

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, April 18

5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

Sunday, April 19

9 am + Jadwiga & Piotr Zaremba

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, April 21

8:30 am Norah De Cuyper

Wednesday, April 22

8:30 am + Peter Tran

+ Custodio Rodrigues

Thursday, April 23

8:30 am Norah De Cuyper

Friday, April 24

8:30 am + Natalie Carvalho



Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2.14, 22b-28

Psalm: Ps 16.1-2+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-21

Gospel: Luke 24.13-35



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 April for the intentions of: Norah De Cuyper

GOSPEL REFLECTION

“Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him;”

Downcast and confused, two disciples are making their way down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred. They know what they’ve seen—a prophet mighty in word and deed. They know what they were hoping for—that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they don’t know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers. They can’t even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover.

When we hear today’s Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again, we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized.

Note that Jesus doesn’t disclose His identity until they describe how they found His tomb empty but “Him they did not see.” That’s how it is with us, too. If He had not revealed Himself, we would see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death.

Jesus “interpreted to them the things about himself in all the Scriptures.” This opening of their minds to the spiritual Gift of Understanding is key. By humbly acknowledging our spiritual blindness and the foolish way we often go about our daily lives, we open ourselves to this precious gift. The Gift of Understanding cannot be acquired by our own effort. Only after we honestly humble ourselves before God will He open our minds to all we need to know and understand.

After having opened the Scriptures to them, Jesus at table took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples—exactly what He did at the Last Supper. We see the first Christian community meeting and recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist today. In every Eucharist, we reenact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. First, Jesus speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread. Afterwards, the disciples begged Him, “Stay with us.” So, He does. Though He has vanished from our sight, in the Eucharist—as at Emmaus—we know Him in the breaking of the bread. (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life*; Loyola Press; *Scott Hahn Reflections*.)

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.

Parish Hall Rental

Our Hall is now available to book for events organized by both parishioners and non-parish groups. If you and your family want to celebrate a baptism, or any other sacrament, or a wedding or musical event, for example, please contact the Office to discuss with Fr. Mani.

Coffee Sunday

The next Coffee Sunday is next weekend, April 26 after 11 am Mass. Everyone is welcome to choose from a wide selection of delicious cookies and cake with their coffee or tea, homemade by the Catholic Women's League. It's free! Don't be shy to sit with people you have not yet met – the atmosphere is friendly and open.

Second Collection

Next weekend, April 25-26, there will be a Second Collection for the second of three ShareLife Campaign Offerings this year.

A Day with Mary

You are invited to "A Day With Mary" taking place on Saturday, **May 30**, 2026, at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults, and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. There is no fee to register – this event is open to all. More information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>. Registration is open: <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>.

Martyrs' Shrine Centennial Gala

This Gala celebrates the Shrine's centennial year on Wednesday, **June 3rd**, from 5:30pm to 10:00pm at the Bellvue Manor (8083 Jane St., Vaughan). The special guest of honour, representing His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, is the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, His Excellency Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic. Exhibitions of several of the annual ethnic pilgrimages to the Shrine will be featured, together with food samplers, and a sumptuous dinner. For information, registration and tickets: www.martyrs-shrine.com/centennial-celebration or 705-526-3788.

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. The are found here: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocese-san/celebrating-the-special-jubilee-year-of-st-francis/>, together with resources from the main website for the Year of St. Francis.

Catholic Cemeteries Seminar

Join the speakers from Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services of the Archdiocese of Toronto for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions. Learn about:

- Funeral and burial options
- Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones
- Catholic teachings on cremation
- Flexible payment options (*including 0% financing options*)

Assumption Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home (Mississauga) - **May 2**, 2026, at 9:00 AM
To register, call: 905-670-8801 ext. 1.

World Youth Day 2027

Please open the QR Code to indicate your interest. The QR code is also available on the board in our foyer.





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