# St. Pius X Parish

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#### **Pastoral Staff**

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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





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To Volunteer



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# Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27

5 pm + John & Mary Hunter

Sunday, September 28

9 am Parishioners

11 am Lucy Armamento Capili & Family

Tuesday, September 30

8:30 am + Amelia Udasco

Wednesday, November 1

8:30 am Norah De Cuyper

+ Marion Hall

+ Rady Antoine

Thursday, November 2

8:30 am Paul & Melissa Kim

Friday, November 3

8:30 am + John & Mary O'Toole

+ Rosa Mallia Mary Buckley



#### **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Amos 6.1a, 4-7
Psalm: Ps 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6.11-16

Gospel: Luke 16.19-31

**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**

"They have Moses and the Prophets; they should listen to them."

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy—not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door.

The complacent leaders in today's First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, reveling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel, collapses around them. The rich man in today's Gospel also lives like a king-dressed in royal purple and fine linen. The rich man symbolizes Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in today's First Reading. Born to the nation God favored first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give—their inheritance is taken away. The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater -- eternity with a "great chasm" fixed between himself and God.

In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts. But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name and Joseph in his sufferings, while the leaders and the rich man have no name. Today's Liturgy is a call to repentance, to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle. "The Lord loves the just," we sing in today's Psalm.

As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray that we will be ever more attentive to the needs of those around us. We ask the Lord to help us see more clearly where we can use our gifts, and to respond with kindness and generosity. (Excerpts from: Scott Hahn Reflection; St. Bueno's Outreach.)

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel**

Cardinal Leo is invitina the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese to join in offering a Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel, leading up to the Solemnity of Saint Michael on September 29, 2025. The Novena begins on September 20. The pattern of prayer is the same for each day: the opening prayer, which includes your specific intention, followed by one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be, and ending with the Prayer to Saint Michael and a short litany. If you miss a day, just keep going!

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#### **Preparation for Liturgical Year A**

The Office of Formation for Discipleship is launching a new initiative for parish leaders to assist in preparing for the upcoming liturgical year and the Gospel of Matthew. Each webinar will introduce relevant resources for Year A. Join in for any or all the following parish ministry formation opportunities: Adult Faith (October 14), Music (October 15) and Family Life and Liturgy with Children (October 16). Contact: <a href="mailto:formation@archtoronto.org">formation@archtoronto.org</a> or 437-524-8669, or see the poster in the foyer.

#### **Lay Pastoral Visitors Training**

The annual archdiocesan formation and training for Lay Pastoral Visitors will be offered online on Thursdays, from October 23 to December 4 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion on behalf of the parish to the sick, elderly and homebound. The program is open to both new and experienced volunteers. Register early as capacity is limited. https://bit.ly/LPVT-Register2025.

#### 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/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 denominations Christian participate. Celebration Guide can be accessed here: https://bit.ly/SoC-CelebrationGuide

#### **Second Collection**

There is a Second Collection taking place this weekend, September 27-28, for the Needs of the Canadian Church (Bishop's Collection). This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support this collection.

Next weekend, October 4-5, there will be a Second Collection for Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation. September 30 is designated every year as National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. For more information and a Letter from Cardinal Leo, see: <a href="https://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation">https://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation</a>.



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