

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 23

5pm + Andrew Lubrano

Sunday, November 24

9am Parishioners
11am + Steven Riley

Tuesday, November 26

8:30am + Deceased Members of the Family

Wednesday, November 27

8:30am Anna Madej

Thursday, November 28

8:30am + Jacob Abreu

Friday, November 29

8:30am + Leo Goemare

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Daniel 7.13-14
Psalm: Ps 93.1ab, 1c-2, 5
Second Reading: Revelation 1.5-8
Gospel: John 18.33b-37

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 opens the opportunity for friends and families to pray at the tabernacle knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the intentions of:

GOSPEL REFLECTION

...for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.

What is the truth Jesus comes to bear witness to in this last Gospel of the Church's year? It is the truth that in Jesus God keeps the promise He made to David of an everlasting kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, "the first born, highest of the kings of the earth". Later (v. 38), Pilate will ask, 'What is truth?' and not wait for an answer. 'Truth' in the sense of this Gospel basically means the revelation of God, as Jesus reveals God to be, and the view of human life that flows from that vision.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse ([John 17:6-18](#)), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again, we hear echoes of John's theme. Salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed King and Savior of all.

Jesus' whole life has been a revelation, defence and witness to 'truth' in this sense. Now he is on trial for it, as countless others, down to and including our time, will be on trial in the same cause. Pilate may have the physical power of Rome behind him. Jesus has the allegiance of all who seek the truth. They will suffer for bearing witness to it, as he did. Today's feast asserts that they who have shared his witness will share his victory as well. (*Excerpt: Loyola Press; Brendan Byrne, SJ*)

PARISH NEWS

New – Multiple Intentions

Beginning this week, the Parish will accept multiple Mass Intentions on the first Friday of every month. This is in addition to the current multiple Mass Intentions every Thursday.

2025 Sunday Missals - November 23-24

Missals for the 2025 liturgical year will be available for purchase after all Masses on the weekends of *November 23-24* and *November 30-December 1*. The cost of the missals will be \$5.00 each. Exact change would be appreciated.

Offertory Boxes of Envelopes

Watch for the boxes of envelopes for 2025 in the church foyer before every weekend Mass starting the weekend of December 7-8. If you have not yet registered as a parishioner, we ask that you do so on our website (note the QR Code “To Join” on the front of the bulletin). You will be assigned a box number if you choose. However, we continue to encourage parishioners to sign up for online donations instead of envelopes. This leads to cost and time savings for the Parish.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Mark your calendars and come out for Reconciliation (Confession) on Saturday, December 7th between 10am and 12pm. Several priests will be available.

Rosary Apostolate in the School

Two volunteers are leading a Rosary Apostolate at St. Pius X Catholic School. This apostolate engages youth in Grades 9-12 and is very rewarding. If you are willing to dedicate two hours a month as a Rosary Visitor to pray the Rosary with a school Prayer Group, speak to Ann Clough or Ann Rooney in the foyer after any Mass this weekend, November 23-24. You can also call Ann Rooney (416-769-9749), or sign-up forms are available in the church foyer so they can contact you. <https://www.rosaryapostolate.com/school.html>,

Call for Children’s Liturgy Volunteers!

We are continuing our call for parishioners who attend the 11 am Sunday Mass and who would like to teach young children (JK to Gr. 1) about the Catholic liturgy. *Volunteers would engage in a rotating schedule so they will be able to choose when they attend.* We can only go ahead with this program with the support of several parishioners. If

you would like to participate in this valuable program, please speak to Fr. Mani after any Mass, or come to the office.

St. Michael’s Choir School Christmas Concert Saturday, December 14 at 7pm

A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School’s 59th Annual Christmas concert at Massey Hall, packed with beloved works including Vivaldi’s *Gloria*, *Carol of the Bells*, and *The Star Carol*. Brochures for *Gloria!* can be found in the church foyer, and tickets are available at <https://masseyhall.mhrth.com/tickets/st-michaels-christmas-concert/>. Use the Promo Code: STARLIGHT. For information, call 416-397-6367. (See our online bulletin for easier access to long links.)

ShareLife Matching Gift Opportunity

Between now and December 31, gifts to ShareLife will be matched up to \$500,000. We are grateful for the kind generosity of the anonymous donor who is making this possible. Double your impact and offer much-needed support to our agencies as they meet the growing needs within our community.

World Youth Day 2024

World Youth Day this year falls on November 24th, the Solemnity of Christ the King. Archbishop Francis Leo has issued a special message: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/world-youth-day-message-from-archbishop-leo/>. To mark this auspicious occasion, the Archbishop will be presiding over Holy Mass at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica at 2 p.m., on Sunday, November 24th. He encourages everyone between the ages of 19-39 who is able to please consider joining him for the celebration of the Eucharist at St. Michael’s and the social following Mass.

Joint call for Help and Prayers for Lebanon

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved a Joint Call by three Catholic organizations to support this urgent appeal: Development and Peace Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, and Catholic Near East Welfare Association. The press release and more details can be viewed at: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/urgent-appeal-for-support-in-lebanon-joint-call-for-help-and-prayers/>.

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