

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, January 18

5 pm Parishioners

Sunday, January 19

9 am Anna Soltys

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, January 21

8:30 am + José Udasco

Wednesday, January 22

8:30 am Parishioners

Thursday, January 23

8:30 am Parishioners

Friday, January 24

8:30 am Parishioners

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5

Psalm: Ps 96.1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 9-10ac

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.4-11

Gospel: John 2.1-12

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 becomes an opportunity for friends and families to pray at the Tabernacle knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in January for the intentions of:

Marilyn Tremblay



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus did this, the first of his signs...and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding—Adam and Eve’s in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb (Genesis 2:23–24 and Revelation 19:9; 21:9; 22:17)? Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today’s First Reading. That is why Jesus performs His first public “sign” at a wedding feast.

What is important in the Cana episode is not so much the miracle itself – Jesus’ miraculous provision of wine – but what the miracle, as a sign, reveals concerning the presence of God. Jesus uses His miracles to prepare His disciples for the “hour” of grace and glory that is to come. Yet awareness of Jesus’ impending passion and death is ever present in John’s Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus’ first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus’ passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples’ feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John’s Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

At the end of the wedding story, the evangelist comments about Jesus, “He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him”. What John is pointing out is that the glory of God is, because of the Incarnation, now displayed and made accessible to human beings in the person of Jesus – and in such human occasions as a village wedding where the wine runs out. God has “pitched his tent among us” in this remarkable sense. By providing for this wedding superior wine in abundance, Jesus reveals himself to be the true Bridegroom of Israel. He fulfils in this way the promise beautifully expressed in the First Reading.

Reflect, today, upon this, the first of Jesus’ signs. Try to meditate upon this story as a way of preparing yourself to receive His grace more fully in your life. Think of the superabundance of the miracle and ponder the fact that it points to the superabundance of grace God wants to give you. Reflect, also, upon the fact that it took place by the intercession of Jesus’ dear mother. She also will anticipate your needs and pray for you with her motherly heart. Ponder the beautiful meaning and symbolism in this passage so that you will more fully share in God’s abundant glory. (Excerpts from: *Scott Hahn; Fr. Brendan Byrne, SJ; My Catholic Life.*)

PARISH NEWS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25

2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. In the year 325, the first ecumenical council of bishops met to try to attain consensus on beliefs throughout Christendom. Monthly events taking place throughout Toronto will enable us to engage in a shared journey of reflection and prayer on the theme “A Journey Through the Nicene Creed”. You will find a copy of the poster of events in the lobby, to pick up or take a photo.

Jubilee Year 2025

Pope Francis has designated us as “Pilgrims of Hope” during this Jubilee Year. Our Archdiocese has identified 11 Pilgrimage Churches in the province. They are named here: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-churches/>. Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church will celebrate a Jubilee Mass on February 5th at 7:00 pm. More information on opportunities for plenary indulgences will be forthcoming.

Jubilee of Youth 2025

All young adults (ages 19-39) are invited to join Fr. Paul Magyar and the Archdiocese Office of Catholic Youth team for a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from July 23rd to August 5th, 2025. Please contact youth@archtoronto.org to receive the pilgrim information package. Further information is available from the Coordinator, Amanda Pereira at avperiera@archtoronto.org.

Marriage Sunday 2025

Marriage Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday of February each year. This year, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples. The Mass will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica. All people are welcome to attend, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. This group may

register for reserved seating.
www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

Bazaar Photos

Photos of the CWL Christmas Bazaar are now posted on the website at <https://saintpiusx.ca> under the “News” tab.

Dicastery for Legislative Texts

Pope Francis has appointed our Archbishop, Frank Cardinal Leo, as a member of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Legislative Texts. This office was established to promote the understanding and application of canon law in the Catholic Church. Its primary responsibilities include the correct interpretation and application of Church laws for both the Latin Church and the Eastern Churches.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:
2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebFeb01
3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write “webinar February 1” in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus of the Office of Catholic Youth invites post-secondary students and recent graduates to discern the call to serve young people this summer. Apart from receiving a fair wage, the true value of this experience is growing in virtue and your relationship with God. The opportunity involves a three-month commitment from June to August. After a month of training and formation, these leaders are sent out to serve as missionaries in parishes. Share your love for God in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. The deadline to apply is January 31st. www.totustuutoronto.ca.

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