

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, May 31

5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

Sunday, June 1

9 am Parishioners

11 am Civil & Military Airline Pilots

Tuesday, June 3

8:30 am + Juan Pelingon

Wednesday, June 4

8:30 am Parishioners

Thursday, June 5

8:30 am + Romualdo & Carmen Candelario
+ Marcellino Candelario, Sr.

Friday, June 6

8:30 am + Stephen Thomas DeLaat



Ascension of The Lord

First Reading: Acts 1.1-11

Psalm: Ps 47.1-2, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23

Gospel: Luke 24.46-53

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 May for the intentions of: ---

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"...so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

What St. Luke is basically conveying is the continuity between the ministry of Jesus and that of the disciples who, when empowered with the Spirit at Pentecost, will become eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word. So, the disciples are not dismayed, nor do they lament the departure of Jesus. They have a task to fulfil; they will be equipped for that task; they have Jesus' promise that he will return.

The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to the event of Christ's return, the Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins, but something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit, we must be purified through Baptism.

The forces hostile to God and to true humanity have by no means yet been fully overcome. The essential blow has been struck in the Paschal victory of Jesus, but his messianic work continues as he breathes his Spirit into the Church that carries on his mission. What the Church (we) must understand – what the Ascension assures her – is that accompanying all her labour and suffering is the victory of her risen Lord, who now stands at the right hand of God interceding on behalf of all (Rom 8:34).

While Christ now reigns with his Father, he still dwells in his Body, the Church. Through the Church, Christ acts in the world. Through the Church he announces the immanence of God's Kingdom. The Church, imperfect as an assembly of sinners, still dares to declare the Kingdom. For the Church is made whole through the work of Christ's Spirit.

In this sense the Ascension is not simply something that happened to Jesus – his departure, physically, from this world. It is the feast that celebrates the hope that his triumph will ultimately be ours as well. (Excerpts from: *Brendan Byrne, SJ; Scott Hahn; word-Sunday.com.*)

PARISH NEWS

75th Anniversary of St. Pius X Parish

2026 will mark 75 years since our Parish was founded. We are planning a celebration and are hoping older parishioners can help with their memories of the earlier days. Perhaps you were a member of this parish 20 to 25 years ago or more, celebrated an event or were married here, or have a story or memorabilia that will bring to life our parish history. If so, please speak to Fr. Mani.



Coffee Sunday

Join your fellow parishioners for the Catholic Women's League delicious baking and coffee on Sunday, June 1st after the 11 am Mass. Greet some new faces or someone you have never talked to and make them feel welcome!

Building Fund Collection

This weekend, May 30th and June 1st, a second collection will be held for the Parish Building Fund.

ShareLife

The third and last special collection for the ShareLife 2025 annual campaign will be next weekend, June 7th-8th. So far, our Parish has achieved about 39% of its goal, or \$18,224 of \$47,000. Because of you, people who feel the weight of the world on their shoulders can experience some relief. Like young mother Sarah, and her 4-week-old baby, who fled a life-threatening situation. She went from being alone, homeless and afraid, to supported, secure and safe through programs at Catholic Family Services of Durham. You can contribute using a ShareLife envelope from our foyer, online through our parish website, or at <https://sharelife.org/donate>.

What's Wrong with MAID Tuesday, June 3, 7:30 pm

MAID (Medical Assistance In Dying) is a part of healthcare that needs attention by our faith community. On Tuesday, June 3, Rev. Deacon Larry Worthen, Executive Director of the Christian Medical and Dental Association,

will give a talk on MAID at the Holy Family Church (1372 King St. W.). RSVP is not required but will allow the host venue to better prepare.

<https://cmdacanada.org/event/whats-wrong-with-maid-toronto/>.

Webinar: The Our Father

From the Canadian Catholic Council of Bishops presented by Dr. Josephine Lombardi: [A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) (enter this title into your browser or click on the link in our online Bulletin).

Martyrs' Shrine Invitation

The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs (Midland) is holding a Gala Dinner at the Bellvue in Vaughan, Ontario, on June 11th, with all proceeds going to support upgrades to its infrastructure during its centennial year. With special guest Cardinal Francis Leo, guests will enjoy food at booths hosted by some of the major ethnic pilgrimage groups and a banquet dinner. Tickets are \$200 and available at <https://martyrs-shrine.com/spring-gala>.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome

The Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee 2025 Committee is organizing a week-long pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Frank Leo from November 10 to 17, 2025. The pilgrimage will include visits to Rome's major basilicas and Holy Door, daily Mass, and a day trip to Assisi. Registration is now full. To join the waitlist, visit: <https://bit.ly/ArchTORome2025>.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Learn --

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan the QR code
2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebJune7
3. send an email to:

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write "webinar June 7" in the title line

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