

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, January 17

5 pm + Donal Mullane

Sunday, January 18

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Mary & Michael Olinyk

Tuesday, January 20

8:30 am + Guillermo Udasco, Jr.

+ José Gregario Udasco

+ Vincenza Suppa

Wednesday, January 21

8:30 am + Peter Tran

Thursday, January 22

8:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 23

8:30 am Parishioners



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 49.3, 5-6

Psalm: Ps 40.1+3a, 6, 7-8, 9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-3

Gospel: John 1.29-34



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 January for the intentions of: --

GOSPEL REFLECTION

“Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

Before the first exodus, and at the first Passover meal, Moses instructed the people to sacrifice an unblemished lamb, mark the doorposts of their homes with its blood, and eat the lamb with unleavened bread and bitter herbs in haste, ready to depart. This act of faith and obedience protected them from the angel of death who passed over the marked houses, sparing the firstborn of Israel, while striking down the firstborn of Egypt. The Passover thus became a perpetual memorial of God’s saving power and His covenantal faithfulness to His people.

Because of the Passover, the idea of a sacrificial lamb was intimately familiar to the Jewish people. The Jews were also familiar with the prophecy in Isaiah 53—often referred to as the Suffering Servant—in which the servant of the Lord is described as “a lamb led to the slaughter,” who bears the sins of many. Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah in today’s First Reading, and in today’s Psalm. The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin-offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins. They were meant not to save but to teach. In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice—that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God and to delight in His will.

In the new exodus, Jesus is the “Lamb of God,” as John beholds Him in the Gospel today. Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of Himself. And through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience and made it possible for us to hear the Father’s call to holiness, as Paul says in today’s Epistle.

Jesus came as a sacrificial offering, as the Lamb of God, who permanently destroyed the yoke of sin binding mankind, for the sway of sin to be lifted forever. Jesus finally, fully atoned for the sins of the world. With his death he restored the glory of our Almighty Father, and with his resurrection and ascension into heaven, He afforded to us the gift of his saving grace, the gift of the Holy Spirit to dwell within us as guide and counselor, and eternal life with Him in heaven. With his perfect sacrifice, He defeated the reign of evil, ushering in a new dawn of eternal salvation. (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life*; *Scott Hahn Reflections*; *Prayers & Petitions*)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the third weekend of the month, we remember the sick people who are admitted to hospitals and at home. Let us pray for them:

Almighty ever living God, healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. Relieve the worry and sorrow of the sick persons among us with Your gentle love and grant them the grace and strength to accept this burden. We place them under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to good health again. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

75th Anniversary Prayer

Almighty and Loving Father, we come to you on this 75th Anniversary of our parish with grateful hearts. We thank you for allowing this parish to be home to so many over the years.

We give you thanks for our founding members both living and deceased. We thank you for all the priests, deacons, sisters, and faithful who have been part of this parish. Heavenly Father, we thank you for your faithfulness to us throughout these 75 years. As we gather to give thanks for God's blessings, we ask that you keep each of us and this parish united in the bond of your love.

From there, give to us the grace to bring the joy-filled Gospel of Christ to all people that they may come to believe in the Truth of Jesus Christ, His teachings and His Church, and thereby become His disciples. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and our patron St. Pius X, we ask for your blessing on our parish and its members. We pray this through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Save the Dates

1. St. Pius X Feast Day Mass – Sunday, August 23rd at 10 am
2. 75th Anniversary Closing Mass – Sunday, October 4th at 11 am

Note: On these dates, there will be only one Mass. Additional event dates are forthcoming.

A Celebration of Marriage!

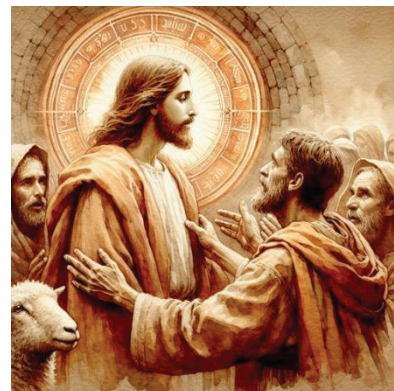
As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25, 2026, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). Parishioners are invited to join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This service will be held on Sunday, January 18 at 4:00 pm at Runnymede United Church. All are welcome.

Vocation Discernment

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary. The retreat will take place on Friday, February 27 until Sunday March 1. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee. For more information, email vocations@archtoronto.org.





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