

St. Pius X Parish

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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, 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, September 6

5 pm Gerry Togias

Sunday, September 7

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Candelario Family &
+ Luz Pulido

Tuesday, September 9

8:30 am Thanksgiving

+ Alfred Burr

Kevin Hayes & Family

Wednesday, September 10

8:30 am + Luz Pulido

+ Rhodora Yurick

Kevin Hayes & Family

Thursday, September 11

8:30 am Kevin Hayes & Family

+ Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

Friday, September 12

8:30 am Paul & Melissa Kim



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 9.13-18

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

Second Reading: Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14.25-33

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 September for the intentions of: ---

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"Whoever does not...hate their father and mother, spouse and children...cannot be my disciple."

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus. Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. We are to "hate" our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. He tells us that the things we have—even our family ties and obligations—can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him. Choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. His words highlight the radical nature of the commitment that Jesus asks of his followers, and it forces us to confront the idols and attachments in our lives that may hinder our relationship with him.

When we are able to choose the love of God first and foremost in our lives, rejecting the temptations that come through others and the temptations within our disordered desires, only then are we in a position to love others and ourselves in the right way. Rejecting all that seeks to interfere with this choice will not only increase your love for God, it will also increase your love for others, and even your love for your own soul.

On our own, weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its many needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world, we could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So, in His mercy, He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him. We recall in today's Psalm that Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam. (Excerpts from: *Scott Hahn Reflects; Loyola Press; My Catholic Life.*)

PARISH NEWS

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Registration of your children for these sacraments has begun and will include in-person meetings with Fr. Mani. Forms and instructions are available on our website. Once you have gathered all the documents, you may call the office and schedule an appointment. Please take careful note of the procedure and Class Schedule and plan accordingly.

Weekend Ministry

We are happy to inform you that St. Augustine's Seminary has agreed to send us a seminarian to establish a weekend Ministry for our Parish. This Ministry will begin on September 14. More news on which Ministry he will lead is forthcoming.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend, September 13-14, for the Parish Building Fund.

Vocations – Come and See Retreat!

The Office of Vocations of the Archdiocese is holding a Men's Weekend Discernment Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd.). The retreat will take place on October 31 - November 2, 2025, for single men aged 18+ who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. The retreat will start on Friday evening at 6:30pm and end on Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm. Meals & accommodation will be provided. Register at: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee.

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)

ShareLife

So far in 2025, St. Pius X parishioners have donated a total of \$35,302. towards our goal of \$47,000. Thank you for your generosity! 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. To learn more: [Food Security Grants - ShareLife](https://sharelife.org/donate). Please continue to help fight hunger through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope available in the foyer.

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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