

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, November 15

5 pm + Goldfrida Kucinskis

Sunday, November 16

9 am + Alberto Santos, Sr.

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, November 18

8:30 am + Rhodora Yurick

+ Luz Pulido

Wednesday, November 19

8:30 am + Amelia Udasco

+ Connie Estorba

Thursday, November 20

8:30 am Deceased members of Yrastorza
& Arquiza Families

Friday, November 21

8:30 am Leonie Fiscus (100 years old)



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Malachi 4.1-2

Psalm: Ps 98.5-6, 7-8, 9

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.7-12

Gospel: Luke 21.5-19



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 November for the intentions of: Priscilla Santos

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"...for I will give you words and a wisdom..."

Today's First Reading and Gospel contain some frightening imagery. Even with such strong imagery, careful consideration of wars, persecution, end times and the final coming of the Lord is not meant to frighten us, but rather to wake us up to what really matters in life. We must hear Jesus' words today as His battle cry, spoken to encourage us. He is warning us that the secular and unchristian world will be hostile. Contrary to what we might be hearing, life is not about health, wealth, youth and beauty, as our culture teaches, but life in Christ, for which we were created, that is, participating to the full in the life of the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Saint Paul, writing to the Thessalonians in today's Second Reading, puts it in very practical terms: work quietly that you might eat. Don't keep busy with other peoples' business but mind your own. Saint Paul doesn't promote an avoidance of involvement with others, but he preaches sticking to what pertains to the welfare of others and not meddling in what is not our concern. This takes practice, prudence, tact, discretion and strength, for which we need to pray to the Holy Spirit.

We read in the New Testament of famines, earthquakes, and the Temple's desolation. We read of persecutions—believers imprisoned and put to death, testifying to their faith with wisdom in the Spirit. We too live in a world of nations and kingdoms at war, of famine and persecution of Christians. We should take the Apostles as our models, as today's Epistle counsels. Like them we must persevere in the face of unbelieving relatives, friends, forces, and authorities hostile to God.

God bestows the needed grace and wisdom to face trials and to respond to the challenges to our faith. Our adherence to Christ doesn't mean sidestepping spiritual conflict, persecution, suffering and difficulties. Rather, belonging to Christ enables us to face trials with greater courage and love. And Jesus promises us a great reward: "Not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls." (Excerpts from: *Monastery of Christ in the Desert*; *Scott Hahn Reflections*; *Loyola Press*.)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

Look for a weekly prayer in this space beginning in December. Each prayer will be accompanied by an invitation to congratulate and pray for a special group of people. At the same time, we will also initiate a gift card program to be given to parishioners who may be in need. Details to come.



2026 Missals, Anniversary Calendar, Offertory Envelopes

The Living with Christ Sunday Missals are available for purchase this weekend, November 15-16. This year, we are adding a beautiful St. Pius X 75th Anniversary calendar. The cost for both is \$10. Exact change would be appreciated. At the same time, we will be distributing the 2026 boxes of donation envelopes.

Red Mass

On November 19, 2025, Red Wednesday will be marked across Canada and around the world. In Toronto, a Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica by Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. The day is dedicated to remembering Christians who face violence, discrimination, or death for their faith. The colour red symbolizes the blood of martyrs and reminds us that millions still suffer today. Parishes, schools, and communities can participate by praying, wearing red, hosting events, lighting churches and buildings, sharing online, and fundraising to strengthen support to Aid to the Church in Need for those who suffer. Every action, large or small, sends hope. More information: www.acn-canada.org/rw/

ShareLife Matching Gifts

From November 3rd until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. Our goal this year is \$47,000. To date we have achieved \$37,734. Just \$9,266 to go before year end!

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 a bowl of soup or chili.

Second Collection

A special collection will be held for **The Shepherds' Trust** this weekend, November 15-16. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work. Please pick up a brochure and envelope in the foyer.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, November 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

- **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

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan the QR code



2. use this link: qrco.de/WebNov29

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"webinar November 29" in the subject line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

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