



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

Sunday, December 20, 2020

## 4th Sunday of Advent

### CHRISTMAS MASSES WITH COVID-19

Dear parishioners

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic, we must be very careful with religious services to avoid contagion and protect especially our seniors, following the advice and protocols of the health authorities. That means that **this Christmas is going to be different** in the way we celebrate it.

As you know, there is a limit in the number of people we can accommodate in Church. My fear and all my fellow priests' fear is that on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we are not going to be able to accommodate all the people wanting to attend Mass, and we will have to say NO to many. For that reason, at St Pius X, on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we are going to have two Masses simultaneously, one in the Church and one in the Gym to accommodate those who could not be accommodated in Church once we reach the maximum of occupancy. We have no way of discriminating who goes to what Mass, so we will accommodate in Church those who come earlier and we will send to the Gym those who come last.

This is the schedule:

Thursday Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> , Christmas Eve		Friday Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> , Christmas Day	
CHURCH	GYM	CHURCH	GYM
4pm Mass	4:05pm Mass	10am Mass	10:05am Mass
6pm Mass	6:05pm Mass	12pm Mass (Spanish)	12:05pm Mass (Spanish)
8pm Mass (Spanish)	8:05pm Mass		

It is very hard to impose restrictions on faithful, long-time parishioners when they come to celebrate Christmas. But it is also difficult to say NO to people that may come to Church only for Christmas, whose heart may be touched by the Lord on that occasion. **Please don't feel frustrated if this year you cannot get into the Church and have to celebrate the Mass in the Gym.** In a sense, it will be much closer to the first Christmas, which took place in a dirty, smelly stable. What is important is that we want to meet the Lord and thank Him with a joyful heart for his love and humility in coming to have mercy on us. Also, we will be closer to the way persecuted Christians celebrate Christmas, and we will be prompted to remember them in our prayers.

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MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English Anticipatory**

**7:00 p.m. en Español**

**Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.. English**

**11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Español**

Daily Mass

Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

7:00 p.m. Anticipatory, Bilingual

8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Silent Adoration

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to

7:00 p.m. - Blessed Sacrament Blessing

1st Friday of the month

6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

**MASS OFFERINGS**

**Saturday, December 19, 2020**

5:00 James & Matilda Schuard †  
By Jeanne Fox

**Sunday, December 20, 2020**

7:30 The Theriot Family † By Friends  
9:00 Albert Guminski †  
By the Guminski Family

**Monday, December 21, 2020**

8:00 Mary Lou Costigan † By John Costigan

**Tuesday, December 22, 2020**

8:00

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020**

8:00 Ann & Richard † By Friends

**Thursday, December 24, 2020**

8:00

**Friday, December 25, 2020**

8:00

**Saturday, December 26, 2020**

5:00 Moms birth parents † By Loving Family

**Sunday, December 27, 2020**

7:30 Joan † By Friends  
9:00 Paul Guminski † By the Guminski



**We pray for all those who are sick or  
in need of our prayers:**

Carolyn Wilklow, Linda Paineau, Helen Longi, Maria Hinojosa, Bob Partenheimer, Sue Schmied, Gilberto Lucio, Sam Pitts, Julie Christiansen, Leslie Clarke, Mary West, Mary Stortz, Dennis and Betty Vonderharr, Nick Maestas, John Kish, John Vrtis, Matthew Hover, Deacon Dusty.

**PRAY FOR THE  
RECENTLY DECEASED**



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Monday, December 21: St. Peter Canisius  
Wednesday, December 23: St. John of Kanty  
Friday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord  
Saturday, December 26: St. Stephen

He who did not spare his own Son,  
but gave him up for us all—  
how will he not also, along with him,  
graciously give us all things?

**Romans 8:32**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON	SG 2:8-14, PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21, LK 1:39-45,
TUE	1 SM 1:24-28, 1 SAMUEL 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD, LK 1:46-56
WED	MAL 3:1-4, 23-24, PS 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10 and 14, LK 1:57-66,
THURS	2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16, PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29, LK 1:67-79,
FRI	IS 62:11-12, PS 97:1, 6, 11-12, TI 3:4-7, LK 2:14, LK 2:15-20,
SAT	ACTS 6:8-10, 7:54-59, PS 31:3CD-4, 6 and 8AB, 16BC and 17, PS 118:26A, 27A, MT 10:17-22
SUN	SIR 3:2-6, 12-14, PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, COL 3:12-21, COL 3:15A, 16ALK 2:22-40

### Giving at Year-End, Consider the Possibilities

We often express thanks to God by giving to others. As you consider your charitable gifts before the end of the year, remember that gifts made now could generate income tax deductions that reduce your 2020 tax bill. Please contact The Catholic Foundation to consider the possibilities of bequests, as well as gifts of appreciated stocks, IRA Charitable Rollovers, real estate and cash to fulfill your need to give in gratitude for the blessings God has given each of us.

