

# St. Pius X Parish

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## Pastoral Staff

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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](http://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](http://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, October 4

5 pm Michelle Gibbons

### Sunday, October 5

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Robert Tremblay

### Tuesday, October 7

8:30 am + Carmela Mango

### Wednesday, October 8

8:30 am + Adelio Domodossola

### Thursday, October 9

8:30 am Norah De Cuyper  
Clara Kim

### Friday, October 10

8:30 am Parishioners



## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Habakkuk 1.2-3; 2.2-4

Psalm: Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1.6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17.5-10



### 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

### *"Increase our faith!"*

Jesus' response to his Apostles, inviting them to have only a little faith, implies that their faith was quite weak. To increase their faith to the size of a mustard seed suggests that they did not even have a little faith yet. Most likely they were aware of that fact, and that was the reason they asked Jesus to increase their faith. They perceived their lack and turned to Him Who could help.

One of the first steps to increasing faith is to humbly admit our lack of faith. In our pride, we often want to convince ourselves and others that we are filled with faith. But if that were the case, God would be doing incredible things through us. He would be doing that which is otherwise humanly impossible. Obviously, faith does not give us magical powers by which we can literally command a tree to uproot itself and plant itself in the sea. This imagery is meant to tell us that faith will work miracles of faith, not necessarily physical miracles.

What, then, can a little faith do? It can uproot sin from your heart and from the hearts of those around you. It can nourish you and others in ways that seem impossible. Just as a tree cannot normally be planted in the sea and survive, the gift of faith, even a little faith, will enable the soul to be nourished and strengthened in ways that otherwise seem impossible. Suffering, persecution, illness, poverty, and every other difficulty imaginable are transformed by God into a source of nourishment when we endure them with true faith.

Jesus teaches that we are to understand ourselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less.

Pray for an increase of faith. When our Lord hears your humble prayer, by which you also confess your lack of faith, He will increase that faith, uproot sin and evil, and plant your soul in places in which you become nourished in ways that you could have never imagined possible. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel—with a strength that can come from God alone. (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life*; Loyola Press; *Scott Hahn Reflects*.)

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **111<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants & Refugees**

Observance of this day is on October 4-5 coinciding with the Jubilee of Migrants and the Missionary World in Rome. The theme chosen this year, "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope", places migrants not only at the centre of pastoral concern but also recognizes their spiritual witness. Migrants and refugees are often seen only through the lens of suffering and loss, but this year's theme transforms the narrative reminding everyone that they are not passive recipients of charity but active protagonists of the Church's mission. See [Archdiocese of Toronto - Cardinal Leo's Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#).

### **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: [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org) 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 to 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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee).

### **Second Collection**

This weekend, October 4-5, there will be a Second Collection for Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation. For more information, FAQs, and a Letter from Cardinal Leo, see: <https://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation>.

Next weekend, October 11-12, there will be a second collection for the Parish Building Fund.

### **Vocations**

"Increase our faith." Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, at 416-261-7207 x 801 or see [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).





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