

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

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, November 29

5 pm Gert Gevaert

Sunday, November 30

9 am + Leo Goemaere

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, December 2

8:30 am + Herminia Rodrigues

Wednesday, December 3

8:30 am + Adelio Domodossola

Thursday, December 4

8:30 am + Maria Marolt

Friday, December 5

8:30 am + John & Mary O'Toole
+ Rosa Mallia



First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5

Psalm: Ps 122.1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: Romans 13.11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44

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

“Keep awake...”

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. As we move from Year C to Year A, we will be moving from the Gospel of Luke to that of Matthew. The Advent season is a four-week period of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus and the final coming of the Lord in glory. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

Jesus exaggerates in today’s Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again. Christ occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss. His point here is that the exact “hour” is not important. What is crucial is that we do not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him—spiritually and morally—when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us—like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah.

Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst. His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in today’s First Reading, who presents his vision of a peaceful world, where weapons of conflict are turned into tools to rebuild communities, as people grow together in God’s love. In the Second Reading, Paul urges the Romans to wake up; to abandon thoughts and behaviour that keep God in the dark, and to live in the light of his love. He is direct and uncompromising but reassuring that God’s salvation is as attainable as putting on new clothes.

The theme of awakening features in the Gospel, as Jesus calls on people to ‘be ready’ for God’s salvation by living in love and faith. Jesus exhorts us to “keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.”

One tremendous way we can keep awake is to receive God’s merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation, especially this Advent. We take this season of preparation to make ready by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

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

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

Look for a weekly prayer in this space beginning in December. Each prayer will be accompanied by an invitation to congratulate and pray for a special group of people.

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 or on Friday, January 2nd. On those days, the office will be closed.

Gift Card Donations

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 in any amount you choose. Please speak to Fr. Mani after any Mass if you have any questions.

Save The Dates 2026

75th Anniversary Opening Mass – January 4th at 10 am

St. Pius X Feast Day Mass – August 23rd at 10 am

75th Anniversary Closing Mass – October 4th at 11 am

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

Mass Intentions 2026

The Mass Intentions book for 2026 will be open beginning in the first week of Advent. We invite you to schedule Masses for the year in advance.

Boxes of Offertory Envelopes

Those who have not yet had an opportunity to pick up their 2026 boxes of envelopes may visit the office during office hours or pick them up after any Mass.

Cardinal Leo Advent Message

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo has issued a letter for the season of Advent. See the letter at:

[Archdiocese of Toronto - Cardinal Leo's Message for Advent.](#)

St. Michael's Choir Christmas Concert Saturday, December 13 at 7 PM

This year's Christmas concert, "Rejoice! Jubilee Celebration – 60 Years at Massey Hall", will celebrate six decades of music as it embraces the spirit of the Jubilee Year. Tickets are available at www.masseyhall.com. Please use the Promo Code: STARLIGHT. You can also call the Massey Hall Box Office at 416-872-4255.

Thank You to All the Bazaar Donors!

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) Annual Christmas Bazaar was a great success this year. We are grateful for the help and support of our parishioners and the following donors:

Baby Point Hardware	Mad Mexican Restaurant
Bloor Meat Market	Meaty Eats
Book City	Petti Fine Foods
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Cheese Boutique	Red Label Hair Company
Cookery Shop	Serenity Nail Salon
Coffee Boutique	Simply Thai Restaurant
Durbar Indian Restaurant	
Gatto Stone Oven Pizza Skin & Beauty Fresh Spa	
Kingsway Meats	Snapper's Fish Market
Lemon & Lavender	Sorrento Hairstylists
Turner & Porter Funeral Homes	
I Can Build Math Skills (Mathnasium)	

The CWL encourages you to visit these local businesses that so kindly donated to our Bazaar. The Bazaar not only raises funds to be distributed to various charitable organizations, it also brings the St. Pius X Parish community together. Thank you to all for your support!



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