

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 Donate



To Volunteer



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 16

5pm + Goldfrida Kucinskis

Sunday, November 17

9am Parishioners

11am + Joseph Slobodnik

Tuesday, November 19

8:30am + Amelia Udasco

Wednesday, November 20

8:30am For Peace in the Family

Thursday, November 21

8:30am For Peaceful Travel

Friday, November 22

8:30am + John & Mary O'Toole

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Daniel 12.1-3

Psalm: Ps 16.5+8, 9-10, 11

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13.24-32

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

...after the time of suffering, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven...

It is The Book of Daniel that inspired the later biblical literature cast in this dramatic imagery – especially Revelation (the Apocalypse). In Mark's Gospel, Jesus foresees the destruction of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem, wars and turmoil on an international scale, the persecution of his followers and even betrayal and deceit within the community.

The "suffering" of which our Lord speaks, refers to a great persecution of the Church and of those with faith. Regarding this tribulation, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. (#675)

When all this happens, many will be tempted to give up in despair. Why, granted all this upheaval and suffering, has he not returned as Son of Man to vindicate the faithful and bring in the final Rule (Kingdom) of God? Jesus foresees such sentiment and counters it in advance with a double message. The important thing to grasp is that such religious writing usually arises out of a situation of oppression and great difficulty for the faithful. It aims to interpret what is happening and give assurance.

The Gospel for today features the climactic moment in the discourse when Jesus describes the arrival of the Son of Man. The vivid apocalyptic imagery is there to portray the truth that the One who was crucified and seemingly overcome by evil, is now about to extend the triumph of his resurrection over the entire universe. The events described have their forbidding aspects, but it is important to stress that the message for the faithful remains one of assurance and vindication. Things may be dismaying and tough now but the future belongs to God and to the values demonstrated in the life of Jesus, rather than with human forces of death and exploitation.

What we do not know is how much longer the struggle must go on. That remains wrapped in God's mystery – even, in Mark's view, for the earthly Jesus ('the Son') himself. Understood in this way, the Gospel, for all its outward strangeness, addresses the present uncertain situation of our world and the dismay many experience as a result of it. Jesus knows and has taken into account the way we feel. (*Excerpt: My Catholic Life; Brendan Byrne, SJ*)

PARISH NEWS

New – Multiple Intentions

Beginning this week, the Parish will accept multiple Mass Intentions on the first Friday of every month. This is in addition to the current multiple Mass Intentions every Thursday.

2025 Sunday Missals - November 23-24

Missals for the 2025 liturgical year will be available for purchase after all Masses on the weekends of *November 23-24* and *November 30-December 1*. The cost of the missals will be \$5.00 each. Exact change would be appreciated.

Offertory Boxes of Envelopes

Watch for the boxes of envelopes for 2025 in the church foyer before every weekend Mass starting the weekend of December 7-8. If you have not yet registered as a parishioner, we ask that you do so on our website (note the QR Code "To Join" on the front of the bulletin). You will be assigned a box number if you choose. However, we continue to encourage parishioners to sign up for online donations instead of envelopes. This leads to cost and time savings for the Parish.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Mark your calendars and come out for Reconciliation (Confession) on Saturday, December 7th between 10am and 12pm. Several priests will be available.

St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert Saturday, December 14 at 7pm

A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 59th Annual Christmas concert at Massey Hall, packed with beloved works including Vivaldi's *Gloria*, *Carol of the Bells*, and *The Star Carol*. Brochures for *Gloria!* can be found in the church foyer, and tickets are available at <https://masseyhall.mhrth.com/tickets/st-michaels-christmas-concert/>. Use the Promo Code: STARLIGHT. For information, call 416-397-6367. (See our online bulletin for easier access to long links.)

Special Collection

This weekend, November 16-17, a special collection will be held for The Shepherds' Trust. This fund helps to support our elderly and disabled priests. Many of them do not have sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. For those who are ill or infirm, The Shepherds' Trust supports many with

access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Please show your gratitude for their long service by donating generously.

ShareLife Matching Gift Opportunity

Between now and December 31, gifts to ShareLife will be matched up to \$500,000. We are grateful for the kind generosity of the anonymous donor who is making this possible. Double your impact, and offer much-needed support to our agencies as they meet the growing needs within our community.

Date Night at Newman Centre November 22 – 6pm to 9pm

Date Night at the Newman Centre offers Catholic couples an opportunity to strengthen their relationships through faith, fellowship and meaningful discussions. The evening includes a three-course dinner with wine, a spiritual talk, and fellowship. It's a chance for couples to deepen their connection with each other and with God in a welcoming, supportive environment. Register at <https://square.link/u/YCGhjXg?src=webqr>, or call 416-979-2468 ext. 230. Tickets are \$50 per couple. (Please see the Bulletin on our website for easy access to longer links.)

World Youth Day 2024

World Youth Day this year falls on November 24th, the Solemnity of Christ the King. Archbishop Francis Leo has issued a special message: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/world-youth-day-message-from-archbishop-leo/>. To mark this auspicious occasion, the Archbishop will be presiding over Holy Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 2 p.m., on Sunday, November 24th. He encourages everyone between the ages of 19-39 who is able to please consider joining him for the celebration of the Eucharist at St. Michael's and the social following Mass.

Joint call for Help and Prayers for Lebanon

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved a Joint Call by three Catholic organizations to support this urgent 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/>.

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