

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 8

5 pm + August Radovanovic

Sunday, August 9

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Bernice Pivoriunas

Tuesday, August 11

8:30 am Parishioners

Wednesday, August 12

8:30 am + Rena Riley

Thursday, August 13

8:30 am Parishioners

Friday, August 14

8:30 am Parishioners



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19.9, 11-13

Psalm: Ps 85.8ab+9, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading: Romans 9.1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14.22-33



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

“Lord, save me!”

While we may be familiar with the idea of Jesus walking on water, for the disciples, this would have been an unimaginable and terrifying sight. They did not recognize Him—not because His appearance had changed, but because fear blinded them. This still happens in our lives. We can misinterpret suffering or divine silence as abandonment. But Jesus allowed their fear precisely so He could confront it directly: “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

In one interpretation, the impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. In another interpretation, it is by a supernatural instinct that Peter utters the perfect prayer in this moment of uncertainty: “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you...” When we recognize God amid our trials, focus our gaze on Him, and pray this prayer, God will always answer, “Come.”

Peter’s fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. Peter sets the pattern for this bold, trusting prayer, but he falters in remaining faithful to it. Yet even this is allowed by God, for our instruction. Making an act of courageous faith does not guarantee we will not stumble. Peter sank not because he lacked faith entirely, but because fear began to overwhelm his trust. And in this, Jesus teaches us another lesson: Even when our faith wavers, we must not give in to despair. Peter did not drown—he cried out once more, “Lord, save me!” and Jesus immediately reached out His hand.

And so it often is with us. How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will? Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst. The courage that comes from recognizing God in our midst allows us to conquer fear—especially in our moments of suffering, when the path ahead seems hard, dangerous, and without end.

Despair is the true enemy of faith. Though fear and the growing force of the wind weakened Peter’s faith, he remained hopeful even in his weakness. And it was this hope—however trembling—that moved Jesus to stretch out His divine hand and save him.

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

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the second weekend of the month, we celebrate the wedding anniversaries of those who married in the month of August. 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.

Banns for Ordination of Samuel Vail

Take notice that Mr. Samuel Kenneth Francis Vail is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Diaconate for the Diocese of Charlottetown on **August 10**, 2026, at St. Dunstan's Basilica, Charlottetown, PEI. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to Sacred Orders to the Bishop or Pastor.

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.

Feast of St. Pius X - Special Mass

August 21 has been designated as The Feast Day of St. Pius X. We will commemorate our patron saint's feast day on Sunday, **August 23**, at a special Mass presided over by Bishop Ivan Camilleri at 11 am. Come and join us as we celebrate this occasion!

Note: On August 23, the 9 am Mass is cancelled.

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 for conflicts. Forms for in-person registration for both

sacraments will be available on **September 1** and end on **October 9**.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Parish Building Fund.

Special Collection

Next weekend, August 15-16, there will be a second collection for Canadian Missions. Catholic Missions in Canada and the selected dioceses in Northern Canada will benefit from your generosity to sustain and extend the Catholic faith to isolated, poor and hard-to-reach mission areas in our country. Thank you for your support of this important work!

Summer Music Series – Closing Concert

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 all enraptured! The next and last concert will take place on Friday, **September 25** at 7:30 pm.

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.




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