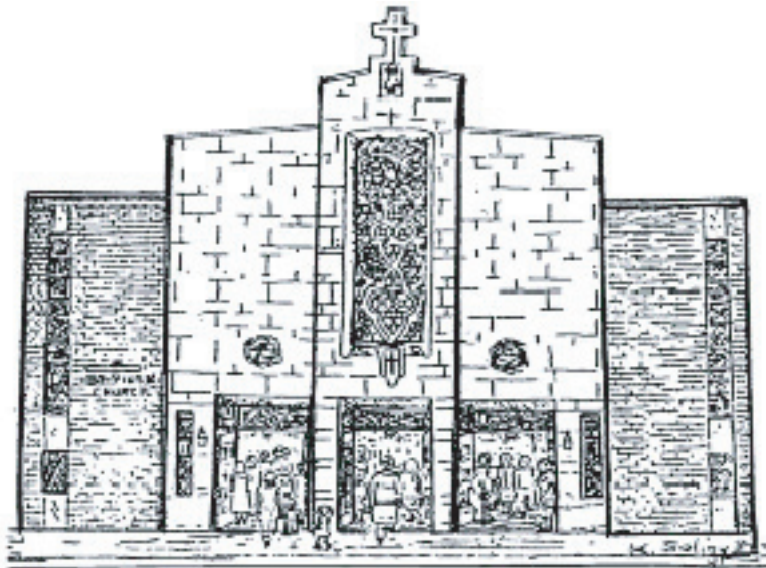


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Mass Schedule

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

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Children's Liturgy (11 a.m. Mass)

Please Remember St. Pius X Parish in your Will.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Tips for a Reflective Advent Season

During the hustle and bustle of December it can be easy to forget that Advent is a season of waiting; a time to pause, prepare, and reflect on the miracle of the Incarnation and the coming anew of Jesus into our lives. Here are some tips to help us reclaim a reflective Advent season:

Take time every day to talk with God. Just like booking a coffee date with a friend, spend 10 minutes sharing your day with God. If you're not a particularly patient person, you can ask God to help you slow down. This time of year can be particularly difficult for people who have suffered a loss or are facing a challenging situation, so be sure to include them in your prayers.

Feed your soul. Commit to reading spiritual material that will help you be more reflective. Choose an Advent devotional, a book from one of your favourite spiritual writers, or spend time reading and meditating on scripture.

Write a letter to God. It is easier to maintain a reflective Advent if we consciously state it as our intention. We can do that by sharing with God our intentions for Advent. In order to make room for our Advent activities, consider including the items and parts of our lives that we will need to let go of in order to make room for our Advent journey.

Reach out to people who are in need. While Advent is a time for introspection, it should not stop us from reaching out to people who are in need. Turning outwards to help others not only puts our faith into action, but helps us to draw closer to God. We can be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

Breathe. Be conscious to breathe. Become aware of your stress level throughout the day. As you feel the pressure to sacrifice your Advent commitments in order to 'get stuff done', take several deep breathes. This will help you to centre and recommit. Adding a mantra as you breathe can deepen your centring. *Come Lord Jesus, Come.*

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.

Second Sunday of Advent

We are getting ready to welcome Christ into our hearts.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Reflection & Action

Question for Adults:

Name one thing you can do to help "prepare the way of the Lord?"

Question for Youth:

How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?

Question for Children:

What things do you do to get ready for a big event or celebration?

SUNDAY READINGS NEXT WEEK

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Rejoice, for the Lord is in your midst.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Rejoice in the Lord all ways.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18
John the Baptist announces the coming of the Messiah.

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



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

8:30am Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

8:30am Nam's Intention

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

8:30am † Frank Brincat

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

8:30am † Mary & Michael
Olinyk

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

5:00pm † Mary Satterfield

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

9:00am † Connor & Stephen
McNamee
11:00am For the People

COMING UP...

December 11 & 13: 7pm

School Concert

December 16: noon

CWL Coffee Sunday

2019 Offertory Envelopes



To be arranged in alphabetical order, 2019 offertory boxes will be available at the back of the church beginning **next weekend, December 15 & 16.**

Please make sure not to use these envelopes until January 2019.

JUST A THOUGHT...

Faith is knowing that it will unfold in a wonderful way, even though you cannot see it from where you are standing.

- Abraham Hicks

From Church Newsletters:

- "The sermon this morning: 'Jesus walks on water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'"
- "Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping round the house. Bring your husbands."
- "Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help."
- "For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a crèche in the back room."
- "The sermon tonight will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice."

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 Second Sunday of Advent, we light the second purple candle, the Bethlehem Candle, the Candle of Faith. It reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

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

Christmas Giving Tree 2018 - St. Vincent de Paul Society

- * Take one (or more) ornament from the tree (for you)
- * Purchase the gift cards described on the ornament (there are \$25 No Frills and Walmart gift cards described)
- * 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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