



# St. PIUS X PARISH

April 30, 2023 ~ IV Sunday of Easter

## WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS



God looks on the heart (cf. *1 Sam 16:7*), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes (...)

Saint Joseph suggests to us *three key words* for each individual's vocation. The first is **dream**. Everyone dreams of finding fulfilment in life. We rightly nurture great hopes, lofty aspirations that ephemeral goals – like success, money and entertainment – cannot satisfy. If we were to ask people to express in one word their life's dream, it would not be difficult to imagine the answer: “to be loved”. It is love that gives meaning to life, because it reveals life's mystery. Indeed, we only have life if we give it; we truly possess it only if we generously give it away. Saint Joseph has much to tell us in this regard, because, through the dreams that God inspired in him, he made of his life a gift. The Gospels tell us of four dreams. They were calls from God, but they were not easy to accept. After each dream, Joseph had to change his plans and take a **risk**, sacrificing his own plans in order to follow the mysterious designs of God, whom he trusted completely (...)

A second word marks the journey of Saint Joseph and that of vocation: **service**. The Gospels show how Joseph lived entirely for others and never for himself. The holy people of God invoke him as the *most chaste spouse*, based on his ability to love unreservedly. By freeing love from all possessiveness, he became open to an even more fruitful service. His loving care has spanned generations; his attentive guardianship has made him patron of the Church. As one who knew how to embody the meaning of self-giving in life, Joseph is also the patron of a happy death. His service and sacrifices were only possible, however, because they were sustained by a greater love: “Every true vocation is born of the **gift of oneself**, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfilment if it stops at **sacrifice**; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration” (...)

There is a third characteristic of Saint Joseph's daily life and our Christian vocation, namely **fidelity**. Joseph is the “righteous man” (*Mt 1:19*) who daily perseveres in quietly serving God and his plans. At a particularly difficult moment in his life, he thoughtfully considered what to do (cf. v. 20). He did not let himself be hastily pressured. He did not yield to the temptation to act rashly, simply following his instincts or living for the moment. Instead, he pondered things patiently. He knew that success in life is built on constant fidelity to important decisions. This was reflected in his perseverance in plying the trade of a humble carpenter (cf. *Mt 13:55*), a quiet perseverance that made no news in his own time, yet has inspired the daily lives of countless fathers, labourers and Christians ever since. For a vocation – like life itself – matures only through daily fidelity. How is such fidelity nurtured? In the light of **God's own faithfulness**. The first words that Saint Joseph heard in a dream were an invitation not to be afraid, because God remains ever faithful to his promises: “Joseph, son of David, **do not be afraid**” (*Mt 1:20*).

[Excerpts from Pope Francis message for the World Day of Vocations 2021]

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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, April 29, 2023**

5:00 James Nan Le † By Anh Le

**Sunday, April 30, 2023**

9:00 Paul Thuong Nguyen † By Anh Le  
Geanne D'arc Hue Ngo † By Cam Ngo

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

8:00 Sotero C Queddeng † By Family

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

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

**Thursday, May 4, 2023**

6:30

**Friday, May 5, 2023**

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

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

5:00 Geanne D'arc Hue Ngo † By Cam Ngo

**Sunday, May 7, 2023**

9:00 Maria Ranh T. Nguyen † By Cam Ngo  
Maria de la Piedad Velazquez †  
By the Vergil Family



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



Carol Hancock, Collotta Gray, Judy Byrnes, John Hampson, Florence Montoya, DeAnn Aquino, Donna French, Maureen Todaro, Emily Collins, Eddi Jabola, Virgilio Lao Muy, Matthew Hover, John Vrtis.

**PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

**William Schmied , Don Louelace**

**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.**



**To do what is right and just  
is more acceptable to the  
LORD than sacrifice.**

**Proverbs 21:3**

# Happening this Week at St Pius X

5/1/23 - 5/6/23

Monday	<b>Priest Convocation</b> 8:00 am - Pray the Rosary for Vocations
Tuesday	<b>Priest Convocation</b> 9:00 am - Grupo de Intercesión (Spanish) 7:00 pm - Adult Faith Formation 7:00 pm - Christian Initiation of Adults (Spanish)
Wednesday	<b>Priest Convocation</b> 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm ~ Adoration NO Confessions
Thursday	<b>Priest Convocation</b> 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 7:00 pm - Marriage Preparation (Spanish)
Saturday	10:00 am - Baptisms ~ 2nd & 4th ~ (Spanish) 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm ~ Weddings & Quinceañeras 2:00 pm - Escuela de la Fe (Spanish) 5:00 pm - Baptisms ~ 2nd ~ (English)

## PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.  
Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to  
follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our

Eternal Priest.

Amen.

# Enter the St. Pius X Festival

## T-Shirt Design Contest!

We are looking for a t-shirt design that captures our pride in being members of St. Pius X Parish. You can choose a design that honors St. Pius as our patron saint, or one that honors our faith community.



Be Creative!  
Be Artistic!



You can use up to three colors of ink in the design  
All phrases or quotes must be in English and Spanish

The contest deadline is Friday, June 23, at 12:30 pm.  
Entries must be turned in to the parish office or scan and email them to  
[neyda@stpiusxparish.org](mailto:neyda@stpiusxparish.org)

The winner will be contacted by phone on Thursday, June 29.

The winning entry will be displayed in the Narthex.

The design will be made into t-shirts that will be sold in the Narthex after Masses in August, and at the festival on August 19, 2023. The winner will receive a \$50.00 gift card!

The design must be on 8.5"x11" paper  
and available on electronic file.

# THE ST. PIUS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!



Are you looking for a way to be  
involved at St. Pius?

Come join us as we plan the 2023 Festival !

Meeting Date, Time & Place

May 1st & 15th , 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Family Life Center

# Registration - Sunday May 21st, 2023 (9:00 am -2:00 pm)

## 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grades

### Requirements:

- . Be a registered member of St. Pius or live within St. Pius boundaries
- . Sunday Mass attendance is an ABSOLUTE requirement
- . Copy of Baptism Certificate
- . Pay the registration Fee the day you register / Registered-Member: \$60 - Non-Registered: \$80

### Participation

- . The First Communion Program and Confirmation are two consecutive years, where the parents are required to attend class with their children and participate in a Retreat.

**Classes will be held on Sundays - After the 9:00 am Mass**



## 1st Communion & Confirmation for students of Middle School & High School

### Requirements

- . Be a registered member of St. Pius or live within St. Pius boundaries
- . Sunday Mass attendance is an ABSOLUTE requirement
- . Copy of Baptism Certificate
- . Pay the registration Fee the day you register  
(or at least pay half on the registration day and the other half the first day of class)
- . Registered-Member: \$250 (including the retreat) Non-Registered: \$270

### Participation

- . The Confirmation program is 9 months long. The parents are required to participate in a retreat and come to parent meetings weekly throughout the year.

**High School & Middle School Classes  
will be held on Thursdays - 6:30 pm**

