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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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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, September 19

5 pm + John Nguyen

Sunday, September 20

9 am + Jadwiga & Piotr Zaremba

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, September 22

8:30 am + Roy Concessio

+ Carmen Candelario

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 am Helen Cho

Veronica Kim

Thursday, September 24

8:30 am Health of Fernando Santos

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 25

8:30 am + Giuseppe & Teresa Pileggi

+ Helen Myer



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9

Psalm: Ps 145.2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 1.20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16



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 September for the intentions of: Anna Wong

GOSPEL REFLECTION

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The house of Israel is the vine of God, but Israel failed to yield good fruits, and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel’s kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors. But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth. This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus’ parable of salvation history in today’s Gospel.

The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise. In the Lord’s great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations.

God is perfectly just. Yet His justice is never separated from His mercy. Together they form a harmony we may call Divine Equity, a principle that transcends limited human notions of fairness. God gives not merely according to labour performed but according to the wisdom of His eternal love and providence. What appears to us as inequality is, in truth, the generous outpouring of grace from the One who sees hearts, not hours. His ways are not our ways, as we hear in the First Reading, and His judgments surpass the grasp of reason unaided by faith.

Equity is not equality. In modern discourse, the term “equity” is often misused or distorted. But Divine Equity is something altogether different. It flows from God’s perfect justice and mercy, distributing grace according to the truth of each soul’s interior life—not according to a purely external standard.

Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late—after having spent most of their days idling in sin. A soul that lives much of life far from God, mired in sin, yet sincerely repents near the end—perhaps even in the final hour—can receive an abundance of grace. A genuine, humble, and complete conversion at the end of life opens the floodgates of Divine Mercy. In such a case, God’s Divine Equity responds not by withholding grace but by pouring it out lavishly, in accord with His infinite mercy. This should console us, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard. (*Excerpts: Scott Hahn Reflections; My Catholic Life.*)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the third weekend of the month, we remember the sick people who are admitted to hospitals and at home:

Almighty ever living God, healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. Relieve the worry and sorrow of the sick persons among us with Your gentle love and grant them the grace and strength to accept this burden. We place them under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to good health again. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

75th Anniversary Special Closing Mass

Join us on **Sunday, October 4th at 11:00 am** for our very special Anniversary Year Closing Mass, celebrated by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Archbishop of Toronto. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Hall at which you will find delicious foods, home baked treats, coffee/tea and beverages, and warm fellowship!

N.B. Mass at 9 am on Sunday, October 4, is cancelled.

St. Joseph's Centre of Hope for Women

This weekend, September 19-20, a representative from The St. Joseph's Centre of Help for Women will speak to us after Mass. St. Joseph's operates a mobile crisis pregnancy centre next to an abortion clinic. It offers life to the baby and support for the mother. It also offers post-abortion counselling and free ultrasounds for mothers-to-be. Please visit the table at the back of the church after Mass for your donations.

Schedules for 2026-27 Children's Sacraments

The Preparation Class Schedules for children receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion are now available on our website. Please review them for any conflicts with your family calendar. Registration forms for in-person interviews for both sacraments are available on our website until **October 9**. Please call Fr. Mani to make an appointment for a meeting in September.

Lectern Hangings

Fr. Mani extends heartfelt gratitude to those generous parishioners who have donated so handsomely toward the cost of new hangings for our lectern. The

first one will be installed in time for the Closing Mass on October 4th.

Sound System & Church Lights

As previously announced, Fr. Mani is having the church's overhead lights fixed, as well as making necessary repairs to the sound system. The Finance Council has approved of this work. If any parishioners wish to donate towards these costs, that would be most welcome.

Second Collection

Next weekend, September 26-27, there will be a second collection for the Needs of the Canadian Church (Bishop's Collection).

Summer Music Series – Closing Concert

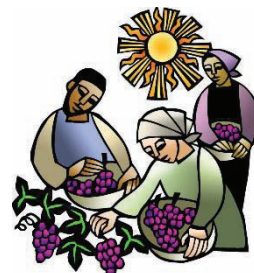
We are very grateful to the musicians who donated their time and considerable talents to offer us four excellent musical evenings. The quality of programs and performance were of the highest. Thank you to the parishioners who attended – we were all enraptured! The next and last concert will take place on Friday, **September 25** at 7:30 pm.

Stewardship Sunday

September 20 is Stewardship Sunday. It is an opportunity to prayerfully discern how you might share your God-given gifts by becoming more actively involved in the life and ministries of the Parish. Cardinal Leo's homily can be accessed here: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship under the Stewardship Sunday section.

112th World Day of Migrants & Refugees

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is "Even just one of these children." Drawing from the Gospel of Matthew (18:5) — "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" — the Holy Father calls the Church to pay special attention to migrants and refugee children. This occasion will be commemorated with a special Mass on Sunday, **September 27**, 2026, at 11:30 am at St. Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch Avenue, Pickering). Bishop Vincent Nguyen will serve as both celebrant and homilist. A reception and short program will follow the Mass. All are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion.




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