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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, June 6

5 pm + Leo Di Domenico

Sunday, June 7

9 am + Jadwiga & Piotr Zaremba

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, June 9

8:30 am Parishioners

Wednesday, June 10

8:30 am + José Da Silva

+ Armando R. Almaria, Sr.

Thursday, June 11

8:30 am + Anthony Soltys

Friday, June 12

8:30 am + John & Mary O'Toole

+ Rosa Mallia



Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8.2-3, 14-16

Psalms: Ps 147.12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.16-17

Gospel: John 6.51-59



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 June for the intentions of: Anna Wong

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven."

In Jesus' words, the Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That is how He presents it in today's Gospel.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes and walk on water (John 6.1-21), the crowd pursues him to Capernaum, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. He doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms. Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word—trogein—that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing (John 6:54, 56, 57, 58).

He is testing their faith in His Word, just as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert. The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites' hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to Him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus. This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us.

In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when he calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature. This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us to believe. And He gives us His promise: that, sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day. (Excerpts from: *Loyola Press; Scott Hahn Reflections.*)



PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the first week of the month, we remember the birthdays of those who were born in the month of June. Let us congratulate and pray for them:

Heavenly Father! We thank You for the gift of life You have given to our celebrants. Kindly keep showing them Your grace and we seek that You continue to bless them. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Thank you to CWL

The Catholic Women's League has once again donated generously from the proceeds of their Spring Bake Sale. We very much appreciate their support of our Parish!

Volunteer Appreciation Day

Fr. Mani is holding a celebratory event for all volunteers on Saturday, July 4, after the 5 pm Mass in the church hall. He looks forward to welcoming all those who are planning to attend.

75th Anniversary Parish Portrait Studio

To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of our Parish, Fr. Mani is planning a professional photo session for all parishioners and their families. These portraits will be taken in the church hall during the month of June on the dates you sign up for. The portraits are free, but you may view and purchase them immediately after your session if you wish. You do not need to purchase your photo to be included in the free, hard copy Anniversary Parish Photo Directory. The Directory will be distributed at the Anniversary Closing Mass on October 4th. Sign-up sheets will be in the foyer after all weekend Masses until June 14 for you to schedule your photo session.

Second Collection

This weekend, June 6-7, there will be a second collection for the Parish Building Fund.

Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Each year, the Church dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo reminds us that in June, we also celebrate liturgically the annual World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, for whom we lift up

our prayers of intercession. You may read Cardinal Leo's message at: <https://tinyurl.com/2dqoz7ah>.

47th Annual Cardinal's Dinner

This annual event raises funds for the charities chosen by our Archbishop, Frank Cardinal Leo. This year, it takes place on November 17 at the Pearson Convention Centre in Brampton. Tickets are \$225 per person, or \$2,250 for a table of ten. Last year, some parishioners generously donated a number of tickets so that Fr. Mani and a few parishioners could attend. He would be grateful for your support again this year. Your donation would go directly to the Cardinal's charities. Please speak to Fr. Mani after any Mass.

Summer Camp Opportunities

Summer camps are being offered for children and youth at 59 parishes inside the Archdiocese of Toronto this summer, with over 86 weeks of dates and locations to choose from. Parents who may be interested in having their kids attend a parish day camp can access the complete list of parishes, locations and dates here: <https://ocytoronto.org/parish-camps>, and are encouraged to contact the parish of interest directly to register or get more information.

Vocations

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca





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