

St. Pius X Parish

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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, August 16

5 pm Anna & Elena Healing

Sunday, August 17

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Bernice Pivoriunas

Tuesday, August 19

8:30 am + Connie Estorba

Wednesday, August 20

8:30 am Josephine Noroña

Thursday, August 21

8:30 am + Christopher Kim

+ Joseph Cho

Friday, August 22

8:30 am + Herminigilda Casuga



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 38.4-6, 8-10

Psalm: Ps 40.1, 2, 3, 17

Second Reading: Hebrews 12.1-4

Gospel: Luke 12.49-53



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:

Tekun Ji Tjandra

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"I came to bring fire to the earth..."

The image of fire in this week's Gospel has several meanings. Among them, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship. The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants blazing in each of our hearts.

We hear a reference to chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel when John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Baptism, in today's Gospel, does not refer to the sacrament but rather to the ordeal Jesus would suffer at the hands of those who rejected him and his message. In his desire ("how I wish") to ignite this blaze, Jesus knew that he was to be the crucible whereby all of humankind would be judged, purified and refined. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. The "fire" of which He speaks is also His purifying fire of mercy that He poured forth from the Cross as He offered His life for the salvation of the world.

By the radical nature of his person and his message, Jesus' presence among humankind necessarily demanded a choice. There is no abstention from this choice. Those who accepted him and believed would be set at odds with those who rejected him and remained without faith. We also were baptized into His death (Romans 6:3) and, as Jesus' followers, will not be spared our own ordeals. However, in our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah endures. Jeremiah's suffering prefigures Christ in his Passion. But Jeremiah does not face death: he is raised up from the well. So, by His Cross, Jesus has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death.

Our discipleship does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace. It means division and hardship. It may bring us into conflict with our own flesh and blood. We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus. But it is good to be reminded that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy. In our own hardship, we remember that Christ is our true peace. (Excerpts from: *Scott Hahn; Loyola Press; National Catholic Reporter.*)

PARISH NEWS

Visiting Preacher on Missions

This weekend, we 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.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Registration forms for these sacraments for the 2025-26 school year are now available on our website. You can find them under the "Sacraments" tab. This year, registrations will include in-person meetings with Fr. Mani. Please carefully note the procedures and the Class Schedules and plan accordingly.

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 and the wood is rotten. 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.

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/>.

Second Collection

A second collection will be held this weekend, August 16-17, for Canadian Missions. Catholic Missions in Canada and the selected dioceses in Northern Canada will benefit from your generosity to sustain and extend the Catholic faith to isolated, poor, and hard-to-reach mission areas in our country. Thank you for your support of this important work!

Youth Ministry Training Weekend

We are encouraging any parishioners who are interested in Youth Ministry to take the opportunity to receive training and formation. The ELEVATE Youth Ministry Training Program will be available on September 13-14 at St. Bonaventure Parish (1300 Leslie St.). The Saturday is set aside for adults involved in starting or supporting ministry efforts in their parishes, while Sunday is formation for high school-aged young people to work with younger kids in parishes. Website: <https://ocytoronto.org/events>, or see the poster on the board in the foyer. To register, go to: <https://form.jotform.com/242254895152258> (Teen) <https://form.jotform.com/240445225904250> (Adult)

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). Here is the link to official website: [Carlo Acutis](https://www.carloacutis.org/).



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