

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, October 19

5pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

Sunday, October 20

9am + Kitty DiFrancesco

11am Parishioners

Tuesday, October 22

8:30am Carmel Hayes

Wednesday, October 23

8:30am + Jacob Abreu

Thursday, October 24

8:30am + Dorothy & Patrick Hayes

Judy Valera

Friday, October 25

8:30am Richard Miazek

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 53.10-11

Psalm: Ps 33.4-5, 18-19, 20+22

Second Reading: Hebrews 4.14-16

Gospel: Mark 10.35-45

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:

GOSPEL REFLECTION

...whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.

James and John make a bold request. They ask Jesus to sit at his right hand and his left, in his glory. But notice the gentleness in Jesus' response. He tells them: "You do not know what you are asking." He uses biblical imagery to hint at what lies in store. 'Baptism' does not refer to the Christian sacrament but evokes a biblical metaphor in which going through trials is depicted as a passage through stormy, turbulent waters. Likewise, 'cup' is a biblical metaphor for the fate that lies ahead of a person: what he or she will receive from the hand of God. Without realizing, it seems, what they are letting themselves in for, James and John express their readiness to share Jesus' 'cup'. He accepts their declaration and affirms its eventual realization (something that James at least fulfilled in dying a martyr's death [Acts 12:2]). But the allotment of places in his kingdom belongs not to himself but to the Father

The other apostles, however, were not as gentle as Jesus. We read that when they heard about this request from James and John they "began to be angry" about it. Our fallen human nature is regularly tempted to desire worldly greatness, prestige, honors and admiration. We want others to think well of us and even to envy us. But recall that this was one of the temptations that Jesus overcame in the desert. The devil tempted our Lord by promising Him earthly rule over all the nations. Jesus rejected this temptation and, by doing so, provides all the grace we need to do the same.

One thing this passage reveals is that our Lord is patient with us as we work through our sin. He was patient and gentle with James and John while they attempted to gain places of honor next to Him. He was patient with the indignation of the other apostles when they struggled with envy and jealousy. And Jesus will be patient with us as we work through the sins that most tempt us. In addition to His patience, Jesus also provides us with the tools we need to overcome our own temptations. One tool Jesus provides us with is truth itself. Jesus' truth, found in His many teachings and in the example He set, is often contrary to the wisdom of our age and the tendencies we experience within our fallen human nature. In fact, we can be certain that almost every tendency and desire we will experience in life will be disordered to a certain extent. This is because our human nature itself is disordered on account of original sin. The only way to reorder our desires and tendencies is to turn to the clear and profound truths our Lord has given us. Facing the truth within our fallen human nature does not have to be difficult. We only make it difficult when we refuse to admit our disorders. In reality, conversion of our hearts and the reordering of our desires can be a gentle, peaceful and even joyful process if we allow our Lord to speak to us in the way He spoke to the apostles. (*Excerpt: My Catholic Life*)

PARISH NEWS

All Souls' Day November 2nd – 8:30am Mass

This year, All Souls' Day falls on Saturday, November 2nd. A special Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am for all deceased souls in our families and our parish. We will accept multiple Mass Intentions for that day only. Mass will also be celebrated at 5pm as usual.

Memorial Cards

As we did last year, we will be placing memorial cards of your deceased loved ones on a table in front of the altar. Please bring your memorial cards and give them to Fr. Mani after any Mass.

Confirmation Registration

The Registration Form and Schedule of Classes for the preparation of children in Gr. 7 and above is posted on our website. Confirmation registration will close on **December 15^h, 2024**. The Information Meeting and Journey Through the Mass for candidates and parents will take place on March 8, 2025. This meeting is mandatory. **Note: Please check online for the change of dates for Confirmation Rehearsal and the day of the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

Volunteers for Children's Liturgy

We are starting up catechism classes in November! We need volunteers during the 11am Mass on Sundays for children in JK to Grade 1. For now, Grade 2 children will also be welcome until more volunteers participate in this important spiritual education for your children. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Mani.



Coffee Sunday – October 20th

Come and join us for the Coffee Sunday on October 20th after the 11am Mass.

Christmas Bazaar – November 16th

The CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on Saturday, November 16th from 10am to 2pm in the Church Hall. Items for sale include: Baked Goods, New Gifts, Christmas Decorations, Knitted Goods, and Jewellery. There will also be a Silent Auction and Wine Raffle. Donations of homemade baked good can be dropped off in the Church Hall on Friday, November 15th, between 5pm and 8pm or Saturday,

November 16th, before the Bazaar. Please mark if baking contains nuts. All proceeds from the Bazaar will go to various charities. Please come out and support this event with your family and friends, do some early Christmas shopping, and share in the St. Pius X community spirit over a cup of coffee or tea.

Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection this weekend, October 19-20, for World Mission Sunday. Envelopes are available in the foyer. *Please note that for those whose donations are through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), you may also wish to contribute to our second collections, as well as to special collections. This can be done on our website at <https://saintpiusx.ca> by choosing "Credit Card Giving" under the "Donations" tab. This will automatically take you to our Parish's archdiocese website where you can contribute to our Parish Building Fund and other collections, such as World Mission Sunday.*

Joint call for Help and Prayers for Lebanon

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have approved a Joint Call by three Catholic organizations to support this appeal: Development and Peace Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, and Catholic Near East Welfare Association. The press release and more details can be viewed at: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/urgent-appeal-for-support-in-lebanon-joint-call-for-help-and-prayers/>.

St. Michael's College School - October 22nd

The Office of Admissions is now considering applications for September 2025. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12. The second Open House is being held on October 22nd at 7:00pm. Contact 416-653-3180 or www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com.

Month of the Holy Rosary and of the Missions

October is the month of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and also of World Missions. Archbishop Francis Leo has issued a Message for October: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/arch-diocesan/archbishop-leos-message-for-october-month-of-the-holy-rosary-and-of-the-missions/>. In it, he urges us to read Pope St. John Paul II's 2002 Apostolic Letter, "The Rosary of the Virgin Mary". (Links are more easily accessible through the Bulletin on our website.)

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