



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

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## 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 22, 2023

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





## ***The Things that Are God's***

On this Sunday, Jesus invites us to become more aware of the workings of God in all of us and in the events of our lives. We should never narrow our vision simply to that which is considered to be holy and of God by our Church, by our society, or by our friends. God transcends all and everything. God is present in all and everything. And in this openness, we are still invited to believe that Christ is present in his Church and in the teachings of his Church.

In the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah speaks of the role of Cyrus the Great, King of Persia, as part of God's plan. Most of the people in the time of Cyrus and Isaiah would not have been thinking in this way. For the Chosen People, they were the heart of God's plan, and other peoples were only in the way. For other cultures, however, there was a completely different understanding of God or of gods. Yet Isaiah is able to see the hand of God in Cyrus, and proclaims that Cyrus is an instrument of God.

The challenge for us today is to see everything that happens as part of God's design. God is God! All things happen according to his design and plan. Even when we rebel directly against him, he is able to include our rebellion creatively in his plan, leaving us with the possibility of a new good. Even the best of theologians of all traditions have not been able to explain completely how our human free will and God's will intersect and act on each other.

Faith in God and in Jesus Christ enables and empowers us to see the action of the Holy Spirit in all that happens to us, whether it be, from our point of view, good or bad.

The second reading, from St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, reminds us that our Gospel did not come to us in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit, and with much conviction. This is a way of saying that it is not just in talking about God that we experience him. Rather, we want to become aware of and to experience God's power. We can do so by listening to God's word, and by seeing that word in action through history and in the lives of people in our present age, including ourselves. Becoming convinced of God's presence and his action in the world is at the heart of our faith, no matter how weak our faith may be.

The Gospel of Matthew today speaks to us about the relationship of Jesus to secular laws. Clearly those questioning Jesus wanted him to oppose paying the temple tax with Roman coins because it was offensive to the Jewish people. Jesus makes a clear distinction between what pertains to religious belief and what simply belongs to secular culture. This is always a challenge in every age. It is our challenge too.

The challenge of the Scripture readings today, therefore, is to keep our eyes open to the presence of God everywhere, to be aware and cautious that we can turn secular things into religious idols, and to believe that we are called to be free and loving while we serve God in peace.

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



**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:**

For the repose of the soul of longtime parishioner Dolores Holmes who entered eternal life on October 14th. Funeral will be here on Tuesday, October 24th at 11am. We extend our prayers and sympathies to the Holmes family.

**COLLECTION COUNTER VOLUNTEERS:**

We have a need for volunteers to help count weekend Mass collections on Monday mornings. Commitment would be about once a month for a couple of hours. Training will be provided. Please call the parish office for more information and to volunteer.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**

Next weekend for Parish Charitable Works.

**STA 34TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR IS**

**BACK!** On Sunday, November 5th, 10am to 4pm. 100+ Artisans, Raffle prizes, Hot meals and refreshments, Home baked Christmas treats. Everyone is invited to attend and bring your friends and neighbours.

**SPX CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**

Is returning on Sunday, November 19th. Register for your table at: [spxcraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:spxcraftfair@gmail.com).

**ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES:**

Are now at the back of the Church. When completed, please return the envelopes to the collection basket, Fr. Jeff, or the rectory mailbox.

**VOCATIONS LIVE-IN:**

On the weekend of November 4-5, 2023 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information please call 604-876-8975 or email: [rector.minors@sck.ca](mailto:rector.minors@sck.ca)

**MEN'S SHELTER MINISTRY:**

Pick up of sandwiches and/or baked goods to deliver to the Catholic Men's Shelter will be Friday, October 27th, 1:30-2pm, in the exit parking lot of the parish.

**ST THOMAS AQUINAS HS OPEN HOUSE:**

November 28th at 6pm. Applications are now open and due on December 1st. SPX Elementary students will have applications sent through the school. Please



## PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

### *Empowering Our Parish Vision*

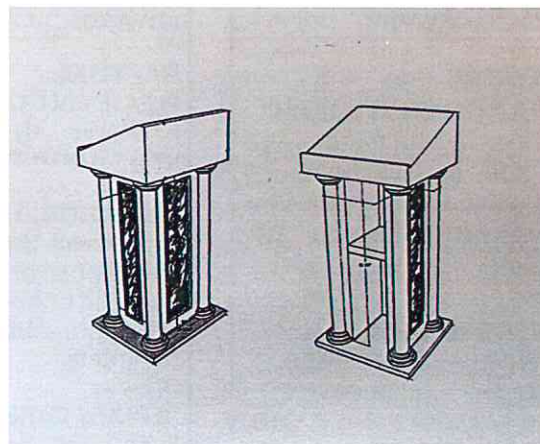
Each year, Project Advance inspires us to come together as a community of faith in Jesus Christ to support various ministries and programs of the Archdiocese and in our parishes.

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 \$36,410.00*







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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.

## ST PIUS X PARISH

### PARISH GROUPS AND CONTACT INFORMATION & TO VOLUNTEER:

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

DELPHINE MONSURATE

604-929-7775

#### **LECTORS**

CECILIA MCLAREN

604-729-4543

#### **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

DAVID BOYER 604-929-6430

DAVID HOLSWORTH 604-929-5180

#### **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