

St. Pius X Parish

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Pastoral Staff

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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, February 7

5 pm Departed Souls of the Pham Family

Sunday, February 8

9 am + Jadwiga & Piotr Zaremba
11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, February 10

8:30 am + Guillermo Udasco
+ José Gregario Udasco
+ Sr. Jean Marie Chiovetti

Wednesday, February 11

8:30 am + Jadwiga Zaremba
+ Peter Tran

Thursday, February 12

8:30 am Parishioners

Friday, February 13

8:30 am + Romualdo Candelario



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 58.6-10++
Psalm: Ps 112.4-5, 6-7, 8a-9
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2.1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16



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 February for the intentions of: --

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"...You are the salt of the earth."

All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church in today's Gospel are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel.

God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a "covenant of salt," salt being a sign of permanence and purity. Salt held a significant role in Jewish religious practices, symbolizing purity and consecration. The Dead Sea salt used in ancient Palestine could lose its flavor due to impurities and the conditions in which it was stored. It would then become useless for flavoring, preserving, and purifying purposes.

The second image referred to Jerusalem, which was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations toward the glorious light streaming from her Temple. Third, Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth.

This week's readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket. We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God's mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved. There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbours and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us can be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel.

Pope Francis said that "we need smiling Christians, not because they take things lightly, but because they are filled with the joy of God, because they believe in love and live to serve." When people see us, they should be able to see the love and joy that emanates, not from us, but from God dwelling within us. St. Teresa of Avila is famously quoted for saying, "from sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us." She believed that Christians who are on fire for their faith need not be downcast but instead be joyful stewards of Christ. In service of the Kingdom, our good works cannot and should not be hidden. By our acts of loving service, we live as salt; by our faithful trust in God's love, we live as light. And all so that God might be glorified. (Excerpts from: *Scott Hahn Reflections; My Catholic Life; Archdiocese of Toronto Reflections; St. Bueno's Outreach.*)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the second weekend of the month, we celebrate the wedding anniversaries of those who married in the month of January. Let us congratulate and pray for them:

Heavenly Father! We thank You for this day as we celebrate wedding anniversaries. We thank You for journeying with them. Thank You for making them strong and keeping them close. May You continue to bless their house with much happiness. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence. Masses and distribution of ashes will be celebrated on **February 18, 2026, at 8:30 am and 7 pm.**

World Day of the Sick

The 34th World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 11, 2026. This year's theme is "The Compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain." Pope Leo XIV has illuminated the deep meaning of what it means to care for the sick. It can be accessed here: <https://tinyurl.com/2y5r3w8n>.

Ontario Prayer Breakfast

The 2026 Ontario Prayer Breakfast will take place on March 12th from 7:15 am to 9:00 am at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel (123 Queen St. W.) This event has been held for more than 50 years and offers an opportunity for the Christian community to pray for our provincial and municipal governments. The gifted guest speaker is Chaplain of the Raptors and the Toronto Argonauts, Herbie Kuhn. Tickets are \$90. www.ontarioprayerbreakfast.ca.

ShareLife Update

For the first time in ShareLife's history, the 2025 ShareLife Parish Campaign raised more than \$15 million, reaching a total of \$15,671,786. This record-breaking milestone was made possible through the warm hearts of parishioners who responded despite real economic strain experienced this year by many.

ShareLife agencies support those facing hunger, isolation, mental health challenges, family crisis, and displacement. Your donations ensured that care reached those who needed it most.

Second Collection

This weekend, February 7-8, there will be a second collection for the parish Building Fund.

New Chasubles

A chasuble is the coloured top layer worn by the priest while presiding over the Mass. The choice of colour is determined by the season of the liturgical calendar. Our parish chasubles are decades old and in need of replacement. Fr. Mani would be very appreciative of any donation that would contribute to their cost. On the bulletin board in the foyer, you will find photos of the chasubles, the name of their supplier, and the price. Please speak to Fr. Mani if you have any questions.

Vocations

"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997; vocations@archtoronto.org; www.vocationstoronto.ca.





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