

St. Pius X Parish

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Pastoral Staff

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(Fr. Mani), **Pastor**

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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



Saturday, January 25

5 pm Parishioners

Sunday, January 26

9 am Tony Fleri

11 am Parishioners

Tuesday, January 28

8:30 am + Manuela & Charles DeParis
Valenzia

Wednesday, January 29

8:30 am + Connie Estorba

Thursday, January 30

8:30 am + Connie Estorba

Friday, January 31

8:30 am + Joseph Henning

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10++

Psalm: Ps 19.7, 8, 9, 14

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-14, 27

Gospel: Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21

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 January for the intentions of:

Marilyn Tremblay



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

The Gospel scene recalls the First Reading. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it. At this early time in his ministry, Jesus declares that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him. This is perhaps the shortest but most important sermon ever preached! The Gospel, literally "the Good News," which Isaiah announced and Jesus fulfilled, is meant for all, especially the poor. In its most fundamental sense, the poor means all those who know their need for God, who are called by Jesus the "poor in spirit." The self-sufficient, proud or arrogant, on the other hand, have little or no room for the saving Word of God.

Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, release to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord. The "year of the Lord's favour" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed. As proclaimed by Jesus, the 'release' in question refers in first instance to God's 'release' of human beings from the 'debt' of sin – though this does not mean that the original social justice sense is excluded.

The text comes to a climax with the announcement of a year of the Lord's favour: the unconditional 'welcome' or 'acceptance' into the hospitality of God, with all burden of sin simply cancelled. This unconditional offer of forgiveness stands behind all that Jesus will say and do throughout his ministry. The 'year' or 'day' of acceptance will become very long indeed, stretching beyond Jesus' own life to extend, through the ministry of the Church, till the end of time.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God. (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life*; Scott Hahn; Fr. Brendan Byrne, SJ)

PARISH NEWS

Jubilee Regional Eucharistic Celebrations

All Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Opening Jubilee Year Masses in the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. No need to register, just come! All Masses begin at 7:00 pm. Confessions will be heard from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. Central Region locations are:

- St. Paul's Basilica (83 Power Street) Wednesday, Feb. 12, celebrated by Bishop Kasun
- St. Mary's Church (588 Adelaide Street) Thursday, Feb. 20, celebrated by Bishop Kasun
- St. Edward the Confessor Church (75 Churchill Ave) Tuesday, Feb. 25, celebrated by Cardinal Leo.

For those interested in obtaining a Jubilee indulgence, requirements include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attending Mass and offering prayers for the intention of the Holy Father.

Jubilee of Youth 2025

All young adults (ages 19-39) are invited to join Fr. Paul Magyar and the Archdiocese Office of Catholic Youth team for a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from July 23rd to August 5th, 2025. Please contact youth@archtoronto.org to receive the pilgrim information package. Further information is available from the Coordinator, Amanda Pereira at avperiera@archtoronto.org.

Marriage Sunday 2025

Marriage Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday of February each year. This year, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples. The Mass will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All people are welcome to attend, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. This group may register for reserved seating. www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 9 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 legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:

2. follow this QR link:

grco.de/WebFeb01

3. send an email to:

Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar February 1" in the title line +

your name(s) in the body of the message.



Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus of the Office of Catholic Youth invites post-secondary students and recent graduates to discern the call to serve young people this summer. Apart from receiving a fair wage, the true value of this experience is growing in virtue and your relationship with God. The opportunity involves a three-month commitment from June to August. After a month of training and formation, these leaders are sent out to serve as missionaries in parishes. Share your love for God in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. The deadline to apply is January 31st. www.totustuustoronto.ca.



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