

St. Pius X Parish

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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

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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, December 13

5 pm Marie-Thérèse Sophoulis

Sunday, December 14

9 am Parishioners
11 am + Alfonsas Pivoriunas

Tuesday, December 16

8:30 am Lucy Boguski
+ John & Mary O'Toole
Mary Buckley

Wednesday, December 17

8:30 am + Teresa Pileggi

Thursday, December 18

8:30 am + Dorothy, Patrick & Kevin Hayes

Friday, December 19

8:30 am + Joseph Tran
+ Connie Estorba



Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10
Psalm: Ps 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10
Second Reading: James 5.7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11

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 December for the intentions of: Maria Pileggi

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"...yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." We mark this Sunday on our Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple one. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel—for his disciples' sake and for ours. He knows that Jesus is doing "the works of the Messiah," foretold in today's First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples—and us—to know that in Jesus our God has come to save us. Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God.

Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Every spiritual journey requires a strong dose of patience. Consistency in our work, keeping the commandments, sticking to our obligations, will lead us to happiness and holiness. But it takes much time and effort, practice and the development of good habits, seeking virtue rather than vice. We are sinful creatures, yet called to greatness and holiness, possible by the active working of God in our souls, what is called supernatural grace. It cannot be weighed or measured but is more real than anything we have ever had or experienced.

(Excerpts from: *Loyola Press*; *Scott Hahn Reflections*; *Monastery of Christ in the Desert*.)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On this second weekend of the month, we celebrate the wedding anniversaries of those who were married in the month of December. 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 so much happiness. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil - Wednesday, December 24
5 pm - Special Mass for parents with children
8 pm - Mass for everyone

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25
9 am & 11 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year) -
Thursday, January 1, 2026 - 9 am & 11 am

Note: There will be no Mass on Friday, December 26th. The Office will be closed on December 25th and 26th and on January 1st.

Advent Reconciliation

Anyone who wishes to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) may come to the Church on December 20th between 10am and 12pm.

Big Thank You's!

Christmas Trees: To the parishioner who gave us enough to buy two Christmas trees.

Hymnals: To the Catholic Women's League and two other families who donated enough to purchase all our new hymnals.

Hall Painting: To the parishioner who has donated towards this cost.

We are very grateful for the generous hearts of these donors!

Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend, December 13-14, for the Parish Building Fund.

Gift Card Donations

We have been receiving calls at the office asking for help with Christmas. We are asking for donations of gift cards for food in any amount you choose. Please speak to Fr. Mani after Mass if you have any questions. Thank you to those who have already given!

Red Poinsettia Memorial Garden

In continuation of our Parish tradition, we invite you to bring a red poinsettia in memory of your loved ones. These will be placed around the altar to become a veritable garden of flowers! **Please drop off your poinsettia plants at the Parish Office from December 17 to 19, between 9 am and 1 pm, and on Saturday, December 20 between 9 am and 5 pm.** Labels for each plant will be available for writing your dedication.

Christmas Decorations

We invite parishioners to help with decorating the church for Christmas. Decorating Day will be on December 21st at 2 pm.

Save the Dates

1. 75th Anniversary Opening Mass – Sunday, January 4th at 10 am
2. St. Pius X Feast Day Mass – Sunday, August 23rd at 10 am
3. 75th Anniversary Closing Mass – Sunday, October 4th at 11 am

Note: On these dates, there will be only one Mass. Additional event dates will be forthcoming.

Opportunities to Serve Your Parish!

Each week, some parishioners give their time and talents so that St. Pius X can be a welcoming place. Whether greeting celebrants, serving during the Mass or working behind the scenes, every volunteer makes a huge difference in our church and helps create a great Sunday experience for all. If you have any questions or are interested in these or other roles in your parish, please speak to Fr. Mani after Mass.

Ushers – a wonderful way to extend our welcome, coordinate seating, or assist with offertory collection.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers – These positions hold great honour and do not necessarily require a weekly commitment.

Altar Servers – Here is a wonderful chance to be deeply involved in the service of the Mass.



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