

1st Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

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ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Youth Reconciliation Service **Dec. 2nd @ 5:30 pm**

Christ the King **December 4th @ 6:00 pm**

St. Paul the Apostle **December 6th at 6:00 pm**

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart **Dec. 12th @ 12:30pm**

Shrine of St. Therese **December 13 @ 6:00 pm**

St. Francis Xavier **December 14th @ 6:00 pm**

St. Mary Help of Christians **December 15 @ 8:45 am**

Our Lady of the Meadows **December 21 @ 7:00 pm**

Growing in Faith...

Does God intend us to fear him? Is that why the Holy Spirit gifts us with "fear of the Lord? Our popular Q & A (insert) feature explains that fear of the Lord is more about wonder and awe than fright.

SILENT WALK FOR PEACE—The Benedictine Oblates invite you to join them for a 30 minute Silent Peace Walk on Sunday, December 9th on the River Walk. The 30 minute walk is dedicated to peace. Peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, peace in our community, peace in our world. Walkers will meet at the Chancery Office, 101 N Greenwood St., at 1:45 pm. Signs will be provided. All are Welcome.

Best Advent Ever!

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, but we often get distracted and busy. Don't let this Advent pass you by. Slow down and focus on what matters most. One easy way to do this is through BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program put on by Dynamic Catholic. Starting December 2nd, you will receive a short inspirational video each day of Advent to help encourage you in your faith journey. Check out the link to register!

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>

The Choir is purchasing new chairs for the choir area and is looking for parishioners to sponsor a chair. Currently, we have ten sponsors and are looking for 10 more. Cost is \$50.00 a chair. Envelopes available in church foyer.

HOLIDAY PLANNING

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

Mary...

December 7th at 6:00 pm

Christmas...

December 24th— Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm followed by Mass at 11:00 pm

December 25th— Mass at 12 Noon

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God...

December 31st—Mass at 5:00pm

January 1st—Mass at 9:00am and 6:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE:

Advent Parish Mission—'A Little Way' to Retreat

Please join us the evenings of December 17th, 18th, & 19th (Monday-Wednesday) as Fr. Prabhu will be visiting and putting on an Advent Retreat here at St. Pius X. Each evening he will begin with confessions and time for silent prayer from 5-5:45 PM, followed by Holy Mass at 6:00 PM, and a reflection giving by Fr. Prabhu from 6:30-7:15 PM. The reflection on the 17th is titled A Little "Yes"—A Way to Joy, the 18th is A Little "Move"—A Way to Happiness, and the 19th is A Little "Birth"—A Way to Salvation. Feel free to join us at any point during the retreat!



St. Pius X Lending Library!

Looking for some great Catholic resources? Starting this weekend 11/17 & 11/18 St. Pius X will now have a lending library filled with top notch Catholic resources consisting of books, dvds, and cds! The library will be open right after Saturday and Sunday Masses in the St. Pius X Room (across from the restrooms) except during the holidays. Come check it out...Please contact Vivian Eickholt if you have any questions:

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Support the Retirement Fund for Religious...

A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

1st Sunday in Advent

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.



But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now

Readings for the week of December 2, 2018

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Observances for the week of December 2, 2018

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
 Monday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
 Tuesday: St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
 Friday: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 Saturday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day of obligation)
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mission Statement

The family of St. Pius X Parish, desiring to be faithful to Jesus Christ, dedicate ourselves to share the Gospel values through active worship, service and lifelong faith development as we embrace the motto of our parish patron, St. Pius X: "To restore all things in Christ."

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Please pray for our Sick & Hospitalized

Pat Greer, Alexander Gary, John Distefano, Rhonda Mackey, Joe Reyes, MaryAnn Niccoli, Jean Scoles, Aislie Rosnok, Scott Stevenson, Mary Luton, Doug Beach, Rod Metz, Mary Ayala, Barbara Martinez, Ruben Bernal, Eloveida Velasquez, Nanci Welte, Doug Weatherfield, Pauline Salazar, Mary Kelleher, Bette Mantelli.



Birthday blessings to the following parishioners that celebrate their special day from December 3rd to December 9th.

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| Brian Cordova-12/3 | Jay McCoy-12/7 |
| David Montera-12/3 | Isidore Garcia-12/8 |
| Anthony Robinson-12/3 | Harold Couch-12/8 |
| Raul Sanchez-12/3 | Dana Harris-12/8 |
| Magane Archuletta—12/4 | Byron Thompson-12/8 |
| Tom Marrantino-12/4 | Shannon Villalpando-12/8 |
| Jadon Cook-12/5 | Deanne Midboe-12/9 |
| Martha McCoy-12/5 | Jan Reed-12/9 |
| Nadine Miell-12/5 | Mark Welte-12/9 |
| Destiney Martinez-12/6 | Dawn Martin-12/9 |
| Noelle Ontiveros-12/6 | |
| Patrick Gibbs-12/7 | |
| John Guerrero-12/7 | |

Baptism:

Contact the Parish Office for information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday thru Friday @ 5:30 pm & Saturdays, 2:30—3:30pm.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Weddings:

Please contact the parish office one year in advance.

Pray the Rosary every Sunday morning before Mass.



Saturday , December 1, 2018

2:30 pm— Confession

4:00 pm—†Dan Orona By Family

—†Bill Couture By Carol Goss

— Special Intention for Pat Greer By Sam & Lois Cocharo

Sunday, December 2, 2018

9:00 am —"For the People of God of this Parish"

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

5:30 pm—Confession

6:00 pm —†Mary Jane Vitt By A Friend

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

5:30 pm—Confession

6:00 pm—Special Intention for Malachy Bissonnette By Joshua Bissonnette

Thursday, December 6, 2018-

5:30 pm—Confession

6:00 pm—†Timothy Tyann By Dana, Nicole & Arthur

Friday, December 7, 2018

5:30 pm— Confession

6:00 pm—†Fernando (Dindo) Gomez By Lirio & Cely Polintan

Saturday , December 8, 2018

2:30 pm— Confession

4:00 pm—For the People of God of this Parish

Sunday, December 9, 2018

9:00 am —†Olga Biundo By Frank & Martha Kinnaird

—†Fr. Bill Gleeson By Lirion & Cely Polintan