Please contact The Catholic Foundation at 303-468-9885 or visit their website at [www.TheCatholicFoundation.com](http://www.TheCatholicFoundation.com).



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*Wednesday 9am - 7pm*  
*1st Friday of the month*  
*6 pm - 12 am.*

Celebrating a special occasion?  
 Honoring a loved one?

Remember a loved one who has died or is in need of extra prayers by offering a Mass.

*He who follows me does not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life.*

*John 8:12*

## FORMED

**BIBLE STUDIES - FAITH FORMATION - TALKS - MOVIES - AUDIOS - BOOKS**

**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. John Sehorn  
September 8, 2020

FORMED *Now!*

*The Footprints of GOD*

THE STORY OF SALVATION FROM ABRAHAM TO AUGUSTINE

**MARY**  
THE MOTHER OF GOD

FILMED ON LOCATION WITH STEPHEN RAY

DAILY  
**Holy Hour**

THE RELIGIOUS SISTERS OF MERCY  
OF ALMA MICHIGAN

### Access FORMED on the go!

There are two ways to get FORMED right at your fingertips:

1. Apple users can download the iOS app.
2. Android users visit FORMED website for instructions.

**It is available for all our parishioners, go to: FORMED.org and the parish code to access is: XBMBR6**

*Merry Christmas!  
Happy New Year!*



## **HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

The Parish office will be closed for  
Christmas and New Years

Dec 24, 2020 thru January 4, 2021



Make an

**[impact]**

with your  
year-end giving.

# *Solemnity of Mary Mother of God*

## Mass Times

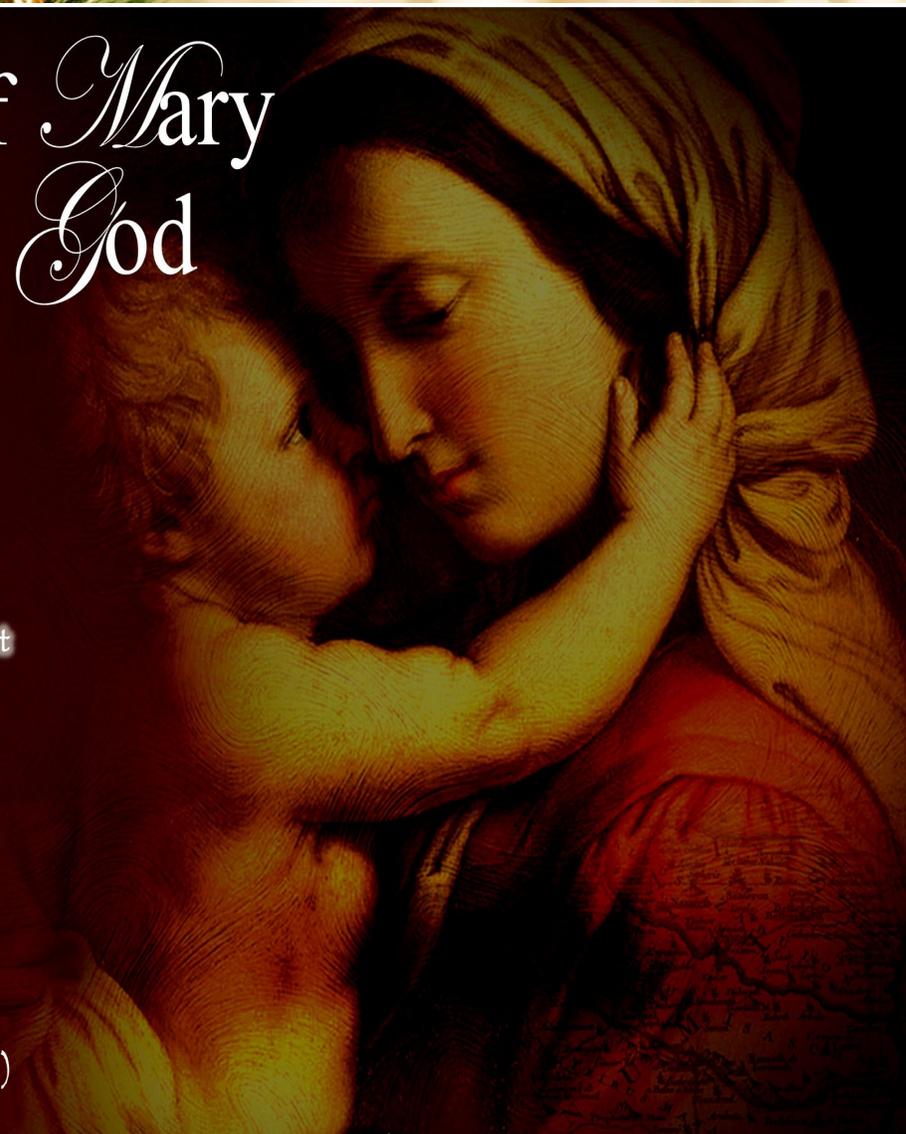
December 31<sup>st</sup>

7:00 pm (Bilingual)

