

June 27th/28th, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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MASS INTENTIONS

June 29th – July 5th



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Monday, June 29th— Saints Peter and Paul, Solemnity

9:00am— Simon Peter

Tuesday, June 30th — Ferial, Ordinary Time

9:00am— Dorothea Lenis

Wednesday, July 1st— Ferial, Ordinary Time

9:00am— Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, July 2nd— Ferial, Ordinary Time

9:00am— Simon Peter

Friday, July 3rd— St. Thomas, Apostle, Feast

9:00am— Dorothea Lenis

The Lord's Day Sunday Masses

Saturday, July 4th—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm — Intentions of Stevens Family; Intentions of Cruickshank Family; Souls in Purgatory; Rick Cummings; Dorothea Lenis; Anne Stapledon; Maria, Matthew; John Sciberras

Sunday, July 5th— Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am— Andrew Sutch

11:00am — Intentions of All Parishioners

7:00pm—

Meetings & Events This Week

Monday, June 29th

9:00am—Mass

Tuesday, June 30th

9:00am—Mass

10:00am — Our Lady Queen of Peace Cenacle

1:00pm—Safe Zone Exercise Program (Hall)

Wednesday, July 1st (Canada Day)

Parish Office Closed

8:15am — Prayers for Souls in Purgatory

9:00am—Mass

Thursday, July 2nd

9:00am—Mass

1:00pm—Safe Zone Exercise Program (Church Hall)

Friday, July 3rd

8:00am-8:50am—Adoration (Church)

9:00am—Morning Mass

9:30-3:00pm—Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, July 4th

8:00am—Confessions (First Saturday of the Month)

8:30am—Mass (First Saturday of the Month)

4:00pm -4:30pm—Reconciliation

5:00pm—Mass

Handicraft Holy Land Christians Visit

Sunday, July 5th

8:00am—Rosary (Church)

9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm —Mass

Handicraft Holy Land Christians Visit

Upcoming

Monday, July 6th

9:00am—Mass

Tuesday, July 7th

9:00am—Mass

10:00am — Our Lady Queen of Peace Cenacle

1:00pm—Safe Zone Exercise Program (Hall)

Wednesday, July 8th

8:15am — Prayers for Souls in Purgatory

9:00am—Mass

7:00pm—San Rocco Meeting (Church Hall)

Thursday, July 9th

9:00am—Mass

1:00pm—Safe Zone Exercise Program (Church Hall)

6:30pm—Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting (Church Hall)

Friday, July 10th

8:00am-8:50am—Adoration (Church)

9:00am—Morning Mass

9:30-3:00pm—Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, July 11th

4:00pm -4:30pm—Reconciliation

5:00pm—Mass

Sunday, July 12th

8:00am—Rosary (Church)

9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm —Mass

1:00pm—Baptisms



Sanctuary Candle Intentions

June 28th to July 4th

Pat & Alex Zahrybelny
Michael & Cindy Zahrybelny



Marian Candle Intention
June 28th to July 4th

Intentions of Brian and Valerie Wilson



O God, you created the earth to be our dwelling as we journey toward our heavenly home. We praise you for the riches of this land that feeds and sustains us. We thank you for the kindness of

those who welcomed the newcomers who settled here. We thank you for the faith of those who worked to build a just society that honours you. We ask you to send your Spirit upon our gathering this morning. Open our hearts with gratitude for your blessings, with repentance for our failures, and grant us an unshakeable hope, to build a future that glorifies you in all things. We ask you this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen

Bible Reading Group

This Saturday, June 27th will be the last meeting before the group goes on break from Saturday, July 4th to Saturday, September 5th.



For information, please contact: Lavinia McLean 226-938-1113 Lavinia.Tj@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will continue to be offered at the 11:00am Mass until July 19th. We will start up again on September 13th.



Summer Bulletin Update

Like last year, there will not be a weekly bulletin produced over the summer months. This will be the last weekly bulletin.

For July and August we will have only one bulletin for each month. (**July 4th/5th, August 1st/2nd**) We will resume weekly bulletins in September.

Call For Volunteers

Our parish needs volunteers in many areas, with the greatest need on the Building/Maintenance and Garden Committees.



Why Volunteer?

- °Volunteering benefits both the community and the individual.
- °It strengthens our parish while also offering a sense of purpose and personal fulfillment.

If you are interested in offering any of your time and talents, your help would be very much appreciated. Please reach out to office@stpiusbrantford.ca or call 519-753-8439 for more information.



CWL NEWS

Summer Clean-up!!

"Save the date!!"



The C.W.L. is pleased to announce that the Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 14th, 2026. Over the summer, please keep the bazaar in mind as you sew, make knitted items, 'can' preserves, or tidy up your homes. Our tables will love your contributions! Please plan to attend! And bring family and friends to this amazing fund-raising Parish event. Thank you in advance for all your kind support. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are always appreciated. Further information about the Christmas Bazaar will be posted in up-coming bulletins. Contact: Eva Evans (519)-753-4034 or Pat McDougall (519)-756-3272 with any questions.



Handicraft Holy Land Christians



On the weekend of July 4-5, we will welcome our special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers."

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

You can visit and support us at www.HolylandChristians.ca

Donation Information

If you would like to send your offertory donation via E-Transfer, please use the following email: bookkeeping@stpiusbrantford.ca Thank you for your generosity and continued support of St. Pius X Parish.



Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

(Loyola Press)



The Ministry of Compassion brings communion to our homebound parishioners every Friday morning and volunteers also lead a prayer/communion service at nursing/retirement homes within our parish boundaries.

We are in need of volunteers. Please consider sharing your time, talents and faith within our Ministry. We provide training so that new volunteers feel comfortable taking on this rewarding role. If you are interested, please leave your name and number with the parish office. office@stpiusbrantford.ca

Be A Man



We often consider our faith as simply something we do on Sundays, but living your faith comes with a whole new challenge – especially when you are faced with a personal crisis. Imagine watching your friend and partner die in front of your eyes from a gunshot wound. Your response is either part of your faith or a worldly anger. On **Wednesday July 8th at 5:00pm**, we invite men to join us to hear from someone who faced that exact challenge; a former OPP officer who lived through that horror and used his faith to survive it. The *Be A Man* group will host the BBQ at **Sacred Heart Parish in Paris** to hear from this man, and to share burgers and comradery. We hope you will join us.

Help us prepare for the number of men attending by simply adding your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. For more information go to beamanbrant.ca



SAN ROCCO
Venerato in Brantford

The San Rocco Association wishes to announce their upcoming Festa of San Rocco.

To be held at St. Pius X Church, 9 Waverly St., Brantford, on August 16th, 2026 at 1:30 pm. A solemn High mass will be celebrated in honor of San Rocco, followed by a procession in the church parking lot. Upon return to the church the traditional blessing and distribution of the bread will take place, after which a social is planned in the church hall. All are welcomed.

Flowers and baked goods are greatly appreciated and will be received Saturday Aug. 15th, 2026, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the church.

Special notice "The church parking lot will be closed for this celebration."

Canada Day, July 1

July 1 is celebrated as Canada's birthday. Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes.

Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God's people may share in the goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.

(CCCB Publications)



As we come to the close of the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are invited not simply to conclude a devotion, but to deepen a way of life rooted in the love of Christ. In the Heart of Jesus—pierced on the Cross and open to the world—we encounter the source of Divine Mercy, poured out for our healing and salvation.

From this heart flows forgiveness, compassion, and new life. Let us continue to turn to the Sacred Heart with trust, asking that His love may transform our hearts, strengthen our ability to love and serve others, and shape our daily lives according to His Heart.

We invite you to say at the beginning of each day this prayer;

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all of the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favours, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my family and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father, Amen.

Additional prayers and resources for the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are available on the diocesan website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/sacredheart



Hamilton Diocese Marian Days—First Saturdays from June– October 2026. The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph

- July 4, 2026 (Bishop Lobsinger)
- August 1, 2026 (Cardinal Collins)
- September 5, 2026 (Bishop Lobsinger)
- October 3, 2026 (Bishop Dabrowski)

Please note that the October Marian Day concludes with the Regina Caeli Tea. Registration is required and will be available after all Marian Days. For more information visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/05/marian-days-2026/>

ReSTART: Moving Forward— Struggling after a divorce or separation? ReStart can help you move forward with support, education and positive encouragement from our experienced facilitators. Our 11-week program offers help to anyone seeking to heal and move forward. The new session will start in September and will be held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton in person. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration can be found at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events for September, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

Parenting Tip Of The Month— Loving guidance and care for children by parents is a foundational principle of our Catholic teachings. In June we celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose love and care taught us how to live and love in our lives. As summer approaches take some time to relax into the season with purpose. Show how to love by your interactions and activities: pray together daily, attend Mass even when you are away, read together, take time for hiking, have a family games nights, spend time preparing and cooking as a family, etc. Teaching how to love with the heart of Jesus happens through interaction and will help create loving, confident, healthy children.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ☐ **June 28, 2026** - "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Accept the invitation that is being extended, an invitation by the one who sent him. If you feel you are being called to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Reconciliation takes place weekly on Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:30pm, or is available by appointment by contacting the Office at [519-753-8439](tel:519-753-8439) or emailing office@stpiusbrantford.ca.

Scent-Free Environment:

Please be considerate of others. Different scents/smells do cause breathing issues and headaches for some people.



Be A Man <https://beamanbrant.ca>

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St Pius X Conference

Reflection

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will reap bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9:6

Door Collection:

There will be Door Collection at all Masses this weekend

Ways to Donate:

Monetary:

- Mass envelope collection
- Door Collection (Last weekend of every month)
- E-Transfer (Bookkeeping@stpiusbrantford.ca)
- Automatic Worship Offering (Arranged through Parish Office)

Food and Clothing:

Drop donations at Welcome desk or drop off at the SSVP Thrift Shop 143 Wellington St. Brantford ON

Furniture:

Contact the Thrift Store to arrange pick up:
[519-751-0143](tel:519-751-0143)



Use the QR Code link to Sign Up

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Men! Join the Knights of Columbus.
Lead with Faith, Protect Your Family, Serve Others and Defend Your Values.

Contact Rob Panko at rpanko@rogers.com or call 226-388-1786 for additional details.

PARISH FINANCE REPORT Week Ending June 20th, 2026

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$5,127.50
Sunday Loose Collection	\$1,275.45
EFT / Direct Deposit (Weekly Average)	\$2,017.86
Other (Building Fund, Christmas, Easter...)	\$449.84
TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$8,870.65
Budgeted Weekly Expenses	\$9,251.71
NET (LOSS)	-\$381.06