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Archbishop Most Rev J. Michael Miller, CSB



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 6, 2024

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| 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 |
| EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: EVERY FRIDAY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS ENDING WITH BENEDICTION AT 2:30PM | | |

Dear parishioners,

So much has been happening in my life as a new Pastor of St Pius X, and as the new Archbishop's Representative for St Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary, that I feel it's time to share some needs and happenings with all of you. Thank you for taking the trouble to read these musings. Here are my thoughts for this beginning of autumn:

1. A special thank you to our staff who support me, both at the Parish office with Suzie, Theresa our accountant, Val our data entry person, and Ines our Thursday housekeeper, Nelson our caretaker. I also acknowledge and deeply thank our Principal Miss Charlene Francis, admin staff Ana and Ann, our great teachers, EA's and support staff at St Pius X School, along with the Parish Education Committee members. How much happens in this school, it is truly amazing.
2. **Parish end of Summer Mission/Fr Zachary:** Thank you for your participation and welcome to Fr Zachary. I was happy to see that people enjoyed having a spiritual retreat, and we will plan more. I have been offered a Lenten mission for April 2025 with Fr **Emmerich Vogt, OP**. He is from the Western Dominican Province in California, and specializes on the spirituality of the Twelve Step program.
3. Thanks for taking advantage of the **added times** for Confession. I do my best to be there at least 20 minutes before the weekday masses, and from 4 to 5 pm on Saturdays.
4. At the Deanery meeting of North Shore priests we discussed the penance service times. Our Dean is Fr Mark Schwab of St Stephen's Parish. He kindly suggested that if I would like to host an Advent penance service this year, that the priests could assist me. Accordingly, an evening penance service will happen on **Wednesday December 11th at 7 pm**. At least two or three priests will be here to assist me. I realize that such a Penance service has not been happening here for a while, but we will see how it turns out and then assess it.

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5. I will soon be asking both the classes in St Pius X School and St Pius PREP program for recruits for new **altar servers**. A team of senior servers will be assisting me in the training.
6. **Thanksgiving** will be upon us very soon. Our Korean community enriches our St Pius X Parish with their presence, their great devotion to the Church, their prayerful support of our community. I find these dear people so inspiring to get to know. They celebrate Mass at 5 pm Sundays, 7 pm on Tuesdays, and 10 am on Thursdays. The Korean community has just celebrated their Thanksgiving/Harvest/Moon Festival Chuseok. I was spoiled with some lovely Korean food on that particular Sunday. I thank the Lord for your wonderful welcome to me.
7. At **St Thomas Aquinas Secondary** a building committee is in the process of being formed, and I have been at two meetings already about this. The REC (Regional Education Committee) is especially looking for someone who could be on the committee with a strong financial background, and if possible, who might have experience in costing/budgeting for construction purposes. Let me know if you know of someone in our St Pius X Parish who might be the very person we need.
8. And back home here at St Pius X: our own **Parish Building Committee** met with me last week, and outlined a long list of maintenance needs that have to be looked after. There are only two gentlemen who are on this committee, and they have asked if I would announce that we need new members. These two men suggest that we need men or women who might have experience in these fields: Construction, electrical, the various trades in construction, general handyman/handywoman, possible building inspector experience, and so forth. They would especially love to see some parent(s) from our St Pius School community consider serving on this committee. Let us know in the Parish office if this might be you! I will have a lot to tell you about the needs of our buildings in the near future.
9. St Pius X School has asked parents, and I am extending that request to parishioners: Is there a parishioner who loves painting? Every four years, a parent volunteer has painted the **gym stage floor** black, in preparation for the Christmas production. Perhaps we have someone attending our Masses that might enjoy doing some volunteer painting? Let us know.
10. It's great to see coffee and muffins happening after the 11 am mass. Many people have told me that they would like to see community building events, **social happenings**, to bring our people together. Ideas, anybody? how about an international food night, like St Edmond's Parish? Are your creative juices flowing yet?
11. **Dogs, cats, and other domestic pets welcome: At 3:30 pm** on Sunday October 6th we will celebrate St Francis of Assisi, with a blessing of your domestic pets. Bring them to the courtyard (on a leash!) for the blessings of our furry friends. This is one of the joyful moments of the fall season.
12. Missing **white gold chain with cross**: This was lost in our parking lot, and then found, and put in the vestibule beside the holy water. Someone then took the chain and cross. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of this cross and chain, it has a sentimental value to the owner. Please bring it back to our parish office.
13. How to celebrate the **40th anniversary of our Church dedication**? the actual date of dedication was Nov 24, 1984. I was thinking that a fun thing to do would be for parishioners to write down their favourite memories of the Church? Was it the dedication day? a baptism? a Wedding? a fun gathering in a pinata party with Msgr Pedro? We could compile a little leaflet with these combined stories/anecdotes. If anyone would like to help me as an editor/compiler, that would be great too.
14. **Installation of Pastor Nov. 3rd**. Archbishop Miller will be here at the 11 am mass to officially install me. I have asked if he would agree to having the Mass on that day be the mass for the Anniversary of dedication of our church. Kind of like killing two birds with one stone. The problem is that Nov 24th is the Christmas Craft fair, and the preceding Sunday is the Grey Cup Game happening in BC Place stadium!
15. There are lot of ideas brimming in my head, but I won't burden you with them now. Please know that your suggestions and ideas are always most welcome.
- Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr Patrick Tepoorten

