



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 10, 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](http://rcav.org/adventpenitentialservices) for a list of Confession times offered at other churches.

## CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23	● 5 pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 24	● 9 am & 11 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 24	● 5 pm	Christmas Mass
Monday, December 25	● 9 am & 11 am	Christmas Masses
Saturday, December 30	● 5 pm	Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday, December 31	● 9 am & 11 am	Feast of the Holy Family
Monday, January 1	● 9 am & 11 am	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God





## **Celebrating the Season of Advent**

(from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year. While it expresses the deep longing of all humanity for God, it celebrates the three-fold coming of the Lord: remembering the events that surrounded the Lord's coming long ago, celebrating his coming among us today, and looking forward to his final coming in glory.

Advent is a season of devout and joyful expectation. Its four Sundays (with its actual length determined by the weekday of Christmas) highlight our desire and longing for peace, justice, and unity.

The first part of Advent looks forward to the *parousia*, the Lord's glorious return at the end of time, and reflects on his presence among us today.

The second part – from December 17th to 24th – is a direct preparation for Christmas, the yearly commemoration of Jesus's coming among us in human flesh.

The character of Advent is expressed in terms of anticipation, longing, and incompleteness. Enlivened and united in the Spirit, we journey through Advent toward the consummation of human history and prepare for the Christmas feast. Advent is a period of quiet and moderation, a time inspired by anticipation rather than penance, a season that acknowledges our incompleteness.

***Lord, make us turn to you. Let us see your face and we shall be saved.***



### 2024 DONATION ENVELOPES:

Are now available for pickup in the vestibule. Please note that the boxes are in alphabetical order and some of your numbers have been changed. Those of you who make monthly credit card or pre-authorized payments will no longer receive donation boxes; you have been assigned a new 2024 number by the parish office for the sake of your tax receipt. If you do not find your box, please call the parish office during office hours. Second collections may also be added to your monthly credit card or pre-authorized payment by calling the parish office.

### 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.

### CWL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL



Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>  
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.

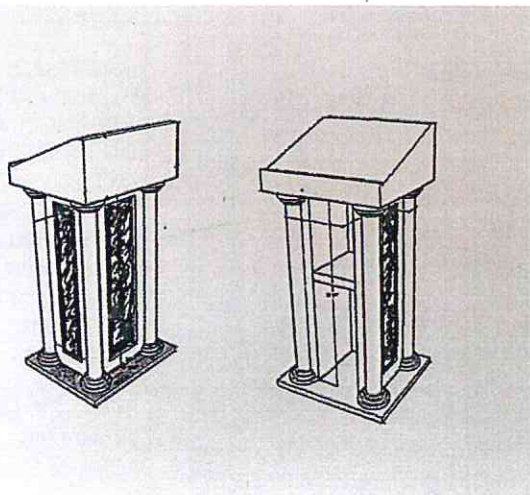
*Thank you to everyone for your generosity!*  
*Our total to date is \$44,015.00*



### 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. ***Last day for donations will be Sunday, December 17th.*** 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 @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