

# 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](http://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](http://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, June 28

5 pm + Gregorio & Teresa Yrastorza

### Sunday, June 29

9 am Parishioners

11 am Ashley & Adam

### Tuesday, July 1

8:30 am Parishioners

### Wednesday, July 2

8:30 am Anna Migliore

### Thursday, July 3

8:30 am + John De Cuyper

Sheila De Cuyper

Nora De Cuyper

### Friday, July 4

8:30 am Parishioners



### Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

First Reading: Acts 12.1-11

Psalm: Ps 34.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 16.13-19



#### 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 July for the intentions of: ---**

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*"...and on this rock I will build my Church..."*

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a "field report" by asking what people are saying about him. He refers to himself as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that "Son of Man" is best understood to mean "human being." As Jesus turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe, Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ. "Christ" is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for "messiah," which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the "messiah" was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation.

This event marks an important moment in the development of the Church. Though each of Peter and Paul would have been considered by many as very unlikely founders of the Christian Church, this is exactly what they became. Jesus uses this occasion to bless Peter, who represents all the disciples but also has a unique role to play in the founding of the new community. Peter is blessed not because of a personal insight but because God revealed to him who Jesus is. Peter is the rock on which Jesus will build the Church.

Today's Second Reading quotes Paul writing from prison before his death. Paul was well educated in the strictest interpretation of the Jewish law, understood philosophy and was quite zealous as a young man. Recall that, prior to becoming a convert to Christianity, he "persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it" ([Galatians 1:13](#)). In many ways, Paul would have been seen as the most unlikely person to be chosen to be a pillar of the Church, because he so vigorously opposed it at first. However, after his conversion, he traveled far and wide to preach the Gospel, founding several new Churches throughout Asia Minor and Europe. Eventually he was arrested in Jerusalem, brought to Rome for trial and was beheaded. Over half of the New Testament books are attributed to Paul, and half of the Acts of the Apostles detail Paul's missionary journeys. Paul is especially known for his missionary activity to the Gentiles, those who were not Jews. (Excerpt from: *Loyola Press; My Catholic Life.*)

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Canada Day**

There will be an 8:30 Mass as usual on July 1<sup>st</sup>, but the office will be closed. Happy Canada Day to everyone!

### **Stations of the Cross**

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross devotion every first Wednesday of the month immediately following the 8:30 am Mass.

### **Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp is available for intentions for the month of July onwards.

### **Pastoral Letter**

Cardinal Leo has issued a new Pastoral Letter called "That Blessed Upper Room". It is intended to support ongoing reflection and meditation, chapter by chapter, on topics such as the Eucharist, Humble Service, Holy Spirit and Prayer. This link includes access to a brief four-minute video introduction from His Eminence.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/thatblessedupperroom>.

### **Campus Kickstart**

On Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, the Newman Centre Catholic Chaplaincy at the University of Toronto is hosting a special welcome to students attending the U of T St. George campus. Campus Kickstart will include inspiring talks, a Q&A panel with current students, tips on course selection, campus tours, and a BBQ lunch, among other activities. Contact:

[lucas.desousa@newmantoronto.com](mailto:lucas.desousa@newmantoronto.com). Go to: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DKZxLfXxhzd/>.

### **Lumen Gentium**

The Lumen Gentium Forum is a Fellowship Program for young catholic professionals. They are recruiting candidates to join the next group of the fellowship program, a nine-month experience focused on building up Catholic leaders for the Church and for society, offered by CAPP-Canada — the Canadian arm of a

Vatican foundation founded by Pope Saint John Paul II, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Toronto. Running from September 2025 to May 2026, this program is designed to form young Catholic lay people, ages 25-40, for their vocations as leaders who serve the common good, share the light of Christ with others, and bring Gospel values alive in their careers, communities, family, parish, and civic engagement – all through their particular talents and skills. Interested candidates may apply at [www.LumenForum.ca](http://www.LumenForum.ca). Applications will close once a full cohort of 20 Fellows has been recruited. Contact: [brendan@lumenforum.ca](mailto:brendan@lumenforum.ca) or [robin@lumenforum.ca](mailto:robin@lumenforum.ca).

### **Vocations**

Jesus still speaks the invitation "Follow Me". Pray for the strength and the grace of discernment if you feel He is calling you to be an ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-261-7207 x 801, [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org); [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).



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