



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 19, 2023

SUNDAY MASSES:	SATURDAY	5:00PM
	SUNDAY	9:00AM & 11:00AM
DAILY MASS:	MONDAY	9:00AM
	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	

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

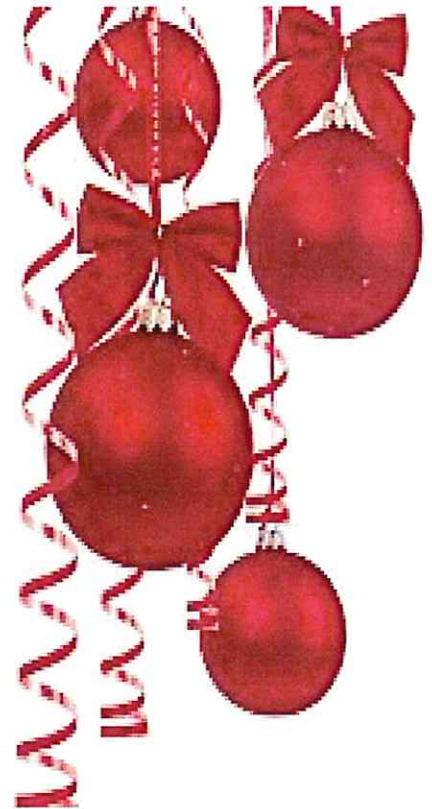
Sunday, November 19

10am - 2pm

*Talented Artisans & Local Businesses
Handmade Crafts & Gifts
Photos with Santa
School Choir
Hot Brunch & Refreshments
Famous CWL Bake Table with
Home Baked Christmas Treats
Amazing Raffle Prizes
Scholastic Book Fair
and much more!!!*

Table rentals contact: spxcraftfair@gmail.com

Bring your family, friends, and neighbours!





Transformed by God

We are approaching the end of Ordinary Time, and so Scripture speaks to us about how to live. The first reading from the Book of Proverbs rejoices in the wonderful gift that husband and wife can be to one another. But it is not automatic. What a gift is the worthy wife, what a gift is the man who entrusts his heart to her! We know that it does not always work that way, but when it does, the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony visibly reaches its fulfillment.

The second reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians emphasizes that the end of the world, and our personal death as well, will come when we are not expecting it. We must be prepared at all times to meet the Lord. We may expect that we have years left, but God can come at any time, either to end the whole world or to take us to his Kingdom. This is an apocalyptic message reflected throughout all of Scripture: Be ready now, be alert, be prepared!

The Gospel from St. Matthew repeats both of these themes in its parable about how to use the talents given to us. We think of human talents, but the Gospel is really speaking about how to use the gifts of faith given to us. Whatever we are given in this life must be used for God's glory and in service of others. Perhaps at times we want to shrug off responsibility and let others take care of things. The Gospel keeps reminding us: We ourselves are Christ's presence in the world; we are the hands and the love of God. We must live our faith, or it is no faith.

Today's world can well make us believe that the end is here. Yet this is so in every age. There is never a time when the world is completely obedient to the Lord and to the love that the Father has for us in the Holy Spirit. There is never a time when everyone is seeking the face of the Lord. This is not a surprise for us.

On the other hand, in every age, God's love and God's word are present. We are being called to respond to that love and to that word. Especially for those of us who have professed faith in Jesus Christ, we must be willing to take up the Cross each day and to follow Him, even when it means pain and suffering.

Most of us do not do world-shaking actions. Yet a small act of love for another person changes the world. The smallest act of faith transforms the whole universe. We are invited to take even the smallest steps in the direction of our God who loves us. He transforms the small acts, he transforms our littleness, he transforms us. All glory be to him forever!

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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

Flowers for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

PRO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Are now available for purchase at the back of the church. Cost: \$10. per pack or 3 packs for \$25. Please put your funds in the envelope provided.

ADVENT RETREAT AT ST EDMUNDS PARISH:

Living, Celebrating, Proclaiming our Faith

Saturday, December 2nd. Beginning with Mass at 4:30pm and concludes at 9pm. All St Pius X parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING CLASS

Saturday, December 2nd
12/noon—3pm

Parish meeting room

\$20.00 Per person

Reserve your spot: a.theresa.starnaud@gmail.com.



ST THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL:

Is holding a fundraising event for the Grade 12 Dry Grad end of the year events. The STA CLASS OF 2024 would like to extend an invitation to all STA parents and alumni to come and support this year's graduation fundraiser..

PROJECT ADVANCE 2023 *Empowering Our Parish Vision*

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 \$41,315.00*



GIFTS FOR RESIDENTS OF BERKLEY CARE CENTRE

There are a number of Berkley residents who are alone at Christmas or do not have family able to visit. Next weekend after all Masses there will be someone at the back of the church with gift cards identifying the name of the person and the gift suggestion. Gifts can range from \$15-30.00. There is also a need for adaptive clothing this year. Price range from \$45-65.00. Cash, cheque or e-transfer for these items will be available. Wrapped and labelled gifts may be dropped off at the parish office or into the labelled box located in the vestibule.

SPX PARISH CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROJECT

In the spirit and tradition of giving, we are collecting new toys, books, games, kitchen and bathroom items such as towels, shampoo, cleaning supplies, teenage and adult PJ's, gloves, socks, and gift certificates for Tim Hortons, Superstore, Save-On, Subway, Starbucks, or certificates that a needy family would need/love to receive.

Starting this weekend there is a labelled box in the vestibule for your donation, or you can drop off your gift at the parish office Monday—Friday, 10am-1pm. Please: no used items. We also donate items to Domestic Abuse Services that are not needed in our hampers. St Simon's United Church accepts used toys and clothing for their weekly sales. Safeway has a food bank bin. The North Shore homeless shelter at 705 West 2nd Street accepts new or used blankets, winter jackets, and backpacks. Thank you for your kindness. A little goes a long way.



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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 @RCV.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

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