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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

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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, February 21

5 pm + Maximo Arquiza II

Sunday, February 22

9 am + Alec Riley
11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, February 24

8:30 am Parishioners

Wednesday, February 25

8:30 am Parishioners

Thursday, February 26

8:30 am Parishioners

Friday, February 27

8:30 am Parishioners



First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7++

Psalm: Ps 51.1-2, 3-4a, 10-11, 12+15

Second Reading: Romans 5.12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

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 February for the intentions of: --

GOSPEL REFLECTION

“...Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”

In today’s Liturgy, the destiny of the human race is told as the tale of two “types” of men—the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus. Paul’s teaching in the Second Reading is built on a series of contrasts between “one” or “one person” and “the many” or “all.” By one person’s disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign over all. By the obedience of another one, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all. This is the drama that unfolds in today’s First Reading and Gospel.

Formed from the clay of the ground and filled with the breath of God’s own Spirit, Adam was a son of God, created in His image (Genesis 5:1–3). Crowned with glory, he was given dominion over the world and the protection of His angels (Psalms 8:6–8; 91:11–13). He was made to worship God—to live not by bread alone but in obedience to every word that comes from the mouth of the Father. Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent’s temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him.

In His great humility and compassion for us, Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God, allowed Himself to endure something that we sinful human beings encounter every day—temptation. God’s glorious plan from the beginning included the creation of both humans and pure spirits—angels—to form one glorious Kingdom of God. Original Sin, the fall of the angels, and our struggle against temptation were not part of God’s original intention, but they became realities due to the misuse of free will, both by angels and by humans. Free will was necessary for both angels and humans to love God freely, which led to a third of the angels and many humans turning away from Him.

But in His hour of temptation, Jesus prevailed where Adam failed—and drove the devil away. Still, we sin after the pattern of Adam’s transgression. Like Adam, we let sin in the door when we entertain doubts about God’s promises, when we forget to call on Him in our hours of temptation. But the grace won for us by Christ’s obedience means that sin is no longer our master. (Excerpts from: *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.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent after the 8:30 am Mass.

Coffee Sunday

Please join us in the Hall after this Sunday's 11 am Mass for our monthly Coffee Sunday get-together. Free homemade treats, fresh coffee and beverages for everyone, courtesy of the Catholic Women's League.

Lenten Reflection

The archdiocesan Office of Formation for Discipleship is inviting everyone to attend an online Lenten reflection using works of sacred art and the Via Matris. The event takes place on Wednesday, February 25, from 7 to 8:30 pm. It is free, but registration is required: <https://bit.ly/LRSA-RegisterFeb2026>.

Catholic Charities Podcast

This series, Voices of Faith: Conversations on Prayer & Spirituality, features real stories and reflections from individuals sharing how God is at work in their journeys. <https://www.spreaker.com/podcast/insights-and-encounters--6075902>.

St. Patrick Mass

The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) will take place on Tuesday, March 17, at 10 am. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist.

Second Collection

This weekend, February 21-22, there will be a second collection for the Church Insurance Fund.

Catholic Charities Scholarships

Catholic Charities is inviting applications for this year's Scholarships and nominations for the Michael Fullan Community Service Awards. These opportunities support students pursuing a variety of studies and celebrate those whose service reflects the Gospel call to love our neighbours. If you know a young person discerning their path, or someone in our community whose generosity and compassion shine through their daily actions, consider encouraging them to apply or nominating them for an award. Deadline: April 30, 2026. Information: www.ccat.ca/scholarships.

Ontario Prayer Breakfast

The 2026 Ontario Prayer Breakfast will take place on March 12th from 7:15 am to 9:00 am at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel (123 Queen St. W.) This event has been held for more than 50 years and offers an opportunity for the Christian community to pray for our provincial and municipal governments. The gifted guest speaker is Chaplain of the Raptors and the Toronto Argonauts, Herbie Kuhn. Tickets are \$90. www.ontarioprayerbreakfast.ca.

Vocations

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at: 416-968-0997, or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca.





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