

St. Pius X Parish

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Pastoral Staff

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(Fr. Mani), **Pastor**

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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, July 11

5 pm Thanksgiving

Sunday, July 12

9 am + Jadwiga & Piotr Zaremba

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, July 14

8:30 am + Kevin Hayes

Wednesday, July 15

8:30 am + Peter Tran

Thursday, July 16

8:30 am Health of Sylvia Tolentino
Fr. Mani

Friday, July 17

8:30 am Thanksgiving



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55.10-11

Psalms: Ps 65.9abcd, 9e-10, 11-12, 13

Second Reading: Romans 8.18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13.1-23



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 July for the intentions of: Anna Wong

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"...blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear."

A parable is a method that both reveals and conceals. It reveals divine truth to those who are humble and receptive and conceals that same truth from those whose hearts are closed. The truths of the Kingdom are not concepts that can be quickly grasped. They are divine mysteries that must enter the soul and be pondered and nourished. Only the spiritually open can penetrate their depths and allow God's Word to transform their lives.

Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

God, the Divine Sower, is not passive. He sows the seed Himself—personally, directly, and abundantly. He is not like a remote monarch seated on a distant throne, waiting for us to come to Him. No—God always takes the initiative. He goes forth like the sower, casting His seed upon us even before we ask.

The seed comes to us in two essential ways: truth and grace. As truth, God's Word enlightens the intellect to know His eternal mysteries. As grace, God's Word strengthens the will to embrace and live those truths with faith and charity.

The Divine Sower sows lavishly. He casts the seed everywhere—on the path, among the rocks, amidst thorns, and upon rich earth. This is not careless, but the work of Divine Mercy. God desires that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Even where the ground seems hardened, shallow, or choked with thorns, He still sows. He never ceases to speak, to reach out, to invite. He sows even in places we might deem hopeless—until the final moment, when the time for sowing is ended.

The prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading reminds us that God's great desire, revealed through his word, has always been to prepare his chosen people for their full inheritance. God's word does not return empty-handed. (*Excerpts from: My Catholic Life; Loyola Press; St. Bueno's Outreach.*)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the second weekend of the month, we celebrate the wedding anniversaries of those who married in the month of July. Let us congratulate and pray for them:

Heavenly Father! We thank You for this day as we celebrate wedding anniversaries. We thank You for journeying with them. Thank You for making them strong and keeping them close. May You continue to bless their house with much happiness. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Summer Music Series

Join us every Wednesday in July (beginning **July 8**) for A Celebration of Music starring our wonderful cantors. The concerts begin at 7 pm and admission is free. See the poster in the foyer for more details.

47th Annual Cardinal's Dinner

Fr. Mani extends a sincere thank you to the kind parishioners who together donated 5 tickets to this event. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Photo Studio for Parish Directory

Fr. Mani is very happy that so many of his parishioners came to the photo studio to have their portraits taken. More than half of active parishioners took advantage of the opportunity to be included in the Parish Photo Directory. That is a record turnout! This opportunity is offered only every 25 years and will make a meaningful historical document for our 75th Anniversary. Thank you for your participation. A special thank you goes to the volunteer Hosts who donated hours or a whole day of their time to help out.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend, July 11-12, for the Parish Building Fund.

Chaplaincy Connect for Students

Calling all graduating high school students! Graduation marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. As you close your high school books, open your heart to a journey of spiritual growth

and community. Join a campus ministry for an opportunity to grow deeper in your faith, form lasting friendships, and experience university life in a different way. Check out Chaplaincy Connect at [Office of Catholic Youth - Chaplaincy Connect](#) to find your Catholic home on campus.

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.

Annual Mass for Faithful Departed

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, **August 12, 2026**, at 7:00 pm. Details, including location of cemeteries, are at the following link: <https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca/news/annual-mass-for-the-faithful-departed-2/>. The cemetery closest to St. Pius X is Mount Hope Cemetery (305 Erskine Ave.). In case of rain, the Mass will be celebrated at St. Monica's Parish.

Bequests to the Parish

A bequest in your Will to our church is a way of returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan. Bequests are not just for the wealthy. See the archdiocesan estate planning guide at <https://tinyurl.com/25o2mxk2> for information.




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