

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, October 3

5 pm Parishioners

Sunday, October 4

9 am No Mass

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, October 6

8:30 am + Piotr Zaremba

+ Helen Myer

+ Christopher Kim

Wednesday, October 7

8:30 am Thanksgiving

Thursday, October 8

8:30 am + Helen Myer

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 9

8:30 am Maria Kim

Paul Kim



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7

Psalm: Ps 80.8+11, 12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Second Reading: Philippians 4.6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43



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 October for the intentions of: --

GOSPEL REFLECTION

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;”

In telling the parable of the bad tenants, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders.

Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. He uses a song of love to describe how God cares and protects us, his precious vines. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls.

Jesus is the stone that the builders rejected. In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son and to kill him outside the vineyard walls.

For this, the vineyard will be taken away and given to new tenants, the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit. Jesus can confidently proclaim the truth: that what people have ignored will become the foundation of a new covenant of love.

We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ, called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him and to be the “first fruits” of a new creation.

In today's second reading St. Paul urges us to pray ceaselessly in all circumstances. While we may not be able to spend every moment in the chapel, we can still pray ceaselessly by offering up all our acts as a prayer to God. Let us strive to intentionally realize the dignity of our professional work, and our work as stewards, as a means to be in communion with God.

(Excerpts: Loyola Press; Scott Hahn Reflections; St. Beuno's Outreach; Archdiocese Stewardship Bulletin.)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

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

Schedules for 2026-27 Children's Sacraments

The Preparation Class Schedules for children receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion are now available on our website. Please review them for any conflicts with your family calendar. Registration forms for in-person interviews for both sacraments are available on our website until **October 9**. Please call Fr. Mani to make an appointment for a meeting in September.

Sound System & Church Lights

As previously announced, Fr. Mani is having the church's overhead lights fixed, as well as making necessary repairs to the sound system. The Finance Council has approved of this work. If any parishioners wish to donate towards these costs, that would be most welcome.

Weekly Bulletin Advertising

You may not know that our weekly Bulletin is entirely paid for by advertisers. The annual renewal of advertisements will begin in December. If you have a business, please advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at [905-624-4422](tel:905-624-4422). Parishioners can support our Bulletin by using the advertised services.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend, October 3-4, for Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation. Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

One Million Children Praying the Rosary

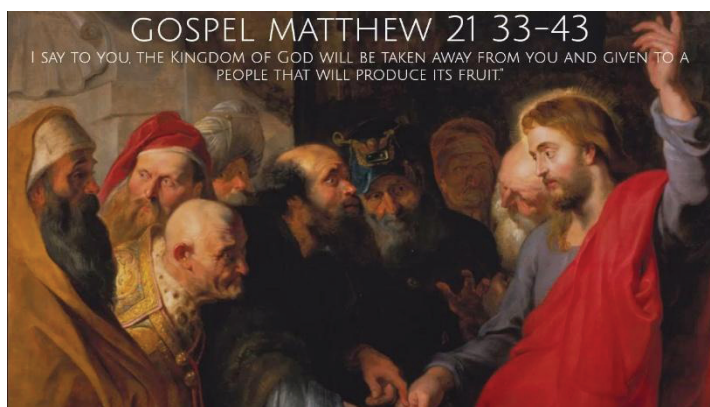
On October 7th, children worldwide will unite for the 21st edition of this event. Children, with the help of their parents, are invited to create gatherings at school, in church, or at home by praying the Rosary together. "When a million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." (St. Padre Pio) This global children's Rosary is for peace and unity in the world.

Formation for Lectors Webinar

A webinar is being offered by the Archdiocese for both new and experienced lectors who desire to learn or improve their practical training for service in this ministry. It will also offer helpful tips for spiritual preparation. Wednesday, October 21, 7pm to 8:30pm. Registration: <https://bit.ly/L-Register2026> (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84561234567>) or contact formation@archtoronto.ca.

ShareLife 2026 Food Security Grants

For the fourth consecutive year, ShareLife and Catholic Charities are committing funds through the Food Security Grants program. Made possible through the faithful generosity of ShareLife donors, this year, \$850,000 in grants will strengthen local food banks, meal programs and other community-based initiatives serving individuals and families in need. Please support the fight against hunger by giving at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.





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