"Serve with Joyful Hearts"

ST PIUS X SCHOOL SPONSORED MASS:

Friday, October 11th, Mass will be celebrated at 9:15am. All parishioners are invited to attend.

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING:

Pope Francis calls for a global day of Prayer and Fasting on October 7th, to mark the one year anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel.



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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: \$43,775.00

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

When a Loved One Dies by Suicide” Suicide is often misunderstood and insufficiently discussed in the Church, even though it is a major cause of death. The film by Sanctuary Mental Health, entitled When a Loved One Dies by Suicide, aims to dispel misconceptions about Church teaching on suicide. It offers support to individuals journeying through grief towards healing. This presentation by Father Nevin Jacob is intended primarily for those who have lost loved ones to suicide, although others may find it helpful and informative. Registration (\$8) required.

Saturday, October 5, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish in Langley. Registration Deadline:

Wednesday, October 2

Register online for \$8 at beholdvancouver.org/events

RCIA REMINDER:

Classes will begin on Tuesday, October 8th at 7pm. For more information please contact Marie Adams at: gladmarie2@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PARISHIONERS:

Dr Lynda Robitaille, St Mark's College Dean of Theology. Who was awarded the Jean Thorn Award of Merit, presented by the Canadian Canon Law Society. Receiving the award is a testament to the significance of Dr. Robitaille's ongoing contributions and humility regarding her accomplishments. She continues to create a positive environment for students to excel and grow as individuals and life-long learners

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY:

Is hosting their Annual Open House on Wednesday, October 16th at 6pm and will be accepting applications from prospective Grade 8 candidates for the 2024-2025 school year. Entrance Exam will be held on Saturday, December 7th. For more information please contact: wilsonk@fabc.org.

SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING ANNUAL LECTURE:

Seminary of Christ the King's annual lecture series will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 10am to 3pm. The lecture will feature Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP, who has been fostering lay formation in the Church for some 30 years. Currently, he is director of a robust 3-year lay formation program called "Lay Mission Project" (<https://laymission.net/>). All parishioners of the Archdiocese are invited to attend the lecture so as to be renewed in their vocation and strengthened in their mission in the Church and the world. Free admission. For more information please call 604-826-8976.

CREATION OF THE TWO SAINTS STATUE OUTSIDE OF THE HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL: This weekend Deacon Podgurski visited our parish to speak about Archbishop Miller's new project of a memorial to the Man of Peace and Woman of Service. St Teresa of Calcutta dedicated her life to Jesus and serving the pope. Pope St John Paul II who visited Vancouver in 1994 proclaimed the Gospel and his physical sufferings were a witness that every life has value. Donations to this project are gratefully accepted. Tax receipts will be issued. For more information please visit: <https://twosaintsinvancouver.ca>

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend for the Building Fund. Thank you for your donation.

FORMED

Is a catholic website that our Parish has made available to all individuals and families in St Pius X Parish. We pay for a blanket coverage each year. The website has a great amount of amazing children's video's, faith formation programs, Catholic movies, Catholic sacramental preparation, lives of the Saints, and programs touching on many issues of our faith life.

To access *Formed*, all you have to do is type in *Formed* on your computer, click that you would like to sign up, search for the parish by entering St. Pius X Parish, 1150 Mt Seymour Rd, North Vancouver, and our parish will come up. Then you will add your own personal email address. Parents will especially benefit from giving their children access to some of the fun childrens' videos that will explain the faith at an age appropriate level.

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. T. 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

6024-924-0397

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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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LIONS GATE HOSPITAL

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY: (778) 386-5070

This service is provided for all North Shore parishioners when you have a family member in LGH and need a priest to attend.