



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 23, 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:	FRIDAY JUNE 28TH	8:30AM—2:30PM

This is the last Friday of Adoration until September.



Miracles Surround Us

Is it really difficult to believe that God could actually change anything in the weather, in the winds, or in the storms? Nowadays we are totally convinced that such phenomena are controlled only by scientifically verifiable factors. When we encounter so many stories in the Scriptures in which prophets actually control weather, we are skeptical. We certainly don't expect anyone today to control weather by prayer. In the wake of tsunamis and hurricanes that have ravaged parts of the world, do we wonder if nobody was praying? Was there not even one good person praying? Or does God no longer listen to our prayers?

Both the first reading from the Book of Job and the Gospel from Mark indicate that God himself and God in Jesus do have the power to control weather and natural phenomena. Does this make us face our own lack of belief in this type of supernatural intervention in the world? On the other hand, there are people all over the world who do believe that such supernatural intervention does still happen today.

Examining the Scriptures, we find that the people who have had this gift are very few. Not every person of prayer, not every good person, has this capacity to intervene in the course of natural events and patterns. Any of us who have witnessed actual miracles probably do believe that such intervention is possible, even if not happening normally or usually in the world in which we live.

Even from a scientific point of view, such miracles can indeed happen. We must be very careful not to close the doors to such happenings. In this respect, perhaps we could consider gifts that are not normal but which do manifest themselves and of which we may have had some experience. Some of us have clearly experienced others knowing what is happening in our lives, even though they are long distances away and without immediate communication. Some of us are aware of miracles of physical healing. Some of us have beheld the miracle of people changing their minds, or our minds, in unexpected ways. In our culture today we simply do not want to deal with that which does not have a scientific explanation readily available.

From the point of view of our faith, the Scriptures are telling us that such miracles do happen, and that Jesus had incredible powers over nature during his earthly life. Once we begin to accept that Jesus did indeed have such powers, other miracles in his life no longer astound us but are simply part of the gifts that he possessed as God and man. The Hebrew Scriptures are absolutely clear and adamant that God has such powers. When we meet these powers in Jesus, we must begin to reflect on his relationship with God. That is the point of the Gospel. Once we start to reflect, we can actually begin to know and accept, slowly, that Jesus is God. But it all depends first on our accepting that God intervenes in physical nature and happenings.

Let us pray that we may come to understand and accept that God can and does reach into our lives, that God is present in our Lord Jesus, and that God invites us to look again at our own beliefs about the world around us and about his divine presence in it.

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

*ST. PIUS X PARISH
GRADUATES
2024*

Sebastian Barichello

Luke Brownlee

Luke Charters

Jack Gacek

Lexa Gilbey

Zion Ha

Declan Kenny

Emma Lee

Jack Lye

Gabriella Morra

Anna Nisenson

Xaviera Ogilvie

Lucy Patchell

Clara Rendall

Lucas Riedel

Deaghan Rocheleau

Kaden Rodriguez Smart

Victor Shui

Zoie Simpson

Eliana Sorochan

Audrey Sylvester

Mateo Trpin

Maksimas Viskontas

Olivia Wall

Isabelle Walker

Mishka Yakovysenko



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*PROJECT ADVANCE 2024
BUILDING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

Each year, Project Advance enables us to come together as a community of faith in Jesus to support various ministries and programs of the Archdiocese.

This year's appeal focuses on empowering parishes to be vibrant centres of faith and community. The hope is that all parishes will be strengthened and equipped with necessary resources to carry out more effectively their mission of evangelization and service, and to be beacons of hope, love, and service in our community.

Your donation to Project Advance will help to realize this vision. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. Your support will fund initiatives such as pastoral formation, youth and young adult ministry, and many outreach programs for those in need.

All monies raised greater than the parish goal set by the Archdiocese of \$30,300.00 (plus the cost of materials needed for the appeal) will be set aside this year for church roof repairs, new Altar Server gowns, and ongoing projects within the parish. All pledges are tax receiptable for 2024.

If you pledged last year, your preprinted forms have been mailed to your home. If this is your first time to pledge or if you did not receive a preprinted form, blank forms are available at the back of the church. There are various ways of making a pledge: credit cards, lump sums, postdated cheques, and online at rcav.org (click on Donate to Project Advance). Please choose the method most convenient for you. Our parish is #63.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.



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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
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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

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 604-729-4543

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GREETERS

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE USHERS/GREETERS

AT ALL THE MASSES

PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE

TO VOLUNTEER

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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