

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, March 14

5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

Sunday, March 15

9 am + Lawrance Rodrigues

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, March 17

8:30 am + Albie Lukesch

+ Elizabeth Leo

Wednesday, March 18

8:30 am + Nellie Dato

+ Peter Tran

Thursday, March 19

8:30 am Thanksgiving

Friday, March 20

8:30 am Parishioners



Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

Psalms: Ps 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Second Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

Gospel: John 9.1-41



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 March for the intentions of: Priscilla Santos

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"...though I was blind, now I see."

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind.

Not only is he physically able to see for the first time, but he also recognizes Jesus as the Son of Man. In contrast, those around him remain in the darkness of un-belief, trapped by their unwillingness to see Jesus as he really is.

The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. The Gospel story illustrates the contrast between spiritual darkness and light. This is part of what Jesus means when He says this man was born blind "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." The miracle not only illustrated Jesus' divine power but also symbolized the much deeper spiritual healing He offers to all. Just as the blind man received physical sight, we are offered the gift of spiritual sight through grace.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism.

The story of the man born blind is an opportunity for each of us to examine how clearly we perceive our lives and the world around us. Just as the man was healed, we need healing from the blindness caused by our fallen nature. God's grace restores our spiritual sight, allowing His light to illuminate all we encounter in life.

The color of the Mass vestments worn today is rose, a reminder for us to rejoice, for we are halfway through the Lenten journey and our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The traditional title for this Sunday is "Laetare Sunday," taken from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, in English, "Rejoice." (Excerpts from: *Scott Hahn Reflections; St. Bueno's Outreach; My Catholic Life.*)



PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the third weekend of the month, we remember the sick people who are admitted to hospitals and at home:

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.

Easter 2026 Schedule

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Saturday March 28
10 am to 12 pm

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, March 28 – 5 pm
Sunday, March 29 – 9 am & 11 am

TENEBRAE

Tuesday, March 31 at 7 pm

HOLY THURSDAY

April 2
Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7 pm
Followed by Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3
Stations of the Cross – 9 am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

April 4
Blessing of the Food – 10 am
Easter Vigil Mass – 7 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5
Masses: 9 am and 11 am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 12
3 pm - Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet
Followed by refreshments

Garden of Lilies

Help build a lush Garden of Lilies for the altar this Easter. Parishioners are invited to bring a lily plant in honour of their faithful departed to adorn the altar on Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Plants may be dropped off at the Office from Tuesday, March 31 to Friday, April 3. Labels will be provided on which you can write the name of your loved one to attach to your lily. **Note: Although the Office will be closed on Friday, April 3, Fr. Mani will be available to receive your gift.**

St. Patrick Mass

The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) will take place on Tuesday, March 17, at 10 am. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist.

Heroic Men of Faith

The March Heroic 30 Challenge invites men on a journey featuring a different motivational video every day from Catholic leaders. With a focus on prayer, the aim is to help bring God back into viewers' daily routines. Topics will range from embracing fatherly protection and heroic protection, to fortitude in adversity and prudence in decision-making. To participate for the free daily reflections, sign up at <https://heroicmen.org>.

17th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith

This conference will be held on Saturday, March 21, at Le Treport Banquet Hall in Mississauga.

1. Keynote Speaker -- Johnnette Benkovic Williams from EWTN - What does it Mean to be a Woman?
 2. Sister John Mary SV - Learning to Listen in a Distracted World. For more, see poster in foyer.
- Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the closing Mass. Register here dwf2026.eventbrite.ca

Catholicism 101

Catholic Family Services is launching a Seminar series called Catholicism 101 on Wednesday, April 8 at 7 pm. This online series will provide a brief overview of the Catholic faith, while also providing some 'psychological tools' to enhance thinking, behaviour and social dynamics. This is a group setting, and participants will be screened before being accepted into the program. Register at: <https://cat101.eventbrite.ca>.



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