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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, July 26

5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

Sunday, July 27

9 am Parishioners

11 am Bernardina Lopez Lontoc

Tuesday, July 29

8:30 am Parishioners

Wednesday, July 30

8:30 am Parishioners

Thursday, July 31

8:30 am Parishioners

Friday, August 1

8:30 am + Savariammal



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 18.20-32

Psalm: Ps 138.1-2a, 2b-3, 6-7ab, 7c-8

Second Reading: Colossians 2.12-14

Gospel: Luke 11.1-13



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 July for the intentions of:

Norah De Cuyper

GOSPEL REFLECTION

“Lord, teach us to pray...”

In today's Gospel we are given three teachings on prayer. First, Jesus teaches His disciples what has come to be called “The Lord's Prayer.” Second, He teaches about the importance of persistence in prayer. Third, He teaches about the fruit that comes from true and persistent prayer.

The Church Father Tertullian said that The Lord's Prayer “is truly the summary of the whole Gospel”. Saint Thomas Aquinas said, “The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of prayers.... In it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired”.

Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God's mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah. He taught that we must not simply say a few prayers and leave it at that, giving up if they do not appear to be answered. Instead, we must continuously beg God for His grace until it is bestowed in its fullness.

What will we receive from persistent prayer? We ought not go to God only with our own wants and desires. We ought not beg Him for things that do not fall within His perfect will. Instead, when our prayer is modeled on the Lord's Prayer, and when it is persistent and grounded in faith, then our prayer will be for what the Father bestows upon us, what is His will alone. We must pray that His Kingdom will come. We must trust that He will provide for our needs. We must seek His forgiveness for our sins, and we must pray that He will protect us from the evil one.

Perhaps because of our familiarity with this prayer we can easily gloss over the depth of its meaning. We can fail to use it as a foundation and model for all our prayer. One way to correct this tendency is to use The Lord's Prayer for an extended period by prayerfully pondering every word slowly and meditatively. Doing so will help open us up to these perfect “instructions” on how we should pray. Jesus implies that God on no occasion will fail to respond to our prayer. God will open the door and God will give. The unlimited love and concern of God who is “Abba”, Father, should be a great consolation to our souls, each and every day. (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life; Monastery of Christ in the Desert.*)

PARISH NEWS

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

WDGE 2025 will be celebrated on Sunday, July 27, close to the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The theme is “Blessed are those who have not lost hope” (cf. Sirach 14:2). Let us take this opportunity to uplift grandparents and the elderly, cherishing them as blessings in our faith community. For tips and resources to help highlight this special Day, visit



www.cccb.ca. Pope Leo XIV has also published a message reminding us that the Bible abounds with examples of men and women “whom the Lord called late in life to play a part in his saving plan.” See: MESSAGGIO25-ENG.pdf.

A Note on Prayer

In keeping with today’s Gospel reading, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has compiled some resources to help us grow in our life of prayer: https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Note-on-Prayer_EN-2025-04-22.pdf. There are catechises by Pope Francis and Pope Benedict, and several inspiring videos by Dr. Josephine Lombardi.

Second Collection

There will be another second collection for the Mission Co-op program this weekend, July 26-27. Envelopes are available in the foyer.

Annual Mass for Faithful Departed

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Mass for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic Cemeteries. The Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Locations of Masses and the celebrants are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. The bishop of our Region, Most Rev. Robert Kasun, will celebrate the Mass to be held in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Toronto.

Jubilee Pilgrimage – Martyrs’ Shrine

The Archdiocese of Toronto has organized a “Pilgrims of Hope” pilgrimage to Martyrs’ Shrine for Sunday, August 24. Mass will be celebrated by Frank Cardinal Leo at 11:00 am. There will be opportunities for Reconciliation, a Rosary Procession, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, as well as fellowship with members of our Catholic community. More information is available on the poster on our bulletin board and at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-to-martyrs-shrine/>.

Cardinal’s Dinner

Fr. Mani is inviting parishioners to attend the 2025 Cardinal’s Dinner. It will be held on Wednesday, November 5, at the Pearson Convention Centre in Brampton. The cost is \$225 per person, or \$2,250 for a table of ten. Tickets can be purchased online at www.archtoronto.org/cardinals-dinner, or see Fr. Mani if you wish to donate the cost of one or more tickets, or of a table. Thank you to the parishioner who has already donated the cost of two tickets!

Lumen Gentium

The Lumen Gentium Forum is a Fellowship Program for young Catholic professionals. They are recruiting candidates to join the next group of the fellowship program, a nine-month experience focused on building up Catholic leaders for the Church and for society, offered by CAPP-Canada — the Canadian arm of a Vatican foundation founded by Pope Saint John Paul II, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Toronto. Running from September 2025 to May 2026, this program is designed to form young Catholic lay people, ages 25-40, for their vocations as leaders who serve the common good, share the light of Christ with others, and bring Gospel values alive in their careers, communities, family, parish, and civic engagement — all through their particular talents and skills. Interested candidates may apply at www.LumenForum.ca. Applications will close once a full cohort of 20 Fellows has been recruited. Contact: brendan@lumenforum.ca or robin@lumenforum.ca.



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