



ST. PIUS X PARISH

PASTOR: FR. JEFFERSON M. THOMPSON, CSB

EMAIL: pastor.spx@gmail.com

CHURCH ADDRESS: 1150 MOUNT SEYMOUR ROAD, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC V7G 1R6

PARISH PHONE: 604-929-1404

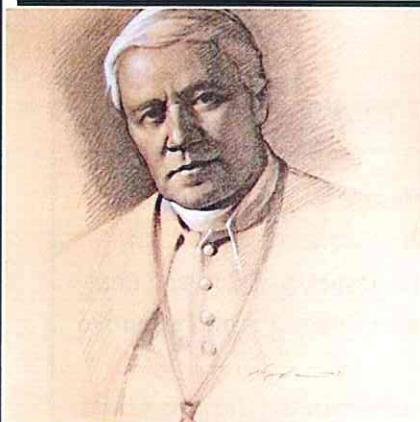
PARISH EMAIL: parish.spx@rcav.org

PARISH WEBSITE: stpiusxnorthvan.ca

ARCHDIOCESE WEBSITE: www.rcav.org

ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER

Archbishop Most Rev J. Michael Miller, CSB



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD March 24, 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	

LENT CONFESSIONS on the North Shore

Tuesday, March 26

St. Stephen's

10:30 am

Tuesday, March 26

Christ the Redeemer

7:00 pm



THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, March 28

7:00 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 29

3:00 pm

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, March 30

9:00 pm

Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00 am & 11:00 am

The Resurrection of the Lord



From Palms to Betrayal – From the Cross to the Empty Tomb

Palm Sunday Mass begins with a recounting of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We sing joyous hymns in praise of the Lord who saves us. The focus then shifts away from joy and triumph as we listen to the Scriptures about the Suffering Servant of God from the Prophet Isaiah, and then the account of betrayal, passion, and death of the Lord from the Gospel according to Mark. The festive mood at the beginning of Mass turns serious and attentive very quickly. Holy Week has begun: it is the highest point of the Church's liturgical year.

The blessed palm branches are a symbol of victory. They remind us that we are committed to following Christ, even unto death. Our call is to strive for fidelity to God by embracing the Gospel without giving up, even when discouraged, betrayed, mocked, or put to death, as Jesus was.

The procession with palm branches and hearing the Scriptures recount the life, death, and ultimately the resurrection of Christ are not merely recalling events from ages past, with little or no relevance for the present. Rather, we celebrate Holy Week as a clear reminder that God is with us now, working on our behalf. The power of the resurrection of Christ has a daily and real effect in our lives through the working of the Holy Spirit in us as a perpetual source of grace and joy for us now and always.

We are called to acclaim the Lord not only with our lips or just on certain days of the year, such as Palm Sunday, but with our very lives, each and every day, in every moment of our lives. How we live should be radically different from the way someone who does not believe in God lives. It is good for us to evaluate how we use our time, talents, thoughts, words, and deeds, so that we may change what needs to be changed in order to reflect and live out our commitment to Christ here and now. This is no easy task; we may fail regularly in our attempts, but we never give up trying.

Our belonging to Christ is a matter of the heart that encompasses our entire being. We do not neglect the necessary aspects of life – our obligations to family, work, nourishment, exercise, and relaxation – but all of it is consecrated to God and entrusted to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be disciples on fire for God and his Kingdom, both present and yet to come. This is why we spend time in prayer; this is why we celebrate the sacraments of the Church, and especially the Eucharist to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord.

Christ has chosen to identify with every human being, past, present, and still to come. He experienced suffering and death to redeem us and to draw all of us into sharing his divine life. We all partake of God's infinite love and generosity, shown to us especially in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During this Holy Week, we pray for the powerful grace of God to infuse our daily lives with faith and hope, seeing in Christ the just one who was condemned and killed, but also the divine source of our strength. May this Holy Week now beginning find us renewed in zeal for the things of God, for love of God and neighbour, eager to celebrate next weekend the Passover of our Lord, the central mystery of our Christian faith. We are called to die with Christ so that we may rise with him to eternal life.

May God illumine and guide our steps today and throughout our lives. A blessed Holy Week to everyone!

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" Mark 15:12-13*

Jesus told us, "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others, and to be the face of Jesus to others, every day when we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land Collection:

Political and economic instability, poverty, and discrimination make it difficult to live in the lands where Christ walked. **On Good Friday, March 29**, there will be a special collection to support the Church in the Holy Land. Your tax-deductible gift will enable many social, educational, and parish renewal projects, and permit a measure of peace for Christians who depend on your support more than ever.

NORTH SHORE ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS:

Please join fellow parishioners from the North Shore on Good Friday, March 29th at 10am for Stations of the Cross, processing from St. Edmund's Parish to Victoria Park, and completing with prayers at St. Edmund's.

WAY OF THE CROSS 2024:

Walk the trails of Queen Elizabeth Park in Vancouver while meditating on the Passion of Christ. It is a beautiful way to pray and worship together in a public space on Good Friday, March 29. Participants will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the fountain next to Bloedel Conservatory's parking area. For more information, go to beholdvancouver.org/events.

MEN'S SHELTER MINISTRY: Note the change

Pick up of sandwiches and/or baked goods to deliver to those in need for the Catholic Men's Shelter will be next **Thursday, March 28th**, 1:30-2pm at the church exit gates. Thank you for your generous donations.

DAYS OF MERCY:

Lent is a time to draw closer to God, to reflect on our lives, and to seek forgiveness and healing through the Sacrament of Confession.

Many parishes are extending their arms wider, offering additional times for Confession, so that everyone has the chance to experience God's mercy during Lent. These special times are in addition to the regular Confession schedules of each parish.

Whether it's been a while since your last Confession or you frequent the sacrament regularly, know that Jesus is waiting for you with open arms. As Pope Francis has said: "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

Rediscover the joy and peace that come from reconciliation with God and with one another.

CATHOLIC WOMEN UNITE



52 Reasons to Join the CWL

#10 Courage: If you only knew the courage of Catholic Women's League members! Today we continue to carry the message of faith, service, and social justice to women across Canada and internationally. Pack your courage! Your place is among us. Join or renew your CWL membership - \$42/year.

North Shore Parish CWL Bursary – \$1,200:

One bursary is offered annually to a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, nephew, or niece of a North Shore Parish CWL member or member herself. Eligibility depends on the member being in good standing one year prior to the bursary being awarded. Students must be going into first year post-secondary studies. For application forms and criteria information sheets, please contact Carol Landy at glandy@telus.net or 604-929-6235. Deadline: April 30.

+++++

On Good Friday, our Lord went upon the Cross and gave his life for us. Jesus paid the price in full. He did not die just for our little transgressions; he died for all of our sins. He died for the sins that we are too ashamed to admit and confess. Jesus died for all. We must always live a life of gratitude to him.



PRINCIPAL : MISS CHARLAINE FRANCIS
OFFICE: 604-929-0345
EMAIL: OFFICE@SAINTPIUS.CA
KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

WEBSITE: WWW.SAINTPIUS.CA
INSTAGRAM: SPXGUARDIANS

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

+++++

To volunteer for Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament please contact Lisa Miiller
adoration.spx@gmail.com

+++++

Come and pray the Rosary every Saturday morning before Mass at 8:30am

+++++



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

FOLLOW US – See what's happening!
Check out our Bulletin Board in the Church vestibule.

+++++

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