



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

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## 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

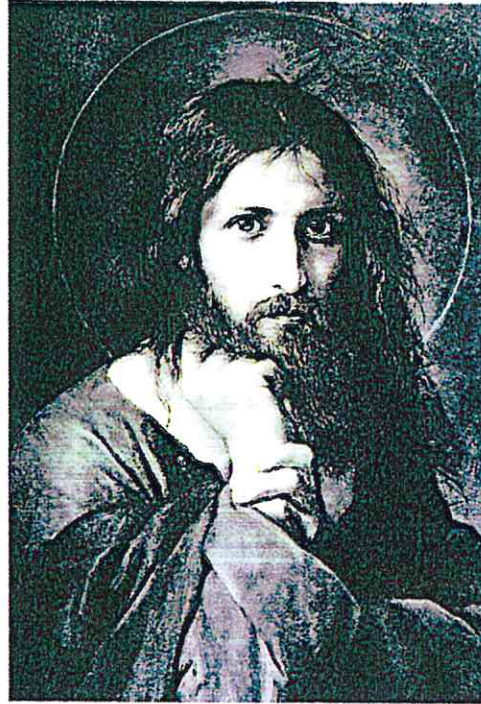
September 8, 2024

SUNDAY MASSES:	SATURDAY	5:00PM
	SUNDAY	9:00AM & 11:00AM
DAILY MASS:	MONDAY FRIDAY & SATURDAY	9:00AM
	TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY	8:00AM
CONFESSIONS:	SATURDAY	4:00PM OR BY APPOINTMENT



*He has done everything well; He even makes the deaf to hear,  
and the mute to speak*

*This marvelous parable gives us a fundamental lesson about education.*



Parents and educators give [to children] understanding of this divine mercy by believing in it and practicing it. ... It is this faith which will prevent them from falling again, and, if they fall, they will rise again; they will come back because you will have acquainted them with the gentleness of God. They will say, "I know how good God is. I know how to abide in his mercy. From the depths of my sin, I shall rise up and go to my father." They are happy parents who have shown this way to their children, without weakness or compromise, but with a goodness so like that of God that in their worst difficulties they can say humbly with tremendous confidence, "I shall rise up and go to my father; I shall rise up and go to my mother; and through them, I shall go to my Father in heaven." ...

The good thief also teaches us humility and confidence. A whole life of crimes, a whole life of sin: a few minutes before dying, one word of humility and confidence, and he is saved. In the same way the prodigal son recognized his guilt, the good thief, speaking to his companion, cries, For us this is justice; we have received what we deserve (Lk 23:41). Then he looks deep into the eyes of Jesus and reads there who he is: the gentle Savior. Lord, remember me when you shall come into your kingdom. And the ineffable answer is, "Amen, I say to you, this day you shall be with me in Paradise. For you, no hell, not a second of purgatory. The confident look you gave me, this meeting of our eyes, in my mercy and in your faith, has purified you in an instant and rendered us inseparable. Now you are completely pure and already in heaven." A whole life of sin, one humble and confident look toward the crucified, and there was the first canonized saint, and canonized by Jesus himself! A thief who stole heaven! ...

After an act of infidelity, a failure that has humiliated you, if you look toward Jesus with the look of the good thief do you not believe that you will be purified in a moment, in a second, as he was?

**PREP REGISTRATION:**

Our Parish Religious Education Program provides faith formation for children Grades 1-7 not attending Catholic school. Classes will begin in early October and run until May on Thursdays, 4-5pm. Please contact Michelle Cox at michellebcox@shaw.ca for more information and to register.

**Can you HELP ? PREP TEACHER VOLUNTEERS:**

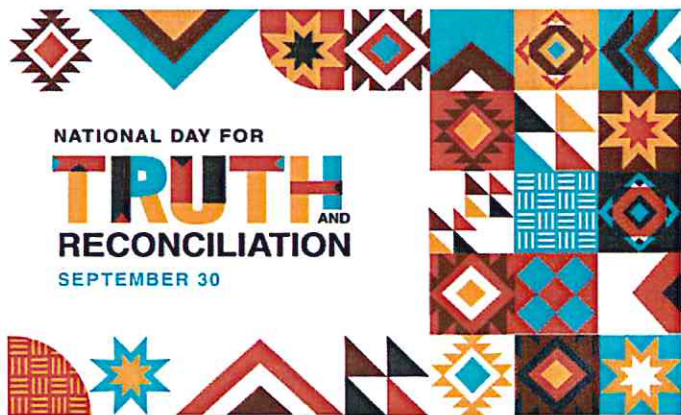
Our parish PREP program runs from October—May. The commitment is only one hour (4-5pm) on Thursdays. Instruction materials, training will be provided, and support. Please consider sharing the gift of your faith with our young parishioners. Contact: Micelle Cox (michellebcox@shaw.ca) or 778-227-8400.

*“Young people need good teachers like visible angels.” St Jean-Baptiste de la Salle*

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:**

Our parish’s RCIA program will begin late September. If you know any adults who are interested in being baptized in the Catholic Church, or who are baptized non-Catholic Christians and are interested in entering into full communion with the Catholic Church, please invite them to contact our parish RCIA coordinator Maris Adams at gladmarie2@gmail.com.

**HEALING AND RECONCILIATION SECOND COLLECTION:** The goal of the second collection this weekend is to support Indian Residential School survivors and Indigenous communities in BC as part of the ongoing response to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls for Action. Thank you for your support.



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## PROJECT ADVANCE 2024 BUILDING OUR PARISH 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.

*Donations to date: \$32,800.00*

*Thank you to everyone for your generosity.*

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED**

**SACRAMENT:** Is on Fridays after the morning mass and will end with Benediction at 2:30pm. Everyone is invited to drop in for a visit with our Lord. Volunteers are needed to cover each hour of Adoration, so that the Blessed sacrament is not left unattended. If you would like to commit to an hour on Fridays, please call Lisa Miiller at 604-929-0397 or email: adoration.spx@gmail.com.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:** *"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love Him?" —James 2:5*

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.



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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.

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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