NEWS

2024 Mission Co-op Program

This program offers an opportunity for parishes to invite missionaries from other countries to speak to us about their work. This year, we have invited Sr. Servatrix Joseph Shemaghembe of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara in the diocese of Tanga, Tanzania. She will speak to us at the Masses on July 6th and 7th about the Sisters' care of the most deprived of the people of Tanzania.

Volunteer Screening Coordinator

The Parish needs a Volunteer Screening Coordinator. This role is responsible for administering the application process and screening requirements of all volunteers for this Parish. For an interview, please contact Fr. Mani.

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.

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/>.

Vocations

Jesus healed Jairus's daughter by saying "Talitha cum" which means "little girl, get up!" Has the Lord called you to get up and walk? Perhaps Jesus wants you to help others get up and walk. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or the diaconate, 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.



The **Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed** will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00 pm. Masses throughout the Greater Toronto Area and Barrie will take place for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic Cemeteries at the following locations:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga

Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham

Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlasic

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill

Most Rev. Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto

Most Rev. Robert Kasun

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge

Rev. Msgr. Patrick O'Dea

Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby

Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen

St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie

Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau

In the event of rain, Masses will be held in:

Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum at Assumption Cemetery.

Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery.

St. Anthony's Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Main Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery.

Reception Centre at the Cemetery Office of Christ the King Cemetery.

Mount Hope Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto.

St. Mary's Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. John Vianney Parish, 13 Baldwin Lane, Barrie.

The Source Holy Hour

The Sisters of Life will sing their widely-known Holy Hour accompanied by guitar on Thursday, July 25 from 7pm to 9pm at St. Peter's Church, 840 Bathurst Street (very close to Bathurst subway station). More information (and a sample live recording) can be found at <https://sistersoflife.org/the-source-holy-hour/>.

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