

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

**Saturday, October 25**

5 pm + Stephanie & Tony Fredo

Sunday, October 26

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Martin Rodrigues

Tuesday, October 28

8:30 am + Larry McManus

+ David Alexander Murray

Wednesday, October 29

8:30 am Parishioners

Thursday, October 30

8:30 am Parishioners

Friday, October 31

8:30 am Parishioners

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Sirach 35.15-17, 20-22

Psalm: Ps 34.1-2, 16-17, 18+22

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18.9-14

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

"...whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone was a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. The Pharisee's prayer is almost a parody of the thanksgiving psalms (see Psalms 30 and 118). Instead of praising God for His mighty works, the Pharisee congratulates himself for his own deeds, which he presents to God in some detail. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging more than the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple.

God cannot be bribed. We cannot curry favor with Him or impress Him—even with our good deeds or our faithful observance of religious duties such as tithing and fasting. This should be a warning to us—not to take pride in our piety, not to slip into the self-righteousness of thinking that we're better than others, that we're "not like the rest of sinful humanity".

The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us. Saint Teresa of Ávila teaches us that the very first thing we must do on our journey to God is obtain self-knowledge through humility. Without that, we will never grow in holiness.

Paul tells us in the Second Reading what the Psalmist sings today—that the Lord redeems the lives of His humble servants.

(Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life*; *Scott Hahn Reflects*; *Loyola Press*.)

PARISH NEWS



All Souls' Day

This year, All Souls' Day falls on Sunday, November 2. The parish will accept multiple Mass Intentions for both 9am and 11am Masses, as well as for the vigil Mass on Saturday, November 1.

Memorial Cards for All Souls' Day

We will again be displaying in front of the altar the memorial cards of parishioners' loved ones who have passed away. Please bring your memorial cards and give them to Fr. Mani after any Mass in the last week of October.

Book of Remembrance 2025

For the entire month of November, we will be praying for all our faithful departed. You are invited to write the names(s) of your loved one(s) in our Book of Remembrance near the altar after Mass, and place your All Souls offertory envelope in the memorial offertory basket.

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 26. 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.

Coffee Sunday – October 26

Come and enjoy coffee and CWL cakes and cookies on Sunday after 11 am Mass. It's a great time to reach out to your fellow parishioners and say hello!

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).

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – November 15

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 15 from 10 am to 2 pm in the church Hall. Items for sale: Baked Goods, New Gifts, Christmas Decorations, Knitted Goods and Jewelry. There will also be a Silent Auction and Wine Raffle. Donations of homemade baked goods can be dropped off in the Church Hall on Friday, November 14 between 5 pm and 8 pm or on Saturday, November 15 before the Bazaar opens. Please indicate if your baking contains nuts. All proceeds from the Bazaar will go to various charities. Please come out and support this event! Bring your family and friends, do some early Christmas shopping, and share in the St. Pius X community spirit over a cup of coffee or tea.

Boxes of Offertory Envelopes

Watch for the boxes of envelopes for 2026 in the church foyer before every weekend Mass, coming soon. If you have not yet registered as a parishioner, we ask that you do so online and you will be assigned a box number if requested. However, we continue to encourage parishioners to sign up for online donations instead of envelopes. This saves the extra time and cost incurred by purchasing the boxes and processing your donations manually.

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 display may be viewed at St. Dunstan's Parish (3150 Danforth Ave., Scarborough) on Saturday, October 25 to Thursday, October 30, and at St. Catherine of Siena Parish (2340 Hurontario St., Mississauga) on November 8-9.



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