



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 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	



ST. PIUS X SPRING FAIR SATURDAY, MAY 11 — 10AM to 2PM

Student Entrepreneurship
 Cake Walk
 Bouncies
 Cotton Candy, Snow Cones,
 Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Donuts, Snacks
 Refreshments
 Famous CWL Bake Sale
 Raffle 50/50

Bring your family, friends, and neighbours



I am the vine, you are the branches.

Last Sunday the Lord assured us that he is our Good Shepherd. Today, almost as a footnote, he reminds us that his love transforms us and that, in order to be transformed, we must be pruned. The imagery has changed from last week. No longer are we talking about the Good Shepherd, but now we speak of the vine (Christ), the vinegrower (God the Father), and the branches (us).

It is difficult to describe the challenges of living as followers of Christ. We want so much to know that we are loved, but this language of pruning us back seems, by some, to be interpreted as not loving. Part of following Christ is accepting that God has a plan for his creation. We are not just created to be whatever we want to be; we are created by God as part of an enormous outpouring of the Father's love – all of which is part of his plan of creation.

Any gardener knows that gardening demands putting in some plants, pulling out others, and keeping still others under control. If there is no plan, there is no garden, but only a person watching nature unfold. Many people want the plan of creation simply to be nature unfolding, until they realize that nature of itself is broken. Left to unfold of itself, nature creates chaos and immense suffering and problems.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles points out what happened in the case of Saul/Paul. He was bent on eradicating Christians, but was then converted. No one trusted him at that point. His reputation was that of a destroyer. Now, what he had planted earlier had to be pulled up and transformed.

The reading from the First Letter of St. John shows us why we need pruning and transformation: God's commandment is this, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he has commanded us. To love one another is only possible with pruning and transformation. As we are told over and over in the Scriptures: it is easy to love those who love us, but not very easy to love those who are our enemies. The command of the Lord is clear: love your enemies as yourselves.

Let us pray for this grace of pruning and transformation every day. Let us pray for the grace to accept whatever hardships and sufferings befall us as we walk in the way of the Lord. If we know his love, we are able to love in return – to love God and our neighbour.

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



CWL SPRING FAIR BAKE SALE

Saturday, May 11th

10am-2pm

Calling All Bakers

Please join us and support our
Spring Fair Bake Sale

Cookies, loaves, muffins, bars, pies, and other sweet or savory tarts, including GLUTEN free recipe items, are most welcome. **PLEASE NOTE:** We cannot accept baked goods that need refrigeration. Drop off your wrapped baked goods with a list of ingredients attached on Friday, May 10th between 4-6pm or on Saturday, May 11th between 8:30-10am in the Gym.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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CWL Annual Spring Plant Sale: Order Deadline May 8, Pick Up May 25: Our CWL will be selling beautiful baskets, planters, herbs, plants, veggie plants. Net proceeds support charitable, community, and literacy causes supported by our Council. Order via the website: <https://spxcwl.growingsmilesfundraising.com> or order forms are available at the CWL desk in the vestibule. Payment via cheques payable to St. Pius X CWL, credit card, and e-transfer.

52 Reasons to Join the CWL:

#14 Friendship: Catholic Women's League members build enduring friendships. We celebrate new members, anniversaries, and special events along the way. Meetings, socials, projects, and conventions create bonds of friendship. Meet new friends from your parish and beyond. Your place is among friends.

Marriage Anniversary Mass 2024

"Love isn't easy. No. But the most beautiful thing that a man and a woman can give each other is true love, for a lifetime." - Pope Francis

On Sunday, May 12, Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB will be honouring couples celebrating milestone marriage anniversaries: five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years. The Marriage Anniversary Mass will be at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Port Coquitlam at 1:30 p.m. Learn more and register at family.rcav.org/mam.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF

EASTER: *"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."* 1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do we "walk the talk?"

Do our actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are we active participants at Sunday Mass? Are we joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do we give gratefully and generously with our financial support to our parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

FINDING MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Mass Finder is a digital tool that makes it easier to find Mass, confession times, and parishes anywhere in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. It can search more than 800 Masses in different languages across 94 locations, and highlights the availability of 240 hours of confession every week, underscoring the commitment of the Archdiocese and its priests to making the sacrament of reconciliation more accessible. For more information: massfinder.rcav.org.

MOTHER—DAUGHTER—SISTER TEA:

This is a free opportunity for moms and their daughters to meet and spend an afternoon with religious sisters of different communities over tea and treats, with activities organized by the Sisters of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. On Saturday, May 11, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall in Port Coquitlam. There's an option to go to the Saturday Vigil Mass after the event at 5 p.m. Registration deadline: Saturday, May 4. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Administrative Assistant, Holy Trinity Parish:

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for a wide variety of administrative duties, including typical secretarial and receptionist duties in addition to more complex functions. Reporting to the Pastor, the role assists and coordinates functions to ensure the smooth operation of the parish office.

Part-Time Bookkeeper, Holy Trinity Parish:

The Bookkeeper performs a variety of routine and non-routine accounting and administrative functions for Holy Trinity Parish, in accordance with Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations. Learn more at: rcav.org/jobs



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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