

# St. Pius X Parish

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## Pastoral Staff

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(Fr. Mani), **Pastor**

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Anselm Kerkos-De Souza, **Sacramental Preparation Coordinator**

## 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](http://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](http://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, August 2

5 pm + Natalie Carvalho

### Sunday, August 3

9 am Parishioners

11 am Eufrosina Canuel Alegrado

### Tuesday, August 5

8:30 am Lewis Family

### Wednesday, August 6

8:30 am Mary Buckley

### Thursday, August 7

8:30 am + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

### Friday, August 8

8:30 am Sid



## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1.2; 2.21-23

Psalm: Ps 90.3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17

Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12.13-21



### 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 August for the intentions of:**

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

***“Be on your guard against all kinds of greed...”***

We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they'll afford us security and rest. All this is “vanity of vanities,” a false and miserable way of living, as the writer of Ecclesiastes tells us.

This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week's Gospel. The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's care and provision. Jesus calls the rich man a “fool”—a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him. And Paul calls greed “idolatry” in the Second Reading. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, and we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker.

If, as in Jesus' parable, you were cheated out of your inheritance by a sibling, how would you react? If a sibling were to do this, it would clearly be a sin and an injustice. But the more important question is your reaction to being cheated. Being cheated by another might result in one of two responses. The most common response is to immediately seek justice, to fight back. But this is not always what God will inspire us to do. Instead, when we experience injustice, we are given an opportunity to love on a very deep level. And this must be our response. This is why Jesus said we must love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

In the big picture of eternity, earthly injustices are always an opportunity for grace. This is evident by simply looking at the gravest injustice of the suffering and death of the Son of God. Jesus did not complain about being so cruelly treated. He did not call on the angels of Heaven to destroy the Pharisees and Romans who attacked Him. Instead, Jesus used the injustice inflicted upon Him as a foundation for His gift of salvation.

Everything in this world will one day pass away. In the light of that fact, recommit yourself to the embrace of God's riches by loving others through every injustice you encounter in life. (Excerpts from: *Scott Hahn; My Catholic Life.*)

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Visiting Preacher on Missions**

On the weekend of August 16-17, we will welcome Fr. Jubin Lawrence, S.J., who will be preaching to us about his missionary work in different parts of the world. He will also speak about the missionary vocation.

### **Church Repairs**

As a result of last year's flooding incident, we will need to rectify some faulty underground plumbing. This will involve catch basin work at three locations on the property, among other labour. We will also be repairing the posts and roof over the entrance to the office where the flooding occurred. Fr. Mani is asking for help to fund these necessary repairs. In the past, some parishioners have been very generous. A name plaque will be added to the board at the back of the church for anyone who can contribute more than \$3000. Details of these two projects are posted on the board in the church 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-](https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-to-martyrs-shrine/)

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### **Second Collection**

There will be a second collection next weekend, August 9-10, for the Parish Building Fund.

### **Blessed Carlo Acutis**

Carlo Acutis' awaited canonization as the first millennial saint is poised to occur on September 7, 2025. The Italian computer whiz, who famously developed a website documenting Eucharistic miracles before dying at age 15 in 2006 of leukemia, will officially join the sainthood alongside the late Italian Catholic activist Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925). In recent months, Catholics and non-Catholics have learned more about Acutis from a book written by his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, which also features writings from the late youth himself. "God's Influencer: Holy Advice by Carlo Acutis" chronicles how Carlo's faith journey and example ultimately brought his parents and others back to the Lord. The book also provides guidance from the soon-to-be St. Carlo on drawing closer to Jesus through the Eucharist, evangelizing the culture using modern media, and kindling spiritual progress in daily, practical ways. His official website can be found here: [Carlo Acutis](https://www.carloacutis.com/). (For pages in Italian, right click and choose "Translate to English".)

### **A Note on Prayer**

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](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.



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