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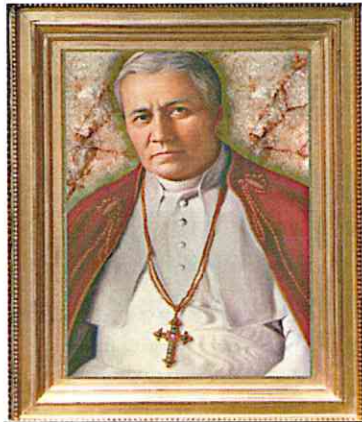
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 4, 2024

SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY

5:00PM

SUNDAY

9:00AM & 11:00AM

DAILY MASS:

MONDAY

9:00AM

TUESDAY — FRIDAY

8:00AM

SATURDAY, HOLIDAYS

9:00AM

CONFESSIONS:

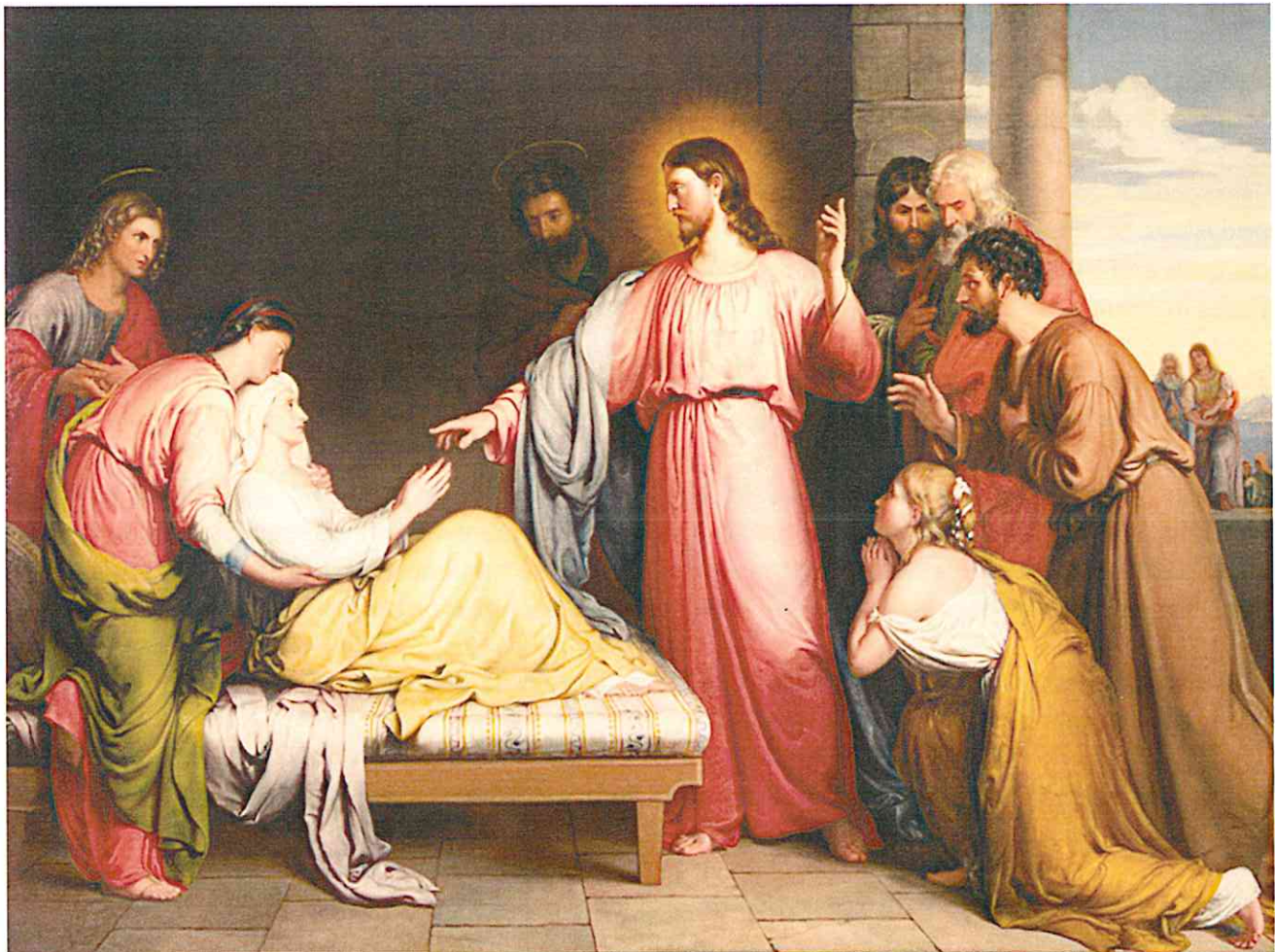
SATURDAY

4:00PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

ADORATION:

EVERY FRIDAY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS

AND ENDING WITH BENEDICTION AT 2:30PM



Faith and Commitment

Job asks us today, "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" Well, yes, but we know that eventually Job receives many gifts from God because his faith does not fail. We may contrast the feelings of Job in today's first reading with those of Jesus in the Gospel: "Let us go on to the nearby villages so that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." In his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul shares with us his challenges, "All this I do for the sake of the Gospel, so that I too may have a share in it."

