

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 28

5 pm + José Medeiros

Sunday, March 29

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Letitia Stanley

Tuesday, March 31

8:30 am Parishioners

Wednesday, April 1

8:30 am + Angela Di Domenico

Thursday, April 2

8:30 am + Rhodora Yrick

Friday, April 3

8:30 am + Paul Pham



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

Psalm: Ps 22.7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23

Second Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26.14-27.66



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

“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani.”

We have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled. By the close of today’s long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished: the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull. All is done as was foretold.

In His Passion, Jesus is “counted among the wicked,” as Isaiah had foretold (Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today’s First Reading and Psalm. The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked, as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes, and as His enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering.

He remains faithful to God’s will to the end. He does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today’s First Reading, “The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame.”

The story of Jesus’ Passion and death in Matthew’s Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father. In Jesus’ prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father’s will.

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam’s disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and eternal life by Christ’s perfect obedience to the Father’s will. The power of the resurrection of Christ has a daily and real effect in our lives by the working of the Holy Spirit in us and with us as an undying source of grace and joy now and always. This means we are called to acclaim the Lord not merely with our lips or just on certain days of the year, such as Palm Sunday, but with our very lives, each and every day, every moment of our life. How we live should be different from the way someone who does not believe in God would live. (Excerpts from: *Scott Hahn Reflections; Loyola Press; Benedictine Abbey of Christ in the Desert.*)

PARISH NEWS

Easter 2026 Schedule

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.**

Good Friday Collection

The Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land helps to maintain the church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of

the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 3, 2026.

Easter Offering

Next weekend, April 4-5, there will be a second collection for your Easter Offering to the Parish.

Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis

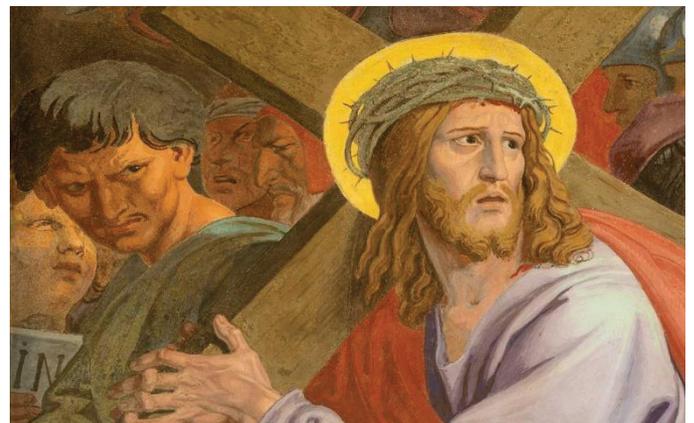
His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has established a special Jubilee Year of St. Francis to run from January 2026 to January 2027. His Jubilee Decree on the anniversary of St. Francis' death 800 years ago can be read here: <https://tinyurl.com/2awu6wqb>. Cardinal Leo, our Archbishop, has identified the sacred places of worship in the region that are named after St. Francis of Assisi or are ministered by Franciscans. They are found here: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/arch-diocesan/celebrating-the-special-jubilee-year-of-st.-francis/>, together with resources from the main website for the Year of St. Francis.

Help Not Harm Canada – Bill C-218

You are invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to quickly and respectfully contact your Member of Parliament and ask for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act). This proposed legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. A vote is expected by mid-April 2026.

Vocations

“Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!” Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca.





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