

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, October 18

5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

Sunday, October 19

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Connie Estorba

Tuesday, October 21

8:30 am GERALYN MULLIN

+ Antoinette Concessio

Wednesday, October 22

8:30 am Pat Moroney

Thursday, October 23

8:30 am + Jacob Abreu

Friday, October 24

8:30 am + Mary Kelly



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 17.8-13

Psalm: Ps 121.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.2

Gospel: Luke 18.1-8



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 October for the intentions of: --

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"...God will quickly grant justice to them."

Will God answer any prayer you pray if you offer that prayer day and night, day after day without fail? Does God eventually give into our requests as a parent might give into a child who keeps begging for something? Not exactly.

One of the most important qualifiers mentioned in this parable is the word "just." Justice, in the mind of God, is not only about righting certain wrongs. The prime example of this is the death of our Lord Himself. Clearly, Jesus was purely innocent and yet He suffered greatly. Because Jesus embraced the injustice of His suffering and death and turned it into a free embrace out of love, this "injustice" became a sacrifice of love by which an abundance of mercy was bestowed. Jesus had every right to call down fire from Heaven and to destroy those who sinned against Him. But He had a far better plan. Instead, by choosing to accept the injustice of the Cross, and by freely embracing it with His own will, the injustice was transformed and a far greater good came forth.

While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

In the First Reading, Joshua and the Israelites are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there—through the intercession of Moses—as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites. Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy—sin and death. (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life*; Loyola Press; *Scott Hahn Reflects*.)

PARISH NEWS

Palliative Care Day

The last Sunday of October has been designated as the Day for Palliative Care by the Archdiocese of Toronto. This year, it falls on October 26th. In the foyer of the church, you will find a brochure entitled "Palliative Care and a Catholic Response to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide". The brochure provides links to resources for those wanting hospice palliative care services. Please pray for those in the end-of-life stage.

All Souls' Day Mass at Catholic Cemeteries

There will be an All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday, November 8, at 2 p.m. at various cemeteries in Toronto. The closest one to our church is the Assumption Cemetery in Mississauga, indoors at Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum (6933 Tomken Road).

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

Saint Carlo bridged faith and science to document over 150 Eucharistic miracles from around the world. This Vatican-approved exhibition features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle. The exhibition is coming to various parishes around Toronto. The next will be displayed at Blessed Frédéric Ozanam Parish at St. Brother André Catholic School in Markham on October 18-19. On Saturday, October 25 to Thursday, October 30, the exhibit will be on display at St. Dunstan's Parish (3150 Danforth Ave., Scarborough).

Women's Silent Retreat - The Wisdom of Henri Nouwen

A Women's Silent Ignatian Retreat is taking place at the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre (2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering) from Friday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m. to Sunday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m. Henri Nouwen was a Dutch-born Catholic priest, a professor, and a psychologist, as well as a spiritual guide and writer. This retreat will provide prayer support for some of the common themes in Nouwen's writing: being the beloved of God, giving and

receiving forgiveness, growing in hope, and accepting one's limitations. The focus will be on providing concrete ways to incorporate these ideas into our prayer lives. Register via email at manresaregistration@outlook.com, online at <https://manresa-canada.ca> or call 905-839-2864.

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>.

Second Collection

This weekend, October 18-19, a second collection will be held for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church. Some examples of funded projects are building churches, pastoral centers, and religious houses of formation, repairing cathedrals damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes, radio and television production, creating audio-visual materials for remote mission areas, and engaging in pastoral work in rural dioceses. For more information: www.missionsocieties.ca. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Vocations

God will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service as priests, deacons, sisters or brothers. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, at 416-261-7207 x 801 or see www.vocationstoronto.ca.



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