



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, 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

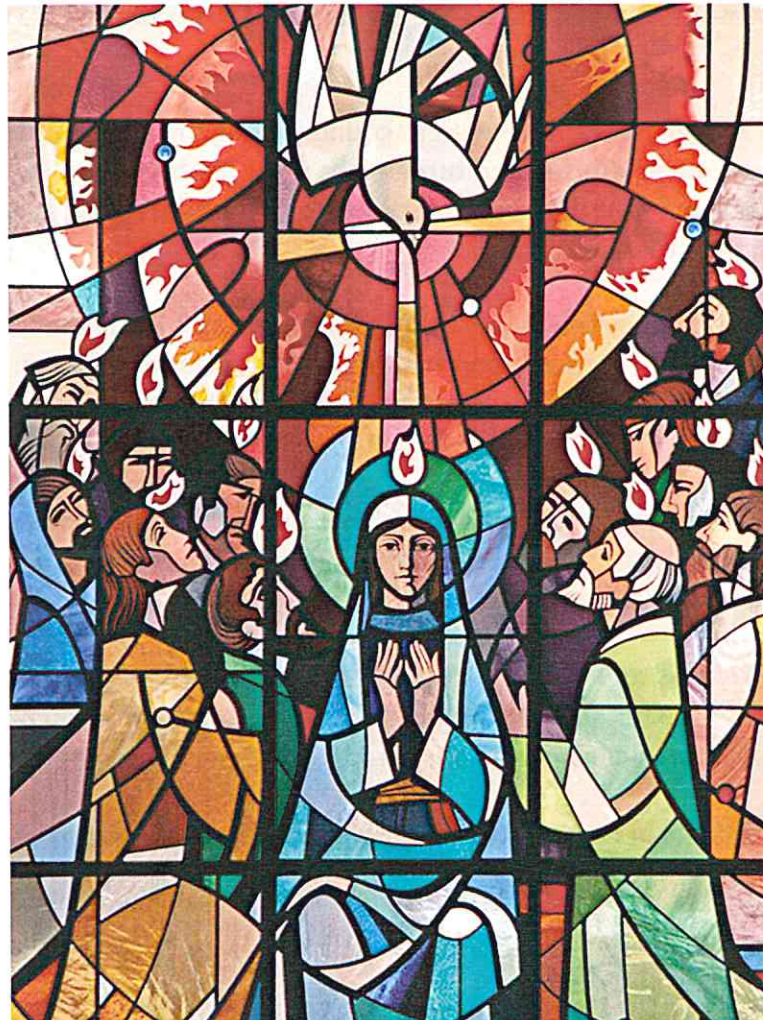
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FRIDAY, MAY 31

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FRIDAY, JUNE 7

8:00AM



# Happy Birthday to the Church!

Today we celebrate Pentecost in the Church, but do we know that Pentecost was also a feast for our Jewish ancestors in the faith? For them, Pentecost was a feast that came fifty days after the Passover. We consider the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to be the foremost Passover Feast, and so we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as our Pentecost fifty days after Easter.

For our Jewish ancestors in the faith, Pentecost commemorated the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai on the fiftieth day after the exodus from Egypt. Pentecost was also called the Feast of Weeks, because it came seven weeks after the Passover (seven weeks times seven days), and thus was a feast of perfection. Pentecost was celebrated as a harvest festival. It was kept as a Sabbath day and there was no work. The central action of the day was the presentation of two loaves of unleavened, salted bread to the Lord, made of the finest wheat from the new harvest. It was observed as a festival of good cheer on a day of joy.

Meditating on the Pentecost feast of our Jewish ancestors in the faith, we appreciate that just as their feast of the giving of the Law was seen as their own beginning as a clearly defined people with a covenant with God, so also is our feast of Pentecost seen often as the beginning of the Church. Just as the Jewish Pentecost was a feast of harvest, so is our Christian Pentecost seen as a harvest of souls, because the early followers of Jesus began to find the courage and the power of the Holy Spirit to draw others into the Church.

The Christian feast of Pentecost was also seen as counteracting the results of the Tower of Babel, where the speech of everyone was confused and turned into mere babble, so that no one could understand anyone else. Now, on the feast of Pentecost, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles, everyone understands everyone else through the gift of tongues.

St. Paul speaks to us today about the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the great happening of Pentecost day in the Christian Church: The Spirit comes upon the followers of Jesus and they finally become courageous enough to start telling people about their faith, proclaiming their faith openly, and drawing others into the same faith.

Perhaps the most important aspect of Pentecost is that the followers of Jesus now have the power to forgive sins, to forgive each other. Any priest of the Catholic Church can recount to us how humbling it is to say to another person, "Your sins are forgiven."

Let us implore our Lord Jesus today for the Holy Spirit to be poured out even more abundantly in the Christian Church. Let us ask for the forgiveness of our sins. And let us pray that we may have the courage to speak joyfully and with conviction about Jesus as our Lord.

Come, Holy Spirit, and kindle in our hearts the fire of your love. Draw us to love the Lord Jesus and to love each other. Amen.

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



## SPECIAL THANKS

To everyone who volunteered their time, effort, baking and talents to the **SPRING FAIR**. It was a huge success!!

### COFFEE AND COMPANY

Our next Sunday Coffee/Tea and Company will be on May 26th after the 11am Mass. Please join us in the Parish Hall for goodies and company.



### CATHOLIC WOMEN UNITE



#### 52 Reasons to Join the CWL

**#18 Healing:** As Catholic Women's League members, we help to heal injustice through advocacy, illness through prayer, hate with love and loneliness with care. You cannot stay away from the healing process if you are a Catholic woman. Join us today!

**May 16 - General Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.** All are welcome.

**May 25 Pick Up - CWL Annual Spring Plant Sale:** The orders will be available for pick up on Saturday, May 25 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm in the Church Courtyard.

**May 30 - Movie Night - Doors Open at 6:30 pm** A lovely opportunity to share a movie and popcorn with a friend! All are welcome, this is a community event!!! More information on our website - in Events.

**June 13 - Domestic Abuse Society Thrifty Fashion Show:** The June monthly meeting will be a fashion show in support of DAS. Appies, drinks, raffle and door prizes also available. Tickets are on sale - so purchase one so you don't miss out.

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.

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:** For repose of the soul of Yvonne Moran who died on May 6th at the age of 101. Yvonne and her husband Carroll were founding parishioners of St Pius X Parish. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, June 14th at 11am. We extend our prayers and sympathies to the Moran family.

**MEN'S SHELTER MINISTRY:** Pick up of sandwiches and/ or baked goods to deliver those in need for the Catholic Men's Shelter will be on May 24th, 1:30-2pm at the church exit gates. Thank you for your generous donations.



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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