

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 23

5 pm Sam & Sylvia Togias

Sunday, August 24

9 am Parishioners

11 am Ramona R. Udasco

Tuesday, August 26

8:30 am Veronica Kim Birthday

Wednesday, August 27

8:30 am Parishioners

Thursday, August 28

8:30 am Maureen O'Toole Birthday

Mildred Udarbe Birthday

Friday, August 29

8:30 am + Kazamirs Kucinskis



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 66.18-21

Psalm: Ps 117.1, 2

Second Reading: Hebrews 12.5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13.22-30



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

"Strive to enter through the narrow door;"

This Sunday's Gospel is the parable of the great banquet. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and will say he does not know us. The issue was not what the supplicants had done, but what they had not done. Like the Pharisee of Luke 7:36-47, they ate and drank in Jesus' company and heard his teaching. But eating and drinking do not automatically make for communion. Hearing does not imply heeding. Thus, when the master of the house says, "Go away," he censures them with the tragic words, "I do not know where you are from."

Jesus doesn't directly answer the question put to Him. It profits us nothing to speculate on how many will be saved. What we need to know is what He tells us today—how to enter into salvation and how urgent it is to strive now, before the Master closes the door.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah are echoed here. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question whether only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repent in order to enter the kingdom.

As this week's Epistle reminds us, by our trials we know we are truly God's sons and daughters. We are being disciplined by our afflictions, strengthened to walk that straight and narrow path—that we may enter the gate and take our place at the banquet of the righteous. (Excerpts from: *Loyola Press*; *Scott Hahn Reflects*; *National Catholic Reporter*.)

PARISH NEWS

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

Fr. Mani is very grateful to the four parishioners who gave so generously and in such a timely way. These donations covered 100% of the cost of the plumbing work plus the replacement posts and roof over the office entrance. It seems that whenever the need arises, you are there to provide the support needed. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

ShareLife

As food insecurity worsens across the GTA, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto (CCAT), and two generous anonymous donors, have pledged a combined \$800,000 in Food Security Grants for 2025—building on previous commitments of \$500,000 in 2023 and \$750,000 in 2024. Living the Gospel means caring for those who are hungry and vulnerable every single day. This is why we need your help to reach our parish goal. Please help fight hunger through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your kind generosity! To learn more: [Food Security Grants - ShareLife](#).

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](#).

Vocations

The Lord is calling people from the East and West and from North and South as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers. Are you one of them? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at [416-261-7207](tel:416-261-7207) x 801, vocations@archtoronto.org.



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