



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

March 12, 2023

III SUNDAY OF LENT

## GIVE ME A DRINK

Through the symbol of water (...) the Word of God transmits to us an ever lively and timely message: **God thirsts for our faith** and wants us to find the source of our authentic happiness in him. Every believer is in danger of practising *a false religiosity, of not seeking in God the answer to the most intimate expectations of the heart but on the contrary, treating God as though he were at the service of our desires and projects.*

In the First Reading we see the Jewish People suffer in the desert from lack of water and, in the grip of discouragement, complain and react violently, as on other occasions. They even reached the point of rebelling against Moses and almost of rebelling against God. The sacred author says: *"They put the Lord to the proof by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"*" (Ex 17: 7). The people demanded from God that he meet their expectations and needs, rather than **abandoning themselves trustfully into his hands**, and in their trial lost their trust in him. How often does this also happen in our lives? In how many circumstances, rather than conforming docilely to the divine will, do we want God to implement our own plans and grant our every desire? On how many occasions does our faith prove frail, our trust weak, our religious sense contaminated by magical and merely earthly elements? In this Lenten Season, as the Church invites us to make a journey of true conversion, let us accept with humble docility the recommendation of the Responsorial Psalm: *"Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works"*" (...)

If there is a physical thirst for water that is indispensable for life on this earth, there is also a spiritual thirst in man that God alone can satisfy. This is clearly visible in the dialogue between Jesus and the woman who came to Jacob's well to draw water. Everything begins with Jesus' request: **"Give me a drink"**. At first sight it seems a simple request for a little water in the hot midday sun. In fact, with this question, addressed moreover to a Samaritan woman - there was bad blood between the Jews and the Samaritans - Jesus triggers in the woman to whom he is talking an inner process that kindles within her the desire for something more profound. St Augustine comments: *"Although Jesus asked for a drink, his real thirst was for this woman's faith"*. In fact, at a certain point, it was the woman herself who asked Jesus for the water, thereby demonstrating that **in every person there is an inherent need for God and for salvation that only God can satisfy**. It is a thirst for the infinite which only the water that Jesus offers, **the living water of the Spirit**, can quench. [In today's Preface] we shall hear these words: Jesus *"asked the woman of Samaria for water to drink, and had already prepared for her the gift of faith. In his thirst to receive her faith, he awakened in her heart the fire of your love"*.

(Excerpts from Benedict XVI's homily on Feb 24, 2008)

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MASS SCHEDULE

**English Anticipatory**

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

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. English  
11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Español

**Daily Mass**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
8:00 a.m. English

Thursday 6:30 p.m. Spanish

**Holy Days**

7:00 p.m. Anticipatory, Bilingual  
8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**Confessions**

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
Sunday after Masses

**Silent Adoration**

Wednesday 2 pm - 7 pm  
&  
1st Friday of the month  
6 pm - 12 am



**MASS OFFERINGS**

**Saturday, March 11, 2023**

5:00 Don Lovelace † By the Montgomery Family

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

9:00 Geanne D'arc Hue Ngo † By Cam Ngo  
Allen Willet † By his Family

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

8:00 For All the Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

8:00 Geanne D'arc Hue Ngo † By Cam Ngo

**Thursday, March 16, 2023**

6:30

**Friday, March 17, 2023**

8:00 Geanne D'arc Hue Ngo † By Cam Ngo

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**

5:00 Patrick Seeley † By the Montgomery Family

**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

9:00 Geanne D'arc Hue Ngo † By Cam Ngo

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

Mary Ward, Judy Byrnes, Karen and Dave Gross  
John Hampson, Flavia Langan, Molly North, Flor-  
ence Montoya, DeAnn Aquino, Donna French,  
Maureen Todaro, Virgilio Lao Mui.



**PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

Denis Weber, Don Lovelace,



**FORMED**

BIBLE STUDIES, FAITH FORMATION, TALKS,  
MOVIES, AUDIOS, BOOKS

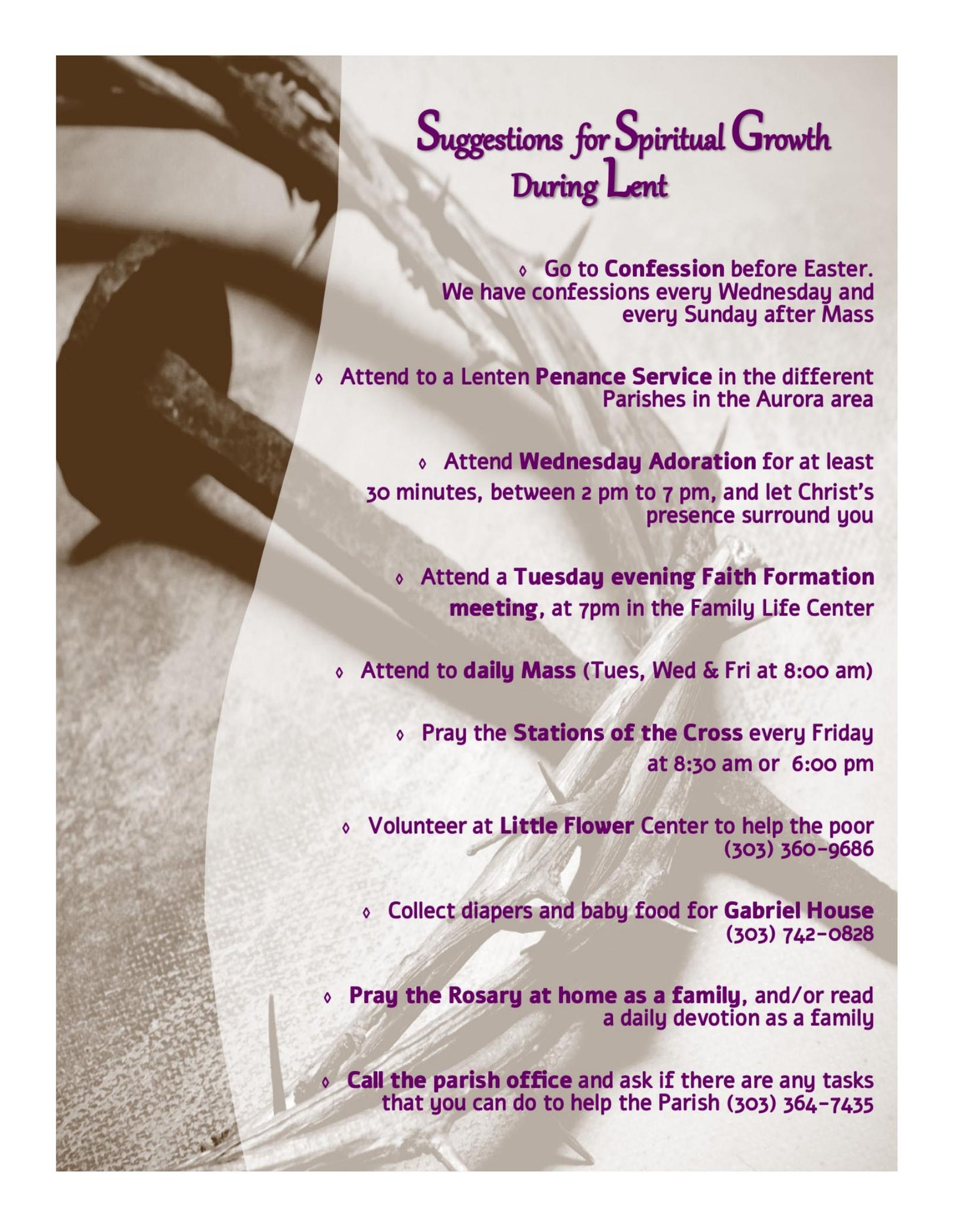
It is available for all our parishioners, go to FORMED.org  
and the parish code to access is: XBMBR6

**Adult Faith Formation of St Pius X Parish**

Invites you to join with us to study the Bible using videos and group  
discussions. God's message and impact on each of us can be shared  
and understood thru learning together.

The Adult Faith Formation meets Tuesday evenings in the Parish  
Life Center from 7:00 pm till 8:30 pm.

Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will never pass away.  
**Matthew 24:35**



## Suggestions for Spiritual Growth During Lent

- ◊ Go to **Confession** before Easter. We have confessions every Wednesday and every Sunday after Mass
- ◊ Attend to a **Lenten Penance Service** in the different Parishes in the Aurora area
  - ◊ Attend **Wednesday Adoration** for at least 30 minutes, between 2 pm to 7 pm, and let Christ's presence surround you
  - ◊ Attend a **Tuesday evening Faith Formation meeting**, at 7pm in the Family Life Center
- ◊ Attend to **daily Mass** (Tues, Wed & Fri at 8:00 am)
- ◊ Pray the **Stations of the Cross** every Friday at 8:30 am or 6:00 pm
- ◊ Volunteer at **Little Flower Center** to help the poor (303) 360-9686
- ◊ Collect diapers and baby food for **Gabriel House** (303) 742-0828
- ◊ Pray the **Rosary at home as a family**, and/or read a daily devotion as a family
- ◊ Call the **parish office** and ask if there are any tasks that you can do to help the Parish (303) 364-7435

# Denver Ablaze



March 18, 12-2:30pm

Join us for a city-wide gathering with  
praise, worship, & prayer ministry.

*\*\* please note the time change from previous gatherings*

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish  
it were already blazing!"

Keynote given by Fr Jason Wunsch

St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish  
6890 Argonne St Unit B, Denver, CO 80249

Contact [denverablaze@gmail.com](mailto:denverablaze@gmail.com)

# Happening this Week at St Pius X

3/13/23 - 3/18/23

Monday	8:00 am - Pray the Rosary for Vocations 6:00 pm - Ballet Folklorico Group (Spanish)
Tuesday	8:00 am - Daily Mass 8:30 am - Pray the Rosary 9:00 am - Grupo de Intercesión (Spanish) 7:00 pm - Adult Faith Formation 7:00 pm - Christian Initiation of Adults (Spanish)
Wednesday	8:00 am - Daily Mass (English) 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm ~ Adoration 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm ~ Confessions
Thursday	6:30 pm - Mass (Spanish) 7:00 pm - Prayer Group (Spanish) 7:00 pm - Youth Group 7:00 pm - Parent talks (Spanish)
Friday	8:00 am - Daily Mass 8:30 am - Stations of the Cross (English) 6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (English) 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (Spanish) 7:00 pm - Marriage Preparation (Spanish)
Saturday	10:00 am - Baptisms ~ 1st & 3rd ~ (Spanish) 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm ~ Weddings & Quinceañeras 2:00 pm - Escuela de la Fe (Spanish) 5:00 pm - Baptisms ~ 2nd ~ (English)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Let us begin with having peace in our marriage.



Learn to have the best marriage by attending the next  
**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on:**

**Dillon: Apr. 28-30**

For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact:

**Brenda & Gary Granger: 720-213-8833** Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @wwmeColorado

# LENT

## PENANCE SERVICES AND CONFESSIONS

**St. Therese in Aurora**  
**Saturday, February 25**  
**10:00am**  
1243 Kingston St  
Aurora, CO 80010  
303.344.0132

**Our Lady of Loreto in  
Foxfield**  
**Wednesday, March 8**  
**7:00pm**  
18000 E Arapahoe Rd  
Foxfield, CO 80016  
303.766.3800

**Saint Pius X**  
**Thursday, March 9**  
**7:00pm**  
13670 E 13<sup>th</sup> Pl  
Aurora, CO 80011  
303.364.7435

**St. Gianna Molla**  
**Thursday, March 16**  
**7:00pm**  
6890 Argonne St Unit B  
Denver, CO 80249  
303.968.0533

**Ascension in Montbello**  
**Tuesday, March 21**  
**6:00pm**  
14050 Maxwell Pl  
Denver, CO 80239  
303.373.4950

**St. Michael the Archangel**  
**Saturday, March 25**  
**10:00am**  
19099 E Floyd Ave  
Aurora, CO 80013  
303.690.6797

**Queen of Peace**  
**Thursday, March 30**  
**7:00pm**  
13120 E Kentucky Ave  
Aurora, CO 80012  
303.364.1056

# Sanctuary Flowers

As a memorial to a loved one as a thank you or to honor someone special in your life.

Donation \$25



## **Sanctuary Flowers**

St. Pius X Parish is accepting donations for Sanctuary flowers for the Easter season *Each \$25 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 26th** in order to be acknowledged in the bulletin.

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



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