

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/Committees/Organizations

- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Ushers/Greeters
- Musicians
- Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation,
First Holy Communion, and Confirmation
- Collection Counters
- Finance Council
- Building Committee
- Volunteer Screening Committee
- Catholic Women's League

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

To Join



To Volunteer



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 14

5pm + Gregorio and Teresa Yrastorza

Sunday, September 15

9am Health of Fernando Santos

11am Parishioners

Tuesday, September 17

8:30am Carmel Hayes

Wednesday, September 18

8:30am + Anna Pham

Thursday, September 19

8:30am + John Nguyen

Friday, September 20

8:30am + Luz Pulido

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 50.5-9

Psalms: Ps 116.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Second Reading: James 2.14-18

Gospel: Mark 8.27-35

Sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary lamp 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 Sanctuary Lamp. 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 Lamp burns for their intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the intentions of:

Barbara & Cecylia Wojs --
September

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

In his spiritual classic, the *Ascent to Mount Carmel*, St. John says, "Strive always to prefer, not that which is easiest, but that which is most difficult; Not that which is most attractive, but that which is most unpleasant; Not that which gives most pleasure, but rather that which gives least..." These spiritual maxims, when read in their entirety, challenge us to the core of our being. They quickly reveal to those who are honest that they often prefer the easiest, most pleasant and best that this world has to offer.

But what is best for your eternal soul? Jesus' teaching, that we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him, is the road map to saving your eternal soul and to discovering a spiritual fulfillment that far surpasses anything this world or our flesh have to offer. But to understand this road map and then to follow it, we often need to make a "spiritual U-turn" so to speak. This U-turn begins with us choosing the Cross on every level of our being and concludes with God stripping away all selfish desires and replacing them with a desire for sacrificial love.

If you were to carefully examine your thoughts throughout the day, you might find that you think about yourself a lot. "I like this, don't want to do that, am angry about this, and am trying to avoid that..." Very often, our thoughts begin with "I" and end with "me." Denying yourself, taking up your cross, and losing your life means that you no longer think about yourself. It means that the eyes of your soul have turned away from yourself and focus exclusively upon the will of God and the love of others. But this will never be possible until we are freed of the numerous selfish desires that often direct most of our actions day in and day out. Reflect, today, upon that which you desire throughout your day. What occupies your thoughts the most? What are you drawn to the most? Do you spend most of your day thinking about how you can better serve God and His holy will? Or do you spend most of your day thinking about yourself? Do the eyes of your soul most often turn to the selfless service of others? Or do they more often think about what you want in a selfish way? Reflect upon these difficult questions and seek to eradicate everything within you that is selfish.

PARISH NEWS

First Communion & Confirmation Registration

The Registration forms and Schedule of classes for the preparation of your children to receive these sacraments is now posted on our website. Please register your child or children as soon as possible. Registration closes for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation closes on October 13th, 2024.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion:

Grade 2 and above: Information Meeting with parents & children, and Journey Through the Mass for children and parents, take place on October 19, 2024. This meeting is mandatory.

Confirmation: Grade 7 and above: Information Meeting with parents and candidates, and Journey Through the Mass for candidates and parents, take place on March 8, 2025. This meeting is mandatory.

ShareLife Combats Hunger Anew

The Archdiocese of Toronto, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese, and a generous donor are committing \$750,000 to combat the food insecurity crisis. "We see and feel the pain of those struggling to feed their families, and it moves us deeply," says Archbishop Francis Leo. "Proverbs 22:9 reminds us, 'The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.' Our faith calls and challenges us to be the beating heart and outstretched hands of Christ himself, extending his love and compassion to those in need." Please share your blessings by contributing at sharelife.org/donate or through our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.

Summer is Over!

It's time to start thinking about how you can be more involved in the life of your parish community.

We will be needing Children's Liturgy Leaders, Altar Servers, Catechists for the First Communion and Confirmation Programs, Choir Members, Church Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and more.

Serra Club of Downtown Meeting September 18, 2024

The next meeting of the Downtown Serra Club, drawing members from numerous Toronto parishes, will take place on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, in the St. Basil's Parish Hall

following the 12:10 pm Mass. The guest speaker will be Dr. Moira McQueen, President of Serra International. Dr. McQueen is also Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute and teaches moral theology at the University of St. Michael's College.

St. Michael the Archangel Celebration

Archbishop Francis Leo has published a letter in anticipation of the Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel on September 29th:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/archbishop-leo-invites-the-faithful-to-join-novena-for-saint-michael-the-archangel/>.

He also invites everyone to pray the Novena to St. Michael in preparation for the feast. It begins on September 20th and ends on September 28th.

Please find the prayer and instructions at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/contentassets/f280a716997f4943bd29ced43df94b53/novena-to-saint-michael-the-archangel.pdf>. (You can access websites more easily using the links in the Bulletin posted on our Parish website.)

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Jubilee of Youth 2025

July 23 - August 5, 2025 - Rome

To register: <https://ocytoronto.org/young-adults/jubilee-of-youth-2025>.



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