



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD May 12, 2024



SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY
SUNDAY

5:00PM
9:00AM & 11:00AM

A CELEBRATION OF THE WORD WITH THE RITE OF DISTRIBUTING HOLY COMMUNION
PRESIDED BY DEACON HILMAR PABEL

FRIDAY, MAY 17

8:00AM

MONDAY, JUNE 3

9:00AM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

8:00AM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

8:00AM

FRIDAY, MAY 31

8:00AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

8:00AM



A Mother's Prayer

Dear Jesus,

As I gaze into the eyes of my children, I am overwhelmed by your love, your grace, and the way in which you bring us together to make our stories complete. Jesus, thank you for the gift of motherhood. Not by mistake, but with and for a purpose you created my family and made me their mother. To be the best mother I can be, I know I must fully surrender myself to you. I must surrender my fears and my desire for control. Lord, when all seems impossible, remind me that with you all things are possible. When fear invades my thoughts, fill me with courage because you are my defender. Father, when I'm confused, not knowing which way to turn, show me your way. I will look to you and your Word for wisdom. I believe that you see me and will never leave me. You will reveal truth to me as I search among the lies and distractions of my daily life. I commit to stepping forward in trust today. I surrender my will and pick up yours. Striving to a place of ill health is no longer my go-to strategy. Instead, I trust you to lead me through both the hard times and the times of celebration. Father, thank you for the gift of my precious children. Help me to be the best mother I can be for them. Invade my busyness to convict me of the power of prayer. Let my heart pour out to you in both the brief moments of prayer and in the time spent battling fiercely on my knees. Fill me with your strength, wisdom, and love – a love that knows no bounds.

In Jesus's name I pray. Amen.

Adapted from LoriSchumaker.com



The Abiding Presence of Jesus

Today's Solemnity celebrates the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. He is no longer with us in the ways that he was during his earthly lifetime and immediately after his Resurrection. It is not easy for us to understand completely all that happened in those days after the Resurrection. We must trust in the Scriptures that have been handed down to us. There was clearly an experience of Jesus truly risen from the dead and living in a completely different way from before his death. Then there was an experience of his absence before these early disciples received the Holy Spirit.

The first reading today from the Acts of the Apostles speaks directly of the experience of these early followers of Jesus. They saw him go up to heaven and disappear from their sight, but there is a promise in this reading that Jesus will return in the same way.

The second reading today from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians speaks in a less concrete manner, telling us that God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavens. This is painted as an image or a vision because heaven, even in the Scriptures, is not seen as simply another part of our concrete world, but as a reality of a completely different type than we experience here. On the other hand, we always use earthly images to describe heaven because they are the images that we know and understand.

St. Mark's Gospel today gives us some of the last words of Jesus to his followers. The important words to hear and remember here are that he will be with us to the end of time.

At the heart of this mystery of the Ascension is the reality that Jesus is no longer with his followers – with us – in the same way, but that he is always with us, even to the end of time. We do not always feel his presence. Sometimes we doubt his presence. Nevertheless, he is always true to us and present to us.

Because of this incomplete reality, we continue to ask for the Holy Spirit to be with us in a way that keeps us aware of the presence of Jesus in every aspect of our lives. We need to know and feel the presence of Jesus. We need the assurance that his presence is always with us in and through the Holy Spirit.

Our focus and attention today are moving naturally from the Ascension to Pentecost, to the presence of the Holy Spirit. This is the Spirit of Jesus who will deepen the faith in our hearts if we ask for it. Come, Holy Spirit! Help us to understand and accept these mysteries of our faith. Help us to grow deeper in our faith. Help us to know your presence and your inspiration. Help us to experience and to rejoice in the love of Jesus in our lives. Come, Holy Spirit!

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

*St. Pius X Parish
2024
First Communicants*

*Roxana Alvarado
Alexander Ambrose
Portia Cavallari
Sofia De Paoli
Grace Gacek
Isabel Lee
Matt Madrogaba
Feidhlim Matthews
Emma Neal
Isabella Neal
Annabelle O'Mahony
Katie Pawlowski
Annie Pearce
Sofia Plecko
Nolan Robertson
Franco Schmitz
Crystal Shui
Aidan Sylvester
Byron Tam
Austin Williams*



BACK BY DEMAND

FAMOUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, JUNE 2



The parish is excited to provide a pancake and sausage breakfast to everyone after the 9am and 11am Masses on June 2nd. The cost will be \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Everyone is invited to attend. Any men of the parish who would be interested in volunteering, or for more information, should contact Alex Volpatti at: avolpatti57@gmail.com.

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE ELECTIONS FOR 2024-2025: In accordance with the CISVA governance policy, St. Pius X Parish is conducting elections for the Parish Education Committee positions starting in September 2024. Elections will take place after all Masses on the weekend of May 25/26. Eligible for nominations are SPX parishioners who have reached the age of 21 and who are registered, participating members of the parish, with the following exceptions: teachers and principals of schools, past employees of the parish and/or school, spouses, children, parents, brothers and sisters of persons covered by the above.

Nominations must be received by May 20th. If you are interested, please pick up a nomination form from the parish office or from a PEC Nominating Committee member. **Nominating Committee members are:**

Stephanie D'Avellar: stephdavellar@gmail.com

Diana Martins Garbutt: dmartinsgarbutt@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC WOMEN UNITE

52 Reasons to Join the CWL

#18 Growth: The Catholic Women's League has grown to become Canada's largest women's organization. Did you know that it meets with government and has an impact on legislation and policy? Help us continue to grow and make a difference.

CWL Annual Spring Plant Sale - Pick Up May 25

The orders will be available for pick up on Saturday, May 25 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm in the Church Courtyard.



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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.spix@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