

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 6

5 pm Jacqueline Bennett

Sunday, December 7

9 am Aida Zarate

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, December 9

8:30 am Paul & Melissa Kim

Wednesday, December 10

8:30 am + Edward Wiatr

Thursday, December 11

8:30 am Thanksgiving

Friday, December 12

8:30 am + Frank Mullin



Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

Psalm: Ps 72.1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Second Reading: Romans 15.4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12

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

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire...”

The Liturgy today paints a vivid portrait of our new King and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring.

The Lord for whom John prepares the way in today’s Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today’s First Reading and Psalm. He is the king’s son, the son of David—a shoot from the root of Jesse, who was David’s father.

He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit, endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel—but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage.

Paul tells us in today’s Epistle that no longer are God’s promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy towards us.

John the Baptist delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God’s chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham. Now, God will raise up living stones, children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit. John preaches repentance in anticipation of the coming of Christ: ‘he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’ John calls the people to leave their sinful lives and turn towards God, baptizing them with water. He tells of the need to bear fruit: real faith that shows in our actions.

Are we staying faithful to our practice of prayer? Are we using our time to serve and journey with others? Are we taking an active role in the life of the parish community? Are we serving the less fortunate in our community, remembering Christ’s words to serve the poor? Are we living for the present world or for the world to come? Let us take this Advent to prepare for the Lord’s coming – this Christmas and at the end of time.

(Excerpts from: *Scott Hahn Reflections; St. Bueno’s Outreach; Archdiocese of Toronto Reflections.*)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On this first weekend of the month, we celebrate the birthdays of those who were born in the month of December. 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.

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.

Gift Card Donations

We have been receiving calls at the office asking for help with Christmas. In the spirit of Advent, let us remember those in our parish and community who are in need. 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.

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.

Christmas Decorations

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

Christmas Trees

In keeping with the celebration of the Advent and Christmas season, our Parish purchases four evergreen trees to be placed near the altar. Any assistance with the cost of these trees would be greatly appreciated. Christmas trees have a deep Christian significance. Read a fascinating history of their symbolism: <https://tinyurl.com/28mdqwzc>.

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.

Advent Reconciliation

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

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.

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

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers – Would you like to proclaim the Word of God, or assist the priest with the distribution of the Eucharist? These positions hold great honour and do not necessarily require a weekly commitment. If you have any questions or are interested in these or other roles in your parish, please speak to Fr. Mani after Mass.

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

Second Collection

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



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