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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 8th, 2023

SUNDAY MASSES:	SATURDAY	5:00PM
	SUNDAY	9:00AM & 11:00AM
DAILY MASS:	MONDAY	7:30PM
	TUESDAY — FRIDAY	8:00AM
	SATURDAY, HOLIDAYS	9:00AM
CONFESSIONS:	SATURDAY	4:00PM OR BY APPOINTMENT
ADORATION:	EVERY FRIDAY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS AND ENDING WITH BENEDICTION AT 2:30PM	



Embracing God's Desire and Will

Today's Scripture readings seem really strong and terrifying. They show us a side of God with which we are generally not very comfortable. We prefer to meet a God who is infinitely patient, who pardons us even when we act completely against him. We prefer the God shown to us in the Gospel of John, who assures us: "I have not come to condemn but to save."

We must read these readings carefully. Sometimes we get caught up only in the awful fear that God will condemn us. The readings from the Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel of Matthew are much more nuanced than that.

On the one hand, these readings refer to people who simply will not budge at all from their rejection of God and of his Christ. On the other hand, can't we feel a blast of the Lord's frustration with those who will not accept his invitation, those who will not even listen to his word at all? Too often the mercy and compassion of God become our justifications for not doing very much. We dilly and dally with sin and with temptations, wanting to be better but not wanting to take the tough decisions that will actually change our lives. We are truly human in that sense, but we lack the redeemed humanity of our Lord Jesus.

We need to become like the person we see in the reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians: true, honourable, just, pure, loving, and gracious. Our lives can be so different when we begin to live for the Lord. We can stop living in the dread and fear of having to give up our sinfulness, and instead embrace the strong life of those who still sin but whose hearts have become set on doing the will of the Lord.

How do we leave behind this fear of giving up our sinfulness and reach that place where our hearts are set on doing the will of the Lord? The only way is to keep asking God to change us and transform us. We cannot make this change by our own willpower. It is a change that is given to us and effected in us as a free and loving gift from the Lord our God – if we keep asking him for it. It is important that we ask with sincerity and truth, even acknowledging that we want to but perhaps don't really want to give up all of our sinfulness. But we can surely bring ourselves in sincerity and truth to ask the Lord to remove all from within us that is contrary to his desire and will.

In this Thanksgiving season, may the Lord give us strength and courage today as we celebrate these divine mysteries once again. May we be willing to be transformed by his love for us.

Adapted from a reflection from the Benedictine Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Abiquiu, New Mexico.

ARCHDIOCESAN CENSUS—October 14/15 & 21/22:

Starting next weekend our Ushers will be counting all women, men, and children attending Mass. This census will be done in all parishes of the Archdiocese to measure attendance and to plan for the future.

COFFEE AND COMPANY: This is fun, social ministry that helps build community in our Parish. Everyone is welcome to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions, please contact Corinne Volpatti at volpatti@shaw.ca.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP):

Our parish offers Grade 2-7 classes to prepare students for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Presently we are taking registrations through the parish office (Suzie 929-1404) or Michelle Cox at: michellebcox@shaw.ca.

STA CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR IS BACK!!

On Sunday, November 5th, 10am to 4pm. 100+ Artists, Raffle prizes, Hot meals and refreshments, Home baked Christmas treats. New and returning vendors to participate are asked to email: stacraftfair@aquinas.org.



SPX CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Is returning on Sunday, November 19th.
Register for your table at: spxcraftfair@gmail.com

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR ST MARK'S FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST this year on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH. This year's distinguished speaker will be Archbishop J. Michael Miller, who will speak on the "Miracle of St Mark's College". To learn more about sponsoring a table or attending, please email: fallayechano@stmarkscollege.ca.

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As you and your family gather around the table this weekend, remember to thank God the Giver of all Good Things, and extend your care and your prayers to those who are alone or in need.



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PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

Empowering Our Parish Vision

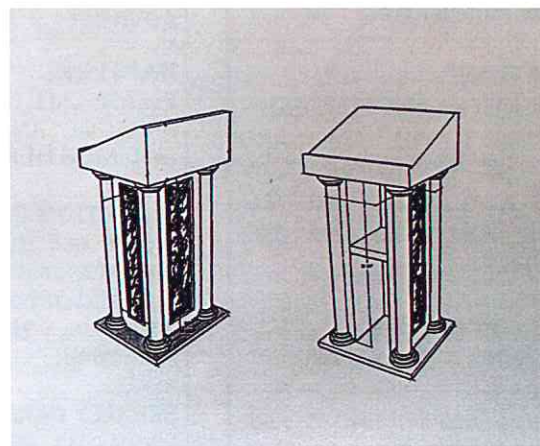
Each year, Project Advance inspires us to come together as a community of faith in Jesus Christ to support various ministries and programs of the Archdiocese and in our parishes.

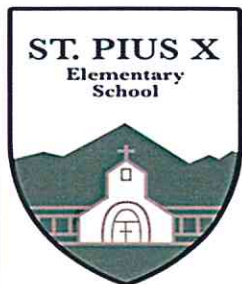
All funds raised that are in excess of the parish goal set by the Archdiocese (\$29,400, plus the cost of materials needed for the appeal) will be dedicated this year to the commission of an Ambo to complete our sanctuary. The marble ambo will complement our marble altar in design, detail, and proportion. The total estimate for all components of this project – materials, construction, installation, and labour – is \$27,000.

No donation is too small. Every pledge counts. Every gift matters. Every gift is important. Your gift is vitally important. All gifts are tax receiptable for 2023.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

Our total to date is \$35,570.00





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OUR SCHOOL IS A VIBRANT FAITH AND LEARNING COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF EACH CHILD USING CHRIST AS OUR CENTRE. WE ARE BLESSED WITH CARING AND DEDICATED EDUCATORS COMMITTED TO INSPIRING LIFE LONG LEARNERS IN ALL AREAS. WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE MANY ENRICHING LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
10AM-1:30PM
604-929-1404
PARISH.SPX @RCAV.ORG

REGISTRATIONS AND DONATION ENVELOPES:
REGISTRATION TO THE PARISH AND REQUEST FOR DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OR YOU MAY CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

REQUESTS FOR MASSES:
FOR THE LIVING AND DECEASED.
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.
SUGGESTED MASS STIPEND IS \$10.
MASS CARDS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.
FOR A COST OF \$3.00

MARRIAGES:
TO BEGIN THE SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, PLEASE CONTACT FR JEFF AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

BAPTISM:
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:
Please call the parish office when a parishioner or family member is hospitalized or housebound to arrange visitation, Holy Communion and Anointing.

BERKLEY CARE CENTRE:
Every 1st Wednesday at 1:30pm.
Mass or Prayers with Communion.

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PARISH GROUPS AND CONTACT INFORMATION & TO VOLUNTEER:

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

DELPHINE MONSURATE

604-929-7775

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604-729-4543

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DAVID BOYER 604-929-6430

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GREETERS

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE USHERS/GREETERS

AT ALL THE MASSES

PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE

TO VOLUNTEER

604-929-1404

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*To volunteer for Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament please contact Lisa Miiller
adoration.spx@gmail.com*

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Come and pray the Rosary every Saturday morning before Mass at 8:30am

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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

FOLLOW US – See what's happening!
Check out our Bulletin Board in the Church vestibule.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

Our Lady of Good Counsel: 604-640-7543

BIRTHRIGHT:

MONDAY—FRIDAY,

110-207 West Hastings St. 604-687-7223

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: 604-525-0999