

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/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 30

5pm + Amelia & José Udasco

Sunday, December 1

9am + John & Mary O'Toole

11am Parishioners

Tuesday, December 3

8:30am + Herminia Rodrigues

Wednesday, December 4

8:30am + Roseann Cinelli

Thursday, December 5

8:30am Parishioners

Friday, December 6

8:30am Health of Aida Zarate

1st Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalm: Ps 25.4-5a,8-9,10+14

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2

Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

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 in December for the intentions of:

Marilyn Tremblay



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Be alert at all times...

Advent transports us back to the longing of the prophets of Israel for the coming of a Saviour. The Saviour has come, but salvation is not complete. We proclaim, "Christ has died, Christ is risen", and then add, "Christ will come again". Why? Because there is so much "unfinished business" in the work of redemption. Our world and even the lives of believers still appear very "unredeemed". Our salvation is still being worked out.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, He indicates that it is others who will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength.

The end times will culminate in the final return of the Messiah on the Day of Judgment. Is it then an event to be feared and dreaded? Not if we view it as the wonderful fulfillment of all that was prophesied long ago to the nations regarding the restoration of "Paradise Lost." In the coming of Christ, our estrangement from God is reversed, and thus, full participation in divine life is possible for all people. Nothing could be more desired by any of us! If we are unprepared for the coming of Christ, we risk forfeiting eternal life. The gift of life in Christ forever is never forced on us, though, but lovingly offered, with a hope that those who truly desire, even if ever so slightly, truly shall find all that satisfies the restless heart seeking for something beyond itself.

What must we avoid in order to recognize truly the signs that accompany the coming of the Lord? We are to counter such things as indifference, the temptation to give up along the way, to fall asleep spiritually, and just drift through life without fervor or zeal for the things of God. How easy it is to be distracted by what is of little or no consequence and be weighed down with troubles, without hope or trust in the God who made us to know, love and serve him. May this Advent be one of joy knowing we are making use of our time and energy for the things of God, the good gifts bestowed on those who seek first the Kingdom of God. (*Excerpts from: Brendan Byrne, SJ; Loyola Press; Monastery of Christ in the Desert*)

PARISH NEWS

Offertory Boxes of Envelopes

Your 2025 box of envelopes will be available in the church foyer starting this weekend. If you do not have an existing box number, please speak to Fr. Mani. You will need to register as a parishioner on our website (note the QR Code "To Join" on the front of the bulletin) so that your donations become eligible for a tax receipt. 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.

Rosary Apostolate in the School

Two volunteers are leading a Rosary Apostolate at St. Pius X Catholic School. This apostolate engages children in elementary grades and is very rewarding. If you are willing to dedicate two hours a month as a Rosary Visitor to pray with a school Prayer Group, call Ann Rooney (416-769-9749). For more information, visit <https://www.rosaryapostolate.com/school.html>,

Christmas Church Decorations

Do you enjoy the creativity and festivities of Christmas decorating? All are welcome to help make our church beautiful in early December! Just call the parish office with your availability.

Christmas Altar Trees & Advent Wreath

As part of the celebration of the Advent and Christmas season, our parish installs two evergreen trees near the altar. These trees have deep Christian significance. For a fascinating history of the symbolism of Christmas trees, see: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/christmas-tree-legends-traditions-history-1763>. We also place an Advent wreath beside the altar. Any assistance given for the purchase of these trees or the wreath would be greatly appreciated.

Call for Children's Liturgy Volunteers!

We are continuing our call for parishioners who attend the 11 am Sunday Mass and who would like to teach young children (JK to Gr. 1) about the Catholic liturgy. *Volunteers would engage in a rotating schedule so they will be able to choose*

when they attend. We can only go ahead with this program with the support of several parishioners. If you would like to participate in this valuable program, please speak to Fr. Mani after any Mass, or come to the office.



Coffee Sunday – December 1st

Come and join your fellow parishioners for a friendly chat over coffee, tea and CWL's home-made treats after the 11am Mass. Children are very welcome!

Christmas Bazaar Update

The Catholic Women's League Annual Christmas Bazaar was a great success this year thanks to the help and support of our St. Pius X parishioners and the following donors:

Baby Point Hardware	Meaty Eats
Book City	No Frills
Bukhara Grill	Petti Fine Foods
Capucci Salon & Spa	Queen Margherita
Cecil Ward & Sons Men's Shop	Pizzeria
Cheese Boutique	Second Cup
Cookery Shop	Serenity Nail Salon
Coffee Boutique	Skin & Beauty Fresh Spa
Durbar Indian Restaurant	Sorrento
Gatto Stone Oven Pizza	Hairstylists
Lemon & Lavender	Starbucks
Mad Mexican	

Please visit these local businesses that kindly donated to our Bazaar. The CWL Bazaar not only raises funds to be distributed to various charitable organizations, but also brings the St. Pius X Parish community together. Thank you for all your support.

Second Collection

The last collection of the year for the parish Building Fund will be next weekend, December 7-8.

"Journey Through Advent"

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is presenting an online weekly video series. This year, the reflections will be led by Archbishop Leo and will offer meaningful reflections on the Gospel readings during each of the four Sundays of Advent. Visit <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>.

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