

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, August 1

5 pm + Savariammal

Sunday, August 2

9 am + Natalie Carvalho

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, August 4

8:30 am Parishioners

Wednesday, August 5

8:30 am + Antoinette Concessio

Thursday, August 6

8:30 am Mary Buckley

Friday, August 7

8:30 am + Patricia Prez

+ John & Mary O'Toole

+ Rosa Mallia



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55.1-3

Psalm: Ps 145.8-9, 15-16, 17-18

Second Reading: Romans 8.35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21



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 August for the intentions of: Anna Wong

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"And all ate and were filled."

In Jesus and the Church, Isaiah's promises in today's First Reading are fulfilled. All who are thirsty come to the living waters of Baptism. The hungry delight in rich fare—given bread to eat and wine to drink at the Eucharistic table. This is the point, too, of today's Gospel. The story of Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 brims with allusions to the Old Testament. Jesus is portrayed as a David-like shepherd who leads His flock to lie down on green grass as He spreads the table of the Messiah's banquet before them. Jesus is shown as a new Moses, who likewise feeds vast crowds in a deserted place.

Finally, Jesus is shown doing what the prophet Elisha did—satisfying the hunger of the crowd with a few loaves and having some left over (2 Kings 4:42-44). And the leftovers are enough to fill precisely 12 baskets—corresponding to each of the Apostles, the pillars of the Church. Notice that the ministry of the Twelve is subtly stressed in today's account. Before He performs the miracle, Jesus instructs the Twelve to give the crowd "some food yourselves." Indeed, the Apostles themselves distribute the bread blessed by Jesus.

Matthew also wants us to see the feeding of the 5,000 as a sign of the Eucharist. Notice that Jesus performs the same actions in the same sequence as at the Last Supper—He takes bread, says a blessing, breaks it, and gives it. In the Eucharist, God provides abundantly for our spiritual nourishment. When received with faith and trust in God's providence, Jesus' Body and Blood nourishes every virtue within us, empowering us to flourish spiritually. The Eucharist prepares us for eternal life, where we anticipate sharing in the eternal Wedding Banquet of Heaven—a perfect, everlasting celebration free from all sin, sickness, and suffering. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions -- remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the first weekend of the month, we remember the birthdays of those who were born in the month of August. 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.

Summer Music Series – Thank You!

We express our sincere gratitude to the musicians who donated their time and considerable talents to offer us four excellent musical evenings. The quality of programs and performance were of the highest. Thank you to the parishioners who attended – we were enraptured!

Schedules for 2027 Children's Sacraments

The Preparation Class Schedules for children receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion are now available on our website. Please review for conflicts. Forms for in-person registration for both sacraments will be available the first week of September and end on October 9.

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.

Second Collection

Next weekend, August 8-9, there will be a second collection for the Parish Building Fund.

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.

Transfiguration of Our Lord

On Thursday, August 6 we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord (Matthew 17.1-9). The book of Daniel speaks about the Kingship of the Son of Man with this prophetic vision taking shape in the Synoptic Gospels when Jesus is transfigured on the high mountain. Likewise, stewardship transfigures us from within and makes us more like Jesus. The more we give to the Lord, the more he adorns us with His riches. We must be ready to follow Jesus up the mountain to be transfigured. This is completely possible as God invites us to be a part of his Divine plan through the gifts we bring to serve Him. (*Archdiocese Stewardship Reflections*).




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