# St. Pius X Parish

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*Grow Your Faith With Us*

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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, November 14**
5 pm + Goldfrida Kucinskis

**Sunday, November 15**
9 am + Jadwiga & Piotr Zaremba
11 am Parishioners

**Tuesday, November 17**
8:30 am + Paul Nguyen
+ Rhodora Yrick

**Wednesday, November 18**
8:30 am Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League

**Thursday, November 19**
8:30 am + Amelia Udasco
+ Alberta Santos, Sr.
Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, November 20**
8:30 am Parishioners

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
First Reading: Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31++
Psalm: Ps 128.1-2, 3, 4-5
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30

**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 November for the intentions of:** Anna Wong

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

***"For to all those who have, more will be given…"***
By our Baptism, God has entrusted to each of us a portion of His "possessions," a share in His divine life. He has given us talents and responsibilities according to the measure of our faith (Romans 12:3–8). Today's parable begins with a master who, before departing on a journey, entrusts his possessions to his servants, "each according to his ability." In this image, Jesus reveals Himself as the Master, whose journey begins with His Ascension into Heaven. The talents—a unit of currency—represent the spiritual gifts, graces, charisms, and opportunities God entrusts to each soul for the building up of His Kingdom.

This raises a profound question: Why are these gifts given in differing measures? Why does one soul receive five talents, another two, and another only one? Is God unjust in the distribution of His mercy? The answer lies in the mystery that, although every soul has the capacity to receive the infinite God who dwells within, not all cooperate with His grace to the same degree.

Saint Teresa of Ávila reflects beautifully on this truth in the opening pages of her spiritual masterpiece, *The Interior Castle*. She teaches that the soul is like a magnificent castle, in which God dwells in the innermost chamber. The spiritual life is a journey through the many "mansions" of this castle, drawing ever closer to union with the One who already resides within. God has already placed within each soul every spiritual treasure—every grace and gift we need. Yet our experience of those treasures—whether five talents, two, or one—depends upon our willingness to embark on the inner journey of prayer, purification, and transformation.

So, is God unjust in the distribution of His mercy? No, for each of us is capable of receiving and manifesting that mercy in abundance. The servants entrusted with five and two talents represent those who actively cooperate with the grace of God dwelling within. That cooperation leads to spiritual transformation and growth, doubling the gifts received and preparing the soul for even greater fruitfulness. By contrast, the servant who buried the one talent he received represents those who, despite having the infinite God within, remain closed to His grace. To bury the talent is to ignore the divine gifts by hiding them through fear, laziness, or indifference.

*(Excerpts: Scott Hahn Reflects; My Catholic Life.)*

## PARISH NEWS

### Weekly Prayer

On the third weekend of the month, we remember the sick people who are admitted to hospitals and at home:

*Almighty ever living God, healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. Relieve the worry and sorrow of the sick persons among us with Your gentle love and grant them the grace and strength to accept this burden. We place them under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to good health again. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

### Sunday Missal & Calendar

The 2027 Sunday Missals & Calendars are now available. You may purchase them as a pair for $10 in the foyer after weekend Masses **on November 14-15 and 21-22**. Supplies are limited.

### Estate Planning Seminar

On Sunday, **November 29** after the 11 am Mass, a special presentation will be held in the church hall. The speaker, Peter Okonski of the archdiocesan Development Office, will teach you how to avoid problems with your Will, Powers of Attorney, and the selection of an Estate Trustee. Learn about Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. See the poster in the foyer, and **sign up after Mass this weekend, November 14-15**, so we know how many to expect.

### Red Mass for Persecuted Christians

A special Mass dedicated to persecuted Christians all over the world will be said on **Wednesday**, **November 18** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to pray together. https://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday/.

### Archdiocesan World Youth Day Mass

Gather with young adults from across the archdiocese for a powerful evening of faith, prayer and community as we celebrate the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Mass will be celebrated on **November 21 at 7 pm** by His Eminence, Frank Cardinal Leo at St. Thomas More Parish (2234 Ellesmere Rd., Scarborough). The 2026 World Youth Day theme is "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16.33). Open to all young adults ages 19-39, no registration required. Bring a friend!

### CWL Christmas Bazaar

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Saturday November 21**, 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.

### Christ the King Conference

A conference for the spiritual enrichment and renewal for the whole family is being held on behalf of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) of the archdiocese. All are invited.
When: **November 21 and 22**
Location: Bishop Allen @ Don Bosco (2 St. Andrews Blvd., Etobicoke)
Speakers: Adult, Youth and Children`s speakers
For more information, see the 3 posters in the foyer.
To register, visit: www.ccrctoronto.ca.

### St. Pius X Christmas Concert Concert

Join us for the *Christmas Magnificat: Christmas Around the World* concert on **Friday, December 4** at 7:30 pm in the church. The concert will feature our own gifted cantors, together with the St. Cecilia Scholars Men's Choral Ensemble under the direction of their Music Director, Adrian Autencio. Tickets will be $20 and sold at the door after weekend Masses.

### Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Shepherd's Trust for retired and ill priests.

### St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert

On **December 12** at **7 pm**, the School will present "Joyeux Noel! A Canadian Christmas at Massey Hall". Through the music of Canada's finest composers, the concert will be a stirring celebration of the Nativity, showcasing a rich tapestry of sacred choral masterworks, beloved carols and newly imagined Christmas favourites. Tickets available at www.masseyhall.com (Promo Code: MAPLE) or call the Massey Hall Box Office at 416-872-4255.

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