In these three readings today we are given a glimpse into the inner sensibilities of three different people, into their relationships with what the Father is asking of them. We may consider them in this order: Job speaks before knowing of the salvation given to us in Christ Jesus. Jesus speaks to us of his inner calling to proclaim the Good News. St. Paul then encourages us how to proclaim that Good News so that all may come to know Jesus.

Most of us probably already know the story of Job. He is a man who believes completely in the Lord and receives enormous blessings in his life. The devil tries to undo Job's firm faith. Eventually all his blessings are removed and sufferings are then heaped on Job. But while Job questions what is happening, he never doubts nor loses faith in God.

Are we that strong in our faith? Can we trust God even when we have plenty to question? Do we accept both blessings and sufferings from our Lord?

The second reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians is St. Paul's account of how he tries to live the Good News. St. Paul is clear: He must preach the Good News! Here we witness St. Paul not just enduring all of his trials and tribulations, but also recognizing that preaching the Good News is required of him because he believes in Jesus.

Does our faith compel us to share it with others? Are we able to tell others about our faith in Jesus? Are we willing to suffer because we believe that Jesus is the Lord?

We read from St. Mark's Gospel today. We are still at the beginning of this Gospel. Jesus is just beginning his public ministry. What emerges strongly in this Gospel is that everyone is looking for Jesus, and that there is no place to be found for him to be away in solitude from the people. Jesus responds to this situation by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages so that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

The whole purpose of the life and ministry of Jesus is to preach the Kingdom, to proclaim the Good News: God loves us and invites us to share his life.

Can we believe it? Do we want to live this belief? Are we willing to share this belief?

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



52 REASONS TO JOIN THE CWL:

4 BELONGING: Do you want to grow in your faith, serve your community, act on social justice issues and be supported by a sisterhood that embraces these core values? If so, WELCOME to the Catholic Women's League you belong with us. Choose your action. Join us today.

MEMBERSHIP: CWL membership is \$42/year. DAS membership is \$15/year (optional). *Pay by Cash, Cheque, or E-Transfer.*

SENIORS' VALENTINE TEA & BINGO SOCIAL

All Parish Men & Women are invited

February 13th—1:30 to 3:30pm Parish Meeting Hall

Valentine Goodies Served

RSVP to Barbara at 236-999-1286 or

email: bajohnston@gmail.com

Rides are available upon request

LAST CHANCE TO INDULGE BEFORE LENT VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

AFTER ALL MASSES FEBRUARY 10/11

Inviting all bakers to bring their favourite baked Valentine goodies to the Meeting Room between:

4-4:45pm on Saturday, February 10 and 8:30-8:45am

or 10:30-10:45am Sunday, February 11. Cookies, cup-

cakes, bars, pies, tarts, loaves, cakes, and other sweet

or savory treats including **GLUTEN FREE** recipe items

are most welcome. We cannot accept baked goods

that require refrigeration. Please arrange on a paper

plate and/or wrap in packages of 4-6 pieces, depend-

ing on their size, with a list of ingredients attached.

Help is needed after all the Masses to assist with sell-

ing the items. For more information please contact

Carol at glandy@telus.net or 604-929-6235.

Thank you for your support to make this event a suc-
cess!

2024 DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES:

Please take yours home this weekend. If you no longer require a box, please call the parish office.

NORTH SHORE PRO LIFE SOCIETY:

Invites you to attend our free Annual General Meeting on Sunday, February 4th in the Holy Trinity Parish church hall at 3:30pm (after the 2:30pm Mass). Refreshments will be served.

SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING HIGH SCHOOL

GRADES 6-11 VOCATION LIVE IN—February 10-11:

Are you interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother and want to see for yourself what seminary life is like? Come and See! Spend two days at the Seminary and become acquainted with other young men who have the priestly or religious vocation in mind. Come Saturday morning 8-9am. Bring a sleeping bag, toiletries, regular & sports clothes. Email: rector.minor@sck.ca or 604-826-8715.

SECOND COLLECTION:

Next weekend for St. Thomas Aquinas HS where St. Pius X Parish has 64 students attending. For each of these students the parish pays a subsidy of \$20. per month. Your donation helps to offset the cost to the parish. Thank you for your donation and support of Catholic School education.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK—February 11th:

On Saturday, February 10th at 11am, Archbishop Miller will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. Reception to follow. All are invited. Everyone is encouraged to take some time and pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The best therapy for those who are ill is to offer them our love and communion, despite the pace of our own lives.

FINAL RESULTS FOR PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

Annual Goal: \$29,400.00

Total Collected: \$59,590.00

Portion of Expenses: \$2,772.88

Total Rebate to Parish: \$27,417.12

*Many thanks to everyone who donated
to Project Advance. Our dream of a new
ambo is within reach.*



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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.

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 9 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

BARBARA JOHNSTON
236-999-1286

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