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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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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, May 23

5 pm + Carolina Valitutti

Sunday, May 24

9 am Parishioners

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, May 26

8:30 am + Glenn Leahy

Wednesday, May 27

8:30 am + Gregory Ma

Thursday, May 28

8:30 am + Poong Gon Kim

Friday, May 29

8:30 am Parishioners



Solemnity of Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2.1-11

Psalm: Ps 104.1ab+24ac, 29b-30, 31+34

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20.19-23



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

“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. By breathing on the Apostles, Jesus recalls the creation account in Genesis, when God breathed life into Adam. Now Christ, the New Adam, breathes new life—the divine life of grace—into His Apostles. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for “spirit” can also be translated as “breath.”

When the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles at Pentecost, there were physical manifestations. God often accompanies significant biblical actions with visible signs to reveal the invisible reality of His presence and activity. Though the transforming reality of Pentecost was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the accompanying signs teach us about the Spirit’s nature and work. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a “mighty wind” sweeping over the face of the earth (Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as “a strong, driving wind” to renew the face of the earth.

Before Pentecost, the disciples hid in the Upper Room, fearful and uncertain. Though Jesus had taught them, performed miracles, and revealed His perfect love, their hearts were not yet fully transformed. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came as a divine fire, emboldening them to become fearless witnesses. Pentecost represents the full bestowal of the Spirit upon the Church, sanctifying and empowering the Apostles and all disciples. This event marks the beginning of the Church.

Today’s Gospel reveals the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we receive the same gift bestowed upon the disciples at Pentecost. We might not feel a strong driving wind or see tongues of fire descend from Heaven, but the reality is the same. The signs at Pentecost were not only for the disciples, they were also for us, revealing the Holy Spirit’s workings and power in our lives.

In the books of the Bible we see a reflection of secular history, namely, the reality of division, war, hate, death and revenge, but with a difference. We also repeatedly hear about the distinct call from God. We are reminded that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

(Excerpts from: *Scott Hahn Reflections; My Catholic Life; Loyola Press.*)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the fourth weekend of the month, we remember those in our families who have died. Let us pray for the repose of their souls:

O God! Listen to the prayers of Your Church on behalf of the faithful departed and grant to Your servants, whom we remember today, the inheritance promised to all. 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.

Volunteer Appreciation Day

Fr. Mani is planning a celebratory event for all volunteers on a Saturday in late June or early July after the 5 pm Mass. Volunteers will have already received an emailed invitation asking them to indicate their available dates. If we have left someone out, please let the Office know!

ShareLife Collection

Next weekend, May 30-31, there will be a second collection for the third and last ShareLife Campaign Offering.

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>.

Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, **June 6** at 9 am. Online webinar on Zoom. All are welcome to join this free webinar hosted by the Archdiocese of Toronto. Participants will learn about:

- How to avoid problems in your Will, Powers of Attorney, and Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own Catholic legacy
- Catholic traditions around cremation, burials, and funerals.

To register:



1. Scan the QR code:
2. Or visit qrco.de/WebJun6
3. You may also register by email by contacting Development@ArchToronto.org. Please write "Webinar June 6" in the subject line and include your name in the body of the message.





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