

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, September 13

5 pm Sam & Sylvia's Family

Sunday, September 14

9 am Parishioners

11 am Marin Maria Francisca Figueroa &
Willard William Demmery

Tuesday, September 16

8:30 am + Eusebio Felipe Gallardo

Wednesday, September 17

8:30 am Carmel Hayes

Thursday, September 18

8:30 am + Edward Pandey
+ Anna Pham

Friday, September 19

8:30 am + John Nguyen
+ Connie Estorba



Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

First Reading: Numbers 21.4-9

Psalm: Ps 78.1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Second Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: John 3.13-17



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:

Marilyn Tremblay

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son..."

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, commemorates three historical events: the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its initial exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628.

Although we commemorate these three historical events today, the core of our celebration is not the physical wood of the Cross or the holy sites where Jesus died and was buried. Our primary focus is the infinite love shown through the selfless and perfect Sacrifice of the Son of God and the boundless mercy that has poured forth upon the world as a result. The Cross itself is a cruel instrument of torture and death. The fact that it is now the symbol of God's perfect love only further magnifies that love and showcases God's infinite power to use the worst for the best: to use death to bring life and to transform the greatest act of cruelty ever known into the greatest act of mercy ever bestowed upon the world.

The Cross of Christ must permeate each one of us, transforming us and making us new. First and foremost, this happens when we open ourselves to the infinite mercy of God flowing from that selfless Sacrifice. It also occurs when we allow every one of our sufferings, the injustices we endure, the crosses, hardships, and most undesirable aspects of our lives to share in the redemptive power of Christ. We do this when we embrace Jesus' commands to share in His sufferings, unite them with His own, and allow Him to bear an abundance of good fruit through us.

The first reading, from the Book of Numbers, speaks about an odd experience of our ancestors in faith. In the desert, they come across poisonous serpents. Those who are bitten by the serpents die. The people complain to Moses and he speaks with God, who gives the remedy of a bronze serpent mounted on a pole. When the people are bitten by serpents, they look at this bronze serpent on the pole and they are healed. This is an account written long before the time of Christ. But the imagery easily transfers to Christ Himself. When we are bitten by a serpent—for us, sin—we need healing. And we are invited to look at Christ on the Cross and from that look, we can be healed. (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life; Monastery of Christ in the Desert.*)

PARISH NEWS

Weekend Ministry

We are very happy to welcome Samuel Vail, a seminarian from St. Augustine's Seminary, who will be joining us this weekend.

Second Collection

This weekend, there will be second collection for the Parish Building Fund.

Stewardship Sunday

September 21 is Stewardship Sunday. Here is the Cardinal's special homily: [Frank Cardinal Leo - Homily for Stewardship Sunday 2025.](#)

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.vocationtoronto.ca/comesee.

Season of Creation

The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is "Peace with Creation" and the symbol is "Garden of Peace", inspired by Isaiah 32.14-18. As pilgrims of hope in the Jubilee Year, let us pray and work to protect and preserve creation and for responsible stewardship of the earth and sustainable living. This is an event in which all Christian denominations participate. A Celebration Guide can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/SoC-CelebrationGuide>

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](#). Please continue to help fight hunger through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope available in the foyer.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals



WebSept27

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan the QR code
2. follow this QR link: grco.de/WebSept27
3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar September 27" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



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