January 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00 am (English)

12:00 pm (Spanish)



# Christmas at St. Pius

Masses will be simultaneously in different buildings

## Christmas Eve - December 24

### Church

4:00 pm Children's Mass (English)  
6:00 pm Mass (English)  
8:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

### Gym

4:05 pm Children's Mass (English)  
6:05 pm Mass (English)  
8:05 pm Mass (Spanish)

## Christmas Day - December 25

### Church

10:00 am Mass (English)  
12:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

### Gym

10:05 am Mass (English)  
12:05 pm Mass (Spanish)

# YEAR OF St. JOSEPH

On December 8<sup>th</sup> Pope Francis declared the beginning of a Year of St. Joseph, on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blessed Pius IX declaring St. Joseph as Patron of the Catholic Church. After the Holy Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, her humble and hidden Husband, is *the greatest model of sanctity and the most powerful intercessor ever.*

During this year of St. Joseph the faithful “following his example can daily *strengthen their life of faith in the full fulfillment of God’s will.*” They will have “the opportunity to commit themselves, with prayers and good works, to obtain with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations that today afflict the contemporary world.”

## **Plenary Indulgences for the Year of St. Joseph**

We can gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions: *sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, “with a soul detached from any sin”*, if we participate in the Year of St. Joseph in several specific ways:

-if we meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Our Father or be part of a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.

-carrying out a corporal or spiritual work of mercy.

-praying the Holy Rosary in families and between engaged couples.

-who daily entrust their activities to the protection of St. Joseph and all the faithful who invoke with prayer the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker so that who is looking for work can find a job and work for everyone is more dignified.

-if we recite the Litany to St. Joseph or some other prayer to St. Joseph for the Church persecuted and for the relief of all Christians who suffer every form of persecution.

-if we recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, especially on his feast days of March 19<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, on the Feast of the Holy Family, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of each month, and on every Wednesday, the day traditionally dedicated to him.

**In Light of the Health Crisis** the gift of the plenary indulgence is particularly extended to **the elderly, the sick, the dying** and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave the house, who, with a soul detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in their own home or where the impediment holds them, they will recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, *trust in God the pains and discomforts of their life.*

# YEAR END DONATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Due to the CARES ACT (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) there are some interesting ways to donate that may benefit our parish and our parishioners. Except for the Colorado Child Care Tax Credit, the following information relates to an individual's Federal income tax determinations.

Previously, charitable contributions could only be deducted *if taxpayers itemized* their deductions. **For 2020, taxpayers who don't itemize deductions may take a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions made in 2020 to qualifying organizations** including religious, charitable, educational, scientific or literary in purpose.

The CARES act also increased the limit of donations to public charities, for those taxpayers that itemize, from 60% of adjusted gross income (AGI) to 100% of AGI for individuals and joint filers qualified contributions. A corporation may deduct qualified contributions of up to 25 percent (it was limited to 10% previously) of its taxable income. To qualify, the contribution must be:

- a cash contribution;
  - made to a qualifying organization;
- made during the calendar year 2020

The new deduction limits are for cash only gifts. These new limits do not apply to gifts of appreciated stock.

**IRAs** Individuals may still make contributions directly from an IRA to a charity. For those who are over age 70½, qualified charitable distributions from an IRA of up to \$100,000 are still allowable in 2020. Even though required minimum distributions from IRAs were suspended for 2020, an eligible individual may make direct charitable donations from his or her IRA in 2020, and the direct charitable distribution of up to a maximum of \$100,000 will not be included in the taxpayer's income (the charitable donation will not be deductible).

**COLORADO CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT** Taxpayers that make a qualifying monetary contribution to promote childcare in Colorado may claim an income tax credit of 50% of the total qualifying contribution. The credit a taxpayer can claim for qualifying contributions made during a tax year is limited to \$100,000. In-kind contributions of services or property (non-monetary donations including stock) do not qualify for the credit. The Parish **MUST** provide a completed Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Certification (Colorado Form DR 1317) to the donor. The donation must be made a to licensed childcare facility that uses the donation to provide childcare.

*Notice: These suggestions should not be considered tax advice and individuals should consult with their tax advisors to determine the tax consequences of any contributions.*