



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 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	

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

St. Pius X	Tuesday, December 12	7 pm
St. Pius X	Wednesday, December 13	10:30 am
St. Edmund's	Friday, December 15	7 pm
Christ the Redeemer	Tuesday, December 19	7 pm
St. Stephen's	Wednesday, December 20	10:30 am

Please arrive early: Confessions will be heard until nobody is waiting in line anymore.

If you cannot attend one of these services offered on the North Shore, please visit rcav.org/adventpenitentialservices for a list of Confession times offered at other churches.

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Lord God, may we, your people, look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of Salvation, and celebrate the feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen



Dear Parishioners,

We have faithfully entered into the 2024th Year of the Lord!

During this season of Advent, time does not stop, but rather it pauses and takes a deep breath. Over these three weeks (and four weekends), as we approach ever nearer to Christmas, we will literally see the gentle passing of time in the progress of the Advent Wreath as we light its four colourful candles one successive Sunday at a time.

The circular wreath itself, with no beginning or end and made of fragrant evergreen boughs, symbolizes continuous life, the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life to be found in Jesus Christ.

On the **First Sunday of Advent**, the first purple (liturgically – **violet**) candle to be lit is called the Prophet's Candle. It represents **hope**, reminding us that Jesus is coming soon according to the oracles of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the coming of the Messiah and the birth of Christ.

On the **Second Sunday of Advent**, the second purple candle to be lit is called the Bethlehem candle. It represents **faith**, reminding us of the difficult journey that Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem and Christ's humble birth in a manger in the City of David. It lights our path as we ourselves prepare the way of the Lord.

On the **Third Sunday of Advent**, the third pink (liturgically – **rose**) candle to be lit bears the name of the Shepherd's Candle. It represents **joy**, evoking the nearness of Christ's coming and the fulfillment of God's promise to send us a Saviour at Christmas. It also announces happily that we have reached the midpoint of the Advent season on our way to Christmas. The rose candle radiates its bright light on **Gaudete Sunday**, from the Latin verb *gaudere* – to rejoice.

On the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, the fourth purple candle to be lit has the distinction of being the Angel's Candle. It represents **peace**, the blessing about which the angels sang in their greeting to the shepherds in the fields: "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

This soft, gentle, and holy season of Advent is a precious time of prayerful preparation. We lovingly prepare our homes to celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas, and we spiritually prepare our hearts to receive Jesus, born in time, born in Bethlehem, born of Mary, born in human flesh as one of us.

A blessed Advent to everyone!

Fr. Jeff Thompson, CSB

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 into the envelope provided.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE:

Join Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB for Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, December 16 at 12:00 p.m. We begin with the Rosary at 11:30 a.m. and then Mass, with a reception to follow. We recognize and celebrate all life from conception to its natural end, and the people who witness and volunteer in this field. Donation of finger food would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off before Mass at the Holy Rosary Hall.

SECOND COLLECTION:

Next weekend for the Building Fund.



CWL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Wednesday, Dec. 13th
Live Music, Singalong,
Dancing & Prizes
Eat, Drink & Be Merry
7 pm Meeting Room

All Ladies of the Parish are invited

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The Synod on Synodality synthesis report is available at: <https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/assembly/synthesis/english/2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report.pdf>

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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.

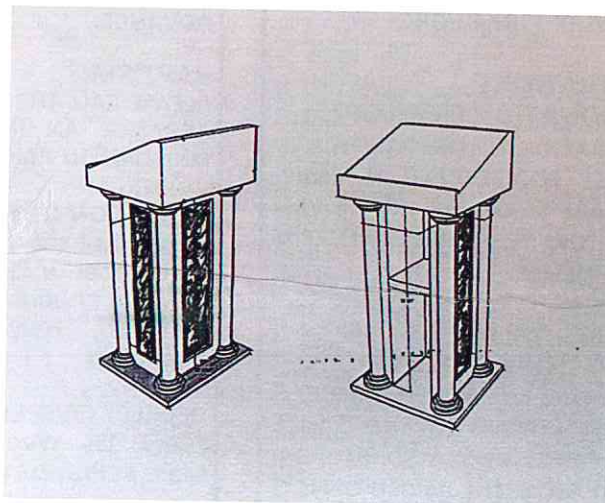
Thank you to everyone for your generosity!
Our total to date is \$43,215.00



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.

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. Many thanks to everyone who has already donated to our hamper project.





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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 Müller
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