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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 24

5 pm + Donald Schmidt

Sunday, October 25

9 am + Larry McManus

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, October 27

8:30 am Parishioners

Wednesday, October 28

8:30 am + Peter Tran

Thursday, October 29

8:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 30

8:30 am Parishioners



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 22.21-27

Psalm: Ps 18.1-2, 3+6b, 46+50ab

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40



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

“Teacher, which commandment...is the greatest?”

Jesus had told His disciples that He came “not to abolish” the Old Testament Law “but to fulfill” it (Matthew 5:17). And in today’s Gospel, He reveals that love—of God and of neighbor—is the fulfillment of the whole of the law.

The Law of Moses, found in the Torah—the first five books of our Old Testament—is traditionally said to contain 613 commandments: 248 positive (“dos”) and 365 negative (“don’ts”). Among these laws, there was a longstanding debate among the rabbis about which commandment was the greatest. Therefore, though the Pharisee who posed this question to Jesus was testing Him, it was also likely a sincere inquiry. Jesus certainly perceived the testing nature of the question, but He also recognized the genuine desire for truth.

These two commandments do more than summarize the Law and the prophets, they also encapsulate the essence of the petitions in the Lord’s Prayer. Once we acknowledge God as our Father, we pray, “Hallowed be Thy name” and “Thy Kingdom come.” These are the highest petitions we can make. To hallow God’s name is to give Him His due. God is thrice holy—holy, holy, holy. Our greatest duty is to hallow His name and His very Being by magnifying and glorifying Him. This is the highest way to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind.

In Heaven, many of the commandments and petitions we now make will cease. We will not ask for forgiveness, since we will be purified and sin no more. But we will eternally fulfill the greatest commandment and the first petition of the Lord’s Prayer by forever hallowing God’s name, crying out “holy, holy, holy,” and loving Him with a purified and perfected love.

Likewise, the second greatest commandment will also be fulfilled in Heaven, just as the second petition of the Lord’s Prayer—“Thy Kingdom come”—is fulfilled. The coming of God’s Kingdom is our eternal participation in His glory and holiness, united with all our “neighbours”—the angels and saints. Our love of God will overflow into love of neighbour, and our love for one another will reflect and participate in our perfected love for God.

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

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.

Parishioners' Photos

Photos of parishioners posing with Cardinal Leo at the Anniversary Reception of October 4 are now available. If you wish to receive one by email, please come to the office to identify which one is yours. Please do not email us about this. You must come to the office Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 1pm.

Parish Photo Directory

The Parish Photo Directory is now available. Parishioners who had their photos taken may come to the sacristy after any Mass to pick up their free copy.

All Souls Day Mass – Monday, November 2nd

All Souls Day falls on a **Monday** this year, and there will be a **Mass at 8:30am** on that day. The Book of Remembrance will be in the sanctuary, on the right side of the altar. You may wish to write the name of your deceased loved ones in it. Special envelopes are also provided in case you wish to leave a donation.

Note: Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1 at 2am. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!

Estate Planning Presentation

Next weekend, October 31-November 1, there will be a presentation after Mass by a representative of the Archdiocese Development Office for Planned Gifts.

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

O Mary, Mother of the Church and Health of the sick, we turn to you with love and devotion as we ask for your powerful intercession for Pope Leo XIV. You are our Mother, our companion and our confidante. You are our refuge and advocate. You are a sign of sure hope and consolation to all of God's holy People as we make our pilgrim way to the Kingdom. Look favourably and with mercy upon our Holy Father

whom your Son Jesus, our Saviour, has chosen as our universal Shepherd.

Grant that, by your maternal mediation and fervent prayer, Our Lord will bestow peace upon Pope Leo, comfort him in his hour of need, and restore him to good health, affording him renewed vigour to continue his apostolic mission, according to God's holy will.

We thank you, Mother most holy, for caring and for praying with us and for us to Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

CWL Christmas Bazaar

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday November 21, 2026, from 10am to 2pm in the Church Hall. Items for sale: Baked Goods, New Gifts, Christmas Decorations, Knitted Goods and Jewellery. There will also be a Silent Auction. Donations of homemade baked goods can be dropped off in the Church Hall on Friday November 20 between 5pm and 8pm, or on Saturday November 21 before the Bazaar. Please mark if baking contains nuts.

Archdiocesan Day for Palliative Care

October 25 is the day of observance for Palliative Care. Palliative care seeks to improve quality of life by addressing the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of individuals living with serious illness. For more information, visit: www.archtoronto.org/palliativecare.

Ordinandi Dinner

The Ordinandi Dinner honours the Transitional Deacons who resided at St. Augustine's Seminary and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, and who will be ordained to the priesthood in 2027. This year, our deacon, Samuel Vail, will be among those honoured. The event will be hosted by the six Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Toronto on Tuesday, March 9, 2027, at 5 pm at the Pearson Convention Center. Tickets can be purchased at <https://staugustines.on.ca/events> for \$110. each. As in past years, Fr. Mani is looking for sponsors to buy tickets for him and parishioners to attend.

Sound System & Church Lights

Fr. Mani wishes to express his sincere thanks to the very generous parishioner who covered the whole cost of the sound system repair. **Note:** He continues to welcome any contribution towards the cost of fixing the new lighting in the church.

Municipal Elections

Cardinal Leo has prepared a short video message encouraging reflection, discernment and engagement by the Catholic community in preparation for the October 26, 2026, municipal elections. <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdio/cesan/cardinal-leo-encourages-catholics-to-participate-in-october-26-municipal-elections/>.



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