

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

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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, May 16

5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

Sunday, May 17

9 am Parishioners

11 am Jay Capili

Tuesday, May 19

8:30 am + Cha Cesela

Anna Soltys – Safe Travels

Wednesday, May 20

8:30 am Parishioners

Thursday, May 21

8:30 am Parishioners

Friday, May 22

8:30 am Parishioners



Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1.1-11
 Psalm: Ps 47.1-2, 5-6, 7-8
 Second Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23
 Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

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 May for the intentions of: Priscilla Santos

GOSPEL REFLECTION

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”

The Ascension marks a fundamental transition in salvation history. Before the Incarnation, God established covenants with His people and sent prophets to call them to fidelity and prepare them for the coming of the Messiah. With Jesus’ Incarnation, a new era of salvation history began. Through His Passion and Resurrection, Jesus opened the floodgates of grace and inaugurated the final phase of God’s eternal plan. This phase continues today and will only reach its fulfillment when Christ returns in glory to judge the living and the dead and establish the new Heaven and new Earth.

Because we live in this final phase of salvation history, Jesus’ words to His Apostles also apply to us. We are not only among the “all nations” called to be disciples, but we also share in the Apostles’ mission to evangelize the world. Every baptized person participates in Christ’s mission through the priestly, prophetic, and kingly offices conferred at baptism.

The recently canonized Saint John Henry Newman beautifully illustrates this shared mission in a meditation he wrote: “God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission...I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons....” Each of us has a unique role to play, and we can be certain that God has given us some definite service. Newman continues: “If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.” This reminds us that Jesus can use every aspect of our lives for His glory and mission—if we let Him.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on a mountaintop. Both the Second Reading and the Gospel emphasize Christ’s power. His Father has ‘put all things under his feet,’ and “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” That power is exercised for us, not only in the gifts of his grace, but also in the promise of eternal glories. The ending of Matthew’s Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to bring others into the community of disciples by baptism in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life*; Loyola Press.)

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.

Day of Reflection

A Day of Reflection for Men & Women: "Receive the Holy Spirit" is being offered at the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre on Monday, **May 25** from 9 am to 3:30 pm. The experience of Pentecost moved the disciples from fearful hiding to bold proclamation of the Good News, generous sharing with others in community and a radically new understanding of who God is. In his book "Reaching Out," Henri Nouwen offers insight into this threefold movement of the Holy Spirit. Facilitated by Mary Bastedo. The suggested offering is \$75 per person which includes lunch, coffee/tea break, program and Mass. Register through: manresaregistration@outlook.com, visit <https://manresa-canada.ca>, or call 905-839-2864.

Special Collection

This weekend, May 16-17, there will be a Second Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response to countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. By contributing to this cause, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.

Ignite Ministry: Pub Night - Faith & Politics

Tuesday, **May 19** from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Sin & Redemption PUB, 136 McCaul Street. Join Fr. John Meehan, SJ, for a presentation discussing the relationship between Faith and Politics, followed by

Q & A. Snacks provided. Drinks and other food are available for purchase. Space is limited. Register here: https://bit.ly/ignite_PubNight_May2026.

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.

Eucharistic Procession

The Latin Church has formally celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (formerly *Corpus Christi*) since the year 1264. Join the faithful of Toronto for the 2026 *Corpus Christi* Mass and Procession at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, **June 7, 2026**. The Eucharistic procession will take place at the end of the Noon Mass, continue in the immediate vicinity, and return to the cathedral for Solemn Benediction.

Prayer Service for the Sick and Suffering

A Special Prayer Service for the Sick and Suffering, dedicated to cancer patients, survivors, and the terminally ill takes place every third Saturday of the month. The service is held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 69 William Street in Toronto. Go to: <https://divineretreatcentretoronto.org/#/home/events>.





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