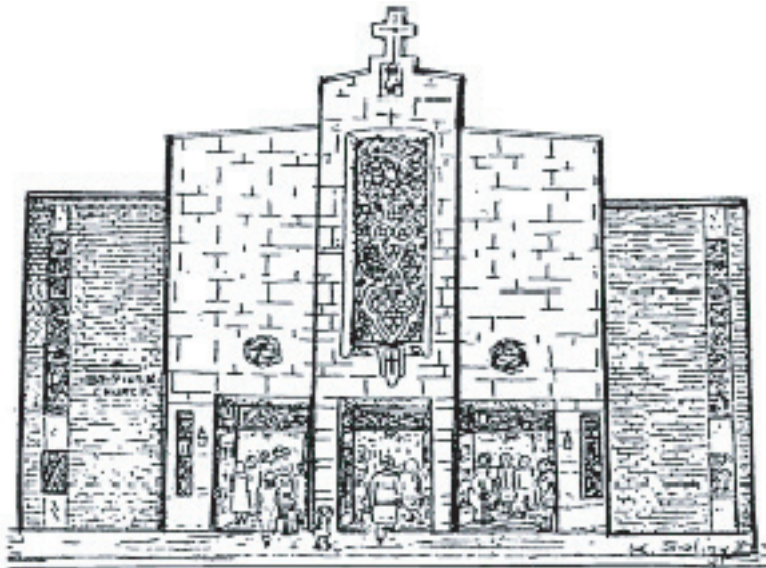


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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays

Tuesday to Friday - 8:30 a.m.
Rosary and Divine
Mercy Prayer - 9:00 a.m.

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Brian Shea

Lay Pastoral Associate: Paige Souter

Parish Secretary: Vivian Mio

Music Sat 5 p.m.: **Adrian Autencio**
Sun 9 a.m.: **Felix Arifin & Alejandra Ballon**
Sun 11 a.m.: **Brian Weldon**

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
OR By Appointment

Baptism

Please call the office for an appointment.

Marriage

One year's advance notice is required;
call the office for an appointment.
Couples must attend a marriage preparation
course.

Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every first Friday of the Month at 9:00 a.m. following
Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help
Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Parish School: St. Pius X Catholic School
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Parish Ministries/ Organizations

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Liturgical Musicians, St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Women's League,
Financial Council, Altar Servers, Sacramental Preparation,
Children's Liturgy (11 a.m. Mass)

Please Remember St. Pius X Parish in your Will.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Advent Practice

Why do people practice doing things? Dance, hockey, singing ... you name it ... you can practice it. Practice is defined as - repeated exercise in or performance of an activity or skill so as to **acquire** or **maintain** proficiency in it.

In practicing hockey, for instance, there are a number of skills required but there is also a learning curve. There is always more to discover.



Elias Pettersson just turned 20 and is playing his first year in the NHL with Vancouver Canucks. The Swedish player has made quite an impression so far. He is known for his practice regimen and is constantly trying to improve his skills. He has an eye for detail.

It's the same with spirituality. Where do you see yourself on the learning curve? Maybe this Advent season can be a time to enhance spiritual practice.

- Father Brian

The Advent Wreath

The circle of the wreath reminds us of God, His eternal and endless mercy, which has no beginning and no end.

On the First Sunday of Advent, we light the first purple candle, the Prophet's Candle, the Candle of Hope.

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.



FAITH SHARING



We are called to reflect more deeply on God's Word and prepare our minds and hearts, deepen our spiritual lives, and further explore how we are called to action through the Word.

First Sunday of Advent

Be on guard!

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Reflection & Action

Question for Adults:

Paul exhorts us to "make greater progress" in our spiritual lives. What one step could you take to make greater progress in your own life?

Question for Youth:

Advent is the Church season when we prepare for Christ's birth at Christmas. What is one thing you can do to prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas?

Question for Children:

What helps you to grow in your faith? Who helps you?

SUNDAY READINGS NEXT WEEK

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

- 1st Reading:** Baruch 5:1-9
God will show all the earth the splendor of Jerusalem.
- 2nd Reading:** Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
He who has begun a great work in you will continue to strengthen you.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6
The preaching of John the Baptist.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2018

Christmas Eve, December 24th:	5pm and 9pm
Christmas Day, December 25th:	9am and 11am
Boxing Day, December 26th:	No mass scheduled
New Year's Eve, December 31st:	5pm
New Year's Day, January 1st:	10am





MASS
INTENTIONS



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

8:30am Maria, for a speedy recovery

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

9:30am † Concegao
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

8:30am † Christopher Kim

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

8:30am Anne Bourke

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

5:00pm † Alec Riley

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

9:00am For the People
11:00am † Monica Podstawski

COMING UP...

Dec 3: 7:30pm Finance Council Meeting

Dec 5: 9:30am School & Parish mass

Dec 8&9: First Reconciliation Candidates Blessing at Mass

Dec 11&13: 7pm School Concert

Dec 16: noon CWL Coffee Sunday



Our next School and Parish joint Mass will be on **Wednesday December 5th at 9:30am**

There will be **no** 8:30am Mass that day.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath



All Powerful God, as we light the candles of this wreath, may they may remind us to lift our minds in watchful hope and to hear the voice which announces the coming of Jesus in glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The CWL thanks the St. Pius X Parishioners for their help and support in making the Annual Christmas Bazaar a great success again this year. The Bazaar not only raises funds to be distributed to various charitable organizations, but it also brings the St. Pius X Parish community together.



The CWL would also like to thank the sponsors of this year's Bazaar listed below:

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- * OR write a cheque or give cash for that value (cheques payable to "St. Pius X Conference, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul".)
- * Return cards to **collection box below the tree** during masses, **parish office**, or **Fr. Brian** or **other staff**.
- * Return cards no later than: **December 16th, 2017**



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