ST. PIUS X PARISH
March 7, 2021

A LENTEN PASTORAL NOTE TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER (I)

"Ours is not an age of change but a change of age." In this phrase, Pope Francis summarizes our period in history well. Our Church has always encountered challenges in proclaiming Christ to the culture. Today, however, you and I are now living our Catholic faith in a post-Christian world.

What do I mean by "post-Christian?" The successful evangelization of the early Church during the first apostolic age flowered into a culture, referred to as "Christendom," that was itself built on Christian principles and ideals. While Christendom was rarely the perfect embodiment of those ideals, it was a cultural period based on them, at least in principle, and striving to live them. It was marked by an explosion of art, science, universities, hospital systems, countless social services and the formation of peaceful societies based on the rule of law in what had previously been a barbaric and pagan Europe—all for the greater glory of God.

A secularizing momentum, which has had its ebbs and flows over the last few hundred years, has now brought this Christendom culture to a close. Archbishop Fulton Sheen put it most bluntly, as long ago as 1974, stating, *"**We are at the end of Christendom**. Not Christianity, not the church. Christendom is the economic, political, and social life as inspired by Christian principles. That is what is ending and, because we live in it from day to day, we do not see the decline."* We can see two clear and devasting effects of secularism in the empty churches of Europe, once a bastion of Christianity, and in the rapid growth in the numbers of "nones" in the United States.

But more than a collapse in Church attendance, as people forget God, we can observe and experience a general collapse of hope. This clarifies so much of what we see going on today. In the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, *"A spiritual desert is spreading: an interior emptiness, an unnamed fear, a quiet sense of despair."* Perhaps more frighteningly, we see a growth in violence, born of deep restlessness and the death of supernatural charity in many souls. Again, to quote the Pope Emeritus (then Cardinal Ratzinger), *"The deepest poverty is the inability of joy (which) presupposes and produces the inability to love, produces jealousy, avarice—all defects that devastate the life of individuals and of the world.*" To lose God is to lose the purpose and meaning of life, and in that barren landscape where can hope and love take root and thrive?

We could find ourselves tempted to wish for smoother sailing, a time that was more supportive of Christian beliefs and practices, but God did not choose you and me for those times. **We are living in an apostolic era that calls for joyful witness in the face of opposition.** He picked us for this moment for a reason and he wants us to engage with both the unique obstacles and opportunities of our time for the sake of the Gospel. He is calling his Church to **go on mission**.

(Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila*)*

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MASS SCHEDULE

English Anticipatory
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. en Español

Sunday: 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, March 6, 2021
5:00 Bobby Folger † By Family

Sunday, March 7, 2021
9:00 Uncle Ed † By your loving Family
Frank & Linda Lopez †
By Maria Carter

Monday, March 8, 2021
8:00

Tuesday, March 9, 2021
8:00

Wednesday, March 10, 2021
8:00

Thursday, March 11, 2021
8:00

Friday, March 12 2021
8:00 Patrick Martin † By Martin Family

Saturday, March 13, 2021
5:00 Patrick Martin † By Martin Family

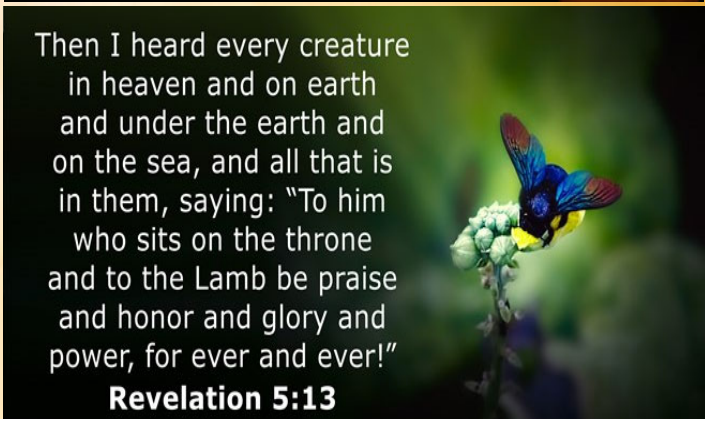
Sunday, March 14 2021
9:00 Uncle Bill † By your Loving Family
Paul Bowen † By Doug & Michelle

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

Deacon Jim, Theresa & Dana White, Eileen Forsythe, Carolyn Wilklow, Linda Paineau, Helen Longi, Maria Hinojosa, Julie Christiansen, Leslie Clarke, Mary West, Mary Stortz, Dennis and Betty Vonderharr, Nick Maestas, John Vrtis, Deacon Dusty.

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Sue Schmied
Mary Cirico



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON	2 KGS 5:1-15ab, 42:2, 3, 43:3, 4, PS 130:5, 7, LK 4:24-30
TUE	DN 3:25, 34-43, 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7 bc, 8-9, JI 2:12-13, MT 18:21-35
WED	DT 4:1, 5-9, 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20, JN 6:63c, 68c, MT 5:17-19
THURS	JER 7:23-28, 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, JI 2:12-13, LK 11:14-23
FRI	HOS 14:2-10, 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17, MT 4:17, MK 12:28-34
SAT	HOS 6:1-6, 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab, LK 18:9-14
SUN	1 SM 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, EPH 5:8-14, JN8:12, JN 9:1-41

Denver Center City - New Catholic High School Survey

The Archdiocese of Denver is exploring the feasibility of a new Catholic high school to serve the Denver center city area through a formal study. Please complete this 8- to 10-minute survey to provide your opinion on this idea. Your response is very important, no matter whether you will decide to enroll your children or not. Complete ONE survey for your family. To ensure inclusion in this study, please complete the survey no later than **March 7, 2021.**

Location: The proposed high school will be located at the former public school site adjacent to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish/School (E.Iliff Ave. & Sherman St).

Catholic Identity: The proposed high school will provide a superior education faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church in all areas of the educational process.

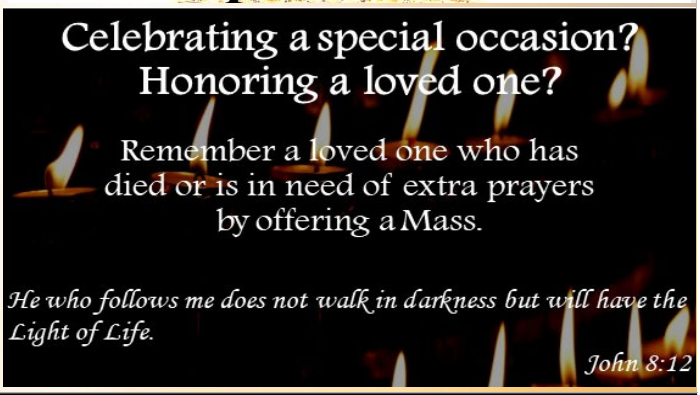
https://survey.meitler.com/s3/DenverCenterCityHSInterest

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 9am-7pm

1st Friday of the month

6 pm - 12 am.



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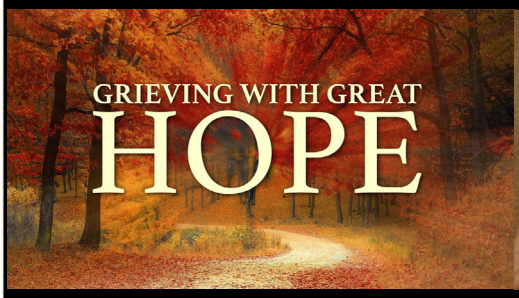
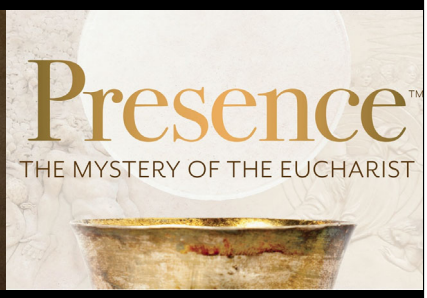
BIBLE STUDIES - FAITH FORMATION –TALKS - MOVIES - AUDIOS - BOOKS

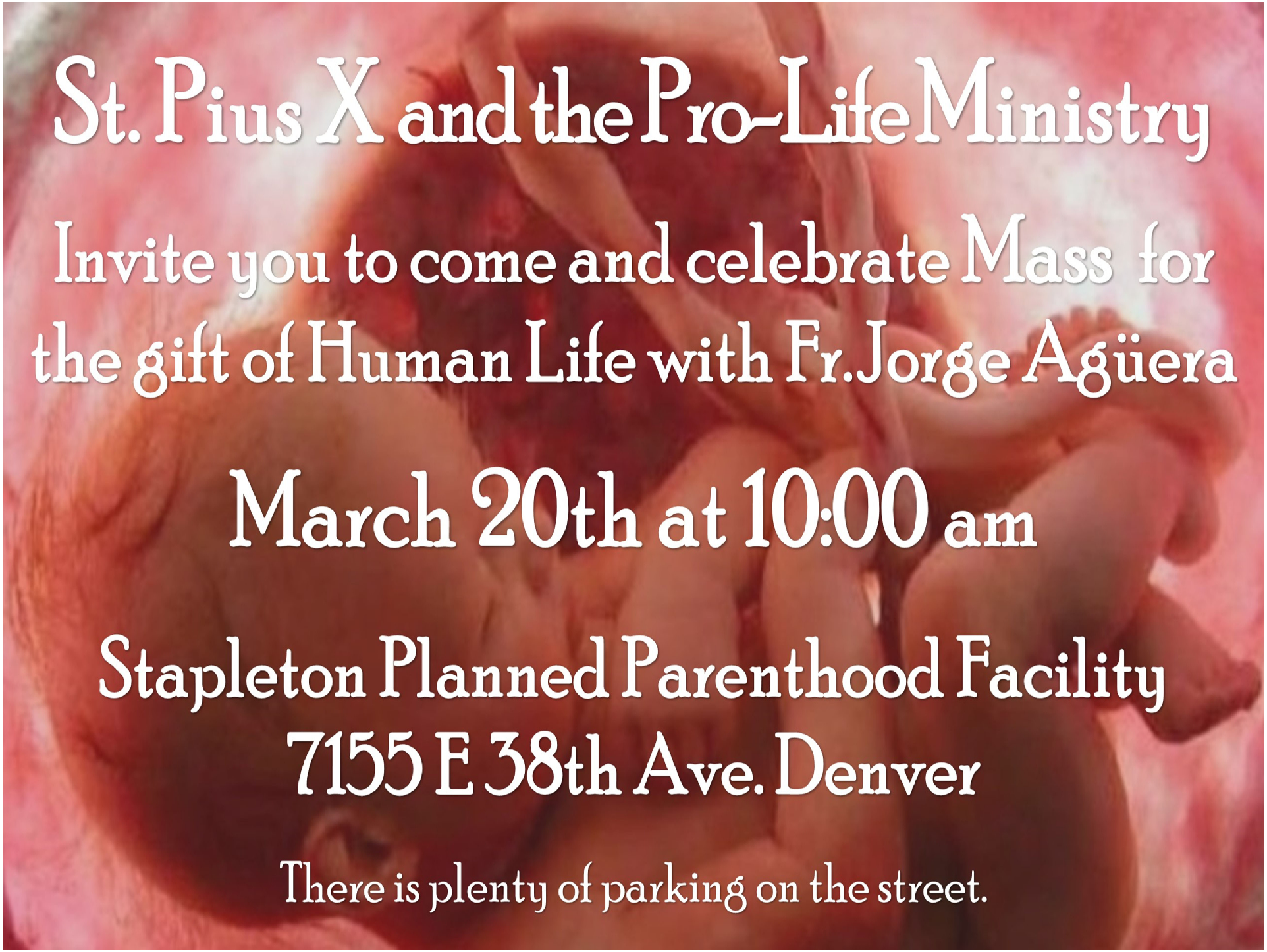




Access FORMED on the go!

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


St. Pius X and the Pro-Life Ministry
Invite you to come and celebrate Mass for the gift of Human Life with Fr. Jorge Agüera
March 20th at 10:00 am
Stapleton Planned Parenthood Facility
7155 E 38th Ave. Denver
There is plenty of parking on the street.

Sanctuary Flowers

As a memorial to a loved one, in celebration of a birthday or anniversary, as a thank you or to honor someone special in your life. In the bulletin you will find a form, write the name of the person to honor and your name and return via collection basket or drop off at the parish office. The names will be placed near the sacred altar as a spiritual offering to our God.

Donation $20

Sanctuary Flowers

St. Pius X Parish is accepting donations for Sanctuary flowers for the Easter season

Each $20 donation can be as a memorial to a loved one, celebrate an anniversary, or to honor someone special in your life.

A listing in the Easter bulletin will bear the donor's name and their intention.

To help sponsor our Easter decorations, please fill out the form below and ***enclose it with your donation*** in an envelope. Place all envelopes in the collection basket at Mass or drop them off at the parish office during business hours. Please submit donations no later than ***Sunday, March 24th*** in order to be acknowledged in the bulletin.

Your name as it is to appear in the bulletin (print clearly)

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In Honor of

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In Memory of

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