

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, July 20

5pm Jackie & Sara

Sunday, July 21

9am Parishioners

11am + Judith Azzopardi

Tuesday, July 23

8:30am + Alec Riley

Wednesday, July 24

8:30am + Anna Lapinski

Thursday, July 25

8:30am Most Abandoned Souls in Purgatory
+ Antoine Nguyen

Friday, July 26

8:30am Anna Migliore

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 23.1-6

Psalm: Ps 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2.13-18

Gospel: Mark 6.30-34

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:

GOSPEL REFLECTION

...and he had compassion for them

According to the pattern set by David, a shepherd boy whom the Lord chose to be king, Israelite kings were meant to be shepherds of their people. Recent rulers had grievously failed in this role and allowed “the flock” to be destroyed and scattered (in exile). For Jeremiah, the task of the coming righteous “Branch of David” will be that of gathering the exiles and healing a severely wounded people. The Christian reading of Old Testament passages such as these obviously understood them with respect to Jesus in a fully messianic sense. Hence the presentation of him as compassionate Shepherd King that we find in the gospels. They point not merely to a coming ruler of David’s line who would be an improvement upon those recently in power, but to a ruler who would be God’s instrument in bringing about a far more radical renewal.

In today’s Gospel, the disciples have returned full of enthusiasm for the success of their healing and teaching activity. These are the early days in the ministry of Jesus when he is widely popular, with people flocking to him on all sides for healing and instruction. It is a popularity that will soon fall away—and turn, in the end, to hostility. Perhaps it is precisely because of his awareness that the disciples could be carried away by all the enthusiasm that Jesus attempts to take them away to be alone with himself for a while. They cannot be bearers of healing and liberation without themselves constantly tapping the life-giving source of the capacity to do so.

But, as in that earlier instance (1:36-39), the attempt to find some rest and peace is not successful. While Jesus and the disciples seek to escape in a boat – always a symbol of the Church in Mark – the enthusiastic crowds follow on foot and are there waiting for Jesus as soon as he disembarks. So, we are presented with the image of the Shepherd-Messiah who is overcome with compassion. The underlying Greek expression *splangchnistheis* has the sense of being moved with emotion to the depth of one’s being – literally, to one’s entrails. We are invited to look out upon the people through the eyes of Jesus: to see them as sheep without a shepherd – scattered and leaderless.

The Church’s pastoral and teaching ministry is simply an extension of this pastoral compassion of Jesus. Like the disciples with Jesus in the boat, those who minister in his name learn here to look out through his eyes upon those to whom they are sent. (Reflection excerpted from: Fr. Brendan Byrne SJ - Homily Notes).

PARISH NEWS

2025 Pilgrimage

Fr. Mani will be leading a 12-day spiritual pilgrimage to Greece, Turkey and Cyprus next spring. The tour will start on May 26th bound for Athens, from where pilgrims will visit ancient sites notable for their historical significance and beauty. The sites include two in which St. Paul was active. On May 30th, you will embark on the Royal Caribbean Cruise - Brilliance of the Seas for transport to many fascinating monasteries, cathedrals, castles and other sites both antiquated and modern, until the June 6th flight home. Please see details in the foyer, visit our Parish News at <https://saintpiusx.ca>, or speak to Fr. Mani after Mass.

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.

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/>.

First Millennial Saint

Pope Francis and the Consistory of Cardinals voted to approve the canonization of the first Saint from Generation Y, those born between 1981 and 1996 commonly known as millennials. Blessed Carlo Acutis will likely be proclaimed a Saint during the 2025 Jubilee, possibly along with other canonizations. Born to Italian parents in London, England, in 1991, Blessed Carlo was a web designer who died from leukemia at the age of 15 in Monza, Italy. He was known for his devotion to Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions, which he catalogued on a website he designed.

According to the *Peroratio*, Blessed Carlo was “welcoming and caring towards the poorest, and he helped the homeless, the needy, and immigrants with the money he saved from his weekly allowance.” A healing miracle has been attributed to him.



Virtual Faith Formation Courses

As part of an ongoing collaboration with the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Formation for Discipleship, the University of Dayton in Ohio has released several new courses in conjunction with its Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) program. Now open for registration are 41 distinct and unique programs for faith formation, all of which are designed to increase and enhance students' development in their Catholic faith. Each five-week Cycle 6 course will run from September 2nd to October 6th, with applications starting now and closing August 28th. Courses available for registration include Bible basics, introduction to pastoral care, introduction to liturgy, New and Old Testament studies, praying with children, theological reflection and Church history. The courses are offered in English, Spanish and Arabic. As members of the Archdiocese of Toronto, parishioners pay discounted course fees of \$50 each (less than half). For more information, and to become a new student: [VLCFF @ UD > Become a New Student \(udayton.edu\)](https://vlcff@ud.edu).

Vocations

When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocation discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of-the-way place. If you feel the call is genuine, 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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