



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11, 2024



**SUNDAY MASSES:**

**SATURDAY**

**5:00PM**

**SUNDAY**

**9:00AM & 11:00AM**

**DAILY MASS:**

**MONDAY**

**7:00PM**

**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**





## The Spiritual Leprosy of Sin

Leprosy was a terrible disease. It just kept eating up the leper who was ostracized and exiled from his or her family and from the whole community. Throughout all the Hebrew Scriptures and in the Christian New Testament, we find a consistent understanding of leprosy as an image of what sin does to us as human beings. Over and over we are invited to consider that there is physical leprosy and there is also spiritual leprosy.

Examining the tradition, we also find a clear teaching that we need not fear the disease of the body, even though in this life it cuts us off from all those whom we love. Rather, we must fear totally the diseases of the inner spirit because they touch the very depths of our lives, not only with God but with all other beings too.

Today we read the teaching from Leviticus about the person who has physical leprosy. At that time, almost any kind of persistent sore on the skin was likely to be seen as leprosy. The great fear, of course, was that a leper would infect the whole community and cause more and more damage. This sounds very familiar, does it not, in light of our recent Covid experiences.

We appreciate how easily this image can be used for sin. Sin in one person can very easily spread to others, and the whole community can become infected. The modern social sciences can document these kinds of things, where whole communities become influenced by one person. That person, of course, can push the community to good or to evil. When that person pushes towards evil, it is a kind of leprosy affecting all who belong to the community.

Every Sunday, when we listen to the Scripture readings, we ask ourselves questions that arise from the readings. Today we may ask: Am I a leper? Do I infect others with sin? Most of us may have to answer Yes! But we can keep striving to allow Jesus to heal us, and that is what today's Gospel is about. The leper in the Gospel knows that Jesus can heal him. Do I know that Jesus can heal my sins, my spiritual leprosy? Do I even ask Jesus to help me, to heal me, to make me alive in him?

The leper in the Gospel was healed so miraculously that he could only go around telling others about it, because it touched him so deeply and so personally. Perhaps it is because we do not even begin to recognize the hideousness of sin that we seem almost uncaring about whether it can be forgiven.

There is nowadays a crisis in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. People just do not want to confess their sins. Like other negative experiences, there is a tendency to just ignore or dismiss the confession of sins, instead of looking for the really wonderful gift of the presence of Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Perhaps today, as we hear these stories about lepers, we may look once again at our own relationship to sin, and to Jesus who can heal our sins. We may acknowledge that we do not have enough power or strength of our own to win against sin. But we may turn to the Lord and ask for healing. May that healing make us so aware of the divine influence in our lives that we want to shout to the whole world: Jesus is Lord! He truly heals us if we trust in him.

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





**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on February 14th this year: Lent begins on this day of universal fasting and abstinence from meat (for ages 18-60). Mass will be celebrated and Ashes will be distributed at 9:15 am and 7:00 pm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be celebrated in the church every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm.

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#### 52 REASONS TO JOIN THE CWL:

# **5 CHARITY:** Catholic Women's League councils provide an opportunity for others to contribute monetary aid through fundraising activities that create awareness and community building. Be part of this organization that gives to others.

**MEMBERSHIP:** If you missed our Membership Drive, you can still join or renew your yearly membership. Contact Barbara Johnston. Her contact information is on the back of the Parish Bulletin. CWL membership is \$42/year, DAS membership is \$15/year (optional). *Pay by Cash, Cheque, or E-Transfer. Thank you to all our new Members and all members who renewed their yearly membership.*

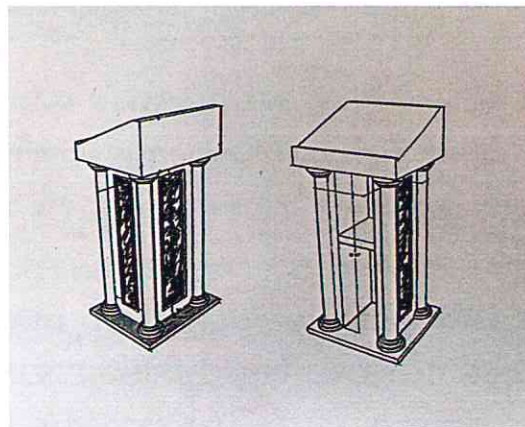
#### SENIORS' VALENTINE TEA & BINGO SOCIAL

*All Parish Men & Women are invited  
Bring a friend and enjoy a great afternoon  
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](mailto:bajohnston@gmail.com)  
Rides are available upon request*

## 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.*



#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

**Sancta Maria House:** Is a Healing/Recovery Home for women that is inviting female volunteers to consider joining their team. They give assistance with household management, arts, crafts, social activities, and gardening. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents. For more information please contact [sanctamariahouse@agapestreetministry.org](mailto:sanctamariahouse@agapestreetministry.org).

**Agape Street Ministry:** Is calling on compassionate individuals like you to join their team of volunteers. Together, difference can be made in the lives of working women on the streets. For more information please contact: [info@agapestreetministry.org](mailto:info@agapestreetministry.org).

**PRO LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL:** Monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, it takes place on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. (8:30 a.m. in April). The Mass is followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. All are welcome! The next Mass and vigil takes place on March 2 at Guardian Angels Parish in Vancouver. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).





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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.

## ST PIUS X PARISH

